

SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

MAY 2018

Long Mynd & Stiperstones Shuttle Buses start

May Bank Holiday

5th May – 30th September 2018

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The Shuttle Buses are back on the road, Saturday 5th May.

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The journey over the Long Mynd and around the Stiperstones has to be one of the most scenic bus rides. Stops include Church Stretton and Carding Mill Valley, Bridges and the Bog.

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We look forward to welcoming you on board this season.

For more information pick up a timetable leaflet
or see

www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk.

Timetabled Shuttle stops include Stiperstones village (opposite the pub) and Snailbeach (by the village hall).



NEWS IN BRIEF

Spring into the Garden

It is spring, although recent weather would make one question that, and now is the time to get out into the garden, so our annual social evening, "Spring into the Garden", is a good opportunity to get some of the plants and other materials that you will need. It will be held in Pontesbury Public Hall on Thursday 17 May from 7.30. We have three plant stalls run by Bill and Chris Neil, Celia Wright and Mynd Hardy Plants; there will be sales of jams, chutneys, veg plants, etc. by Rhona Owen. Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Shropshire Organic Gardeners will have exhibits, and all the usual suspects from the Trading Post will be on hand.

Entrance is free, and refreshments will be available, also free of charge, but donations will be accepted which will go towards a local charity. If you can't come along, remember that the Trading Post, in Station Road is open every Saturday morning from 9.30 until 12 noon.

Height of Shropshire

Muriel Lewis writes...

"When I took over as co-ordinator of the Bog Visitor Centre many moons ago, I was researching articles of local interest to display for the many thousands of visitors we had, I came across the heights of Shropshire in a very early edition of the Shropshire Magazine. It was a perfect medium to demonstrate where the Stiperstones range fitted into this wonderful Shropshire panorama.

I rang the, then, owner of the Shropshire Magazine to ask permission to copy the map and the reason why. She surprised me by offering myself the copy right for a donation to a local charity. This I willingly did.

We did sell some copies of the map at the centre, because, when asked how much they were, and when I said £5, not thinking anyone would be daft enough to pay that much, egg on face, when it was snapped up. This map also quelled many arguments about how small the Wrekin really is up against the might, awe and beauty of the Stiperstones."

Thanks to Muriel's generosity this map is now reproduced as part of our centre spread this month on pages 20 and 21.

Village Hall Easter Fun and Pledge Day

Despite appalling weather, this proved to be a really 'fun' day for all helpers and attendees. The Fun Day element consisted of the draw for the Easter hamper and Easter knitted flowers. Craft tables and an Easter egg hunt set up for the children and bingo with delicious refreshments for all!

Raffle ticket sales totalled £192 on tickets sold at the Stiperstones Inn and in the Village Hall on the day.

Raffle prize winners were Jane Bratby who won the hamper and Rosa McCombe who won the knitted flower arrangement.

There was also an **Easter Bonnet** competition.

Winners:-

Adult – Mrs Caroline Harper

Child- Miss Mollie Bennet

Congratulations to them and also to Thomas Evans, Joseph Howell and Ted Rutter who were close runners-up in the children's section.

Added to the £192 for raffle tickets sale, sales of refreshments and ad hoc donations on the day, this event raised a total of **£270**,

all proceeds of which go to the **Play Area fund**.

REMEMBER you can also donate to the Play Area fund at

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lara-sproson-jones

PLEDGES

This event was also an opportunity for Village Hall pledges to be made. The bad weather did rather put a damper on numbers visiting to make a pledge, so figures were down on previous years. £137.50 was pledged on the day, and many who pledged last year were unable to renew for the coming year.

You will find in this month's edition of the SDN a Pledge form should you wish to renew/become a part of the Pledge scheme to support the Village Hall.

n.b. pledge forms, cash or cheques (preferably made payable to Snailbeach Village Hall) to come to either Philip Sproson-Jones (Stiperstones Inn) or Maria Marks (5 Lower Works)

Thank you in advance for your continued support in the running of our Village Hall.

Syd Chesters

Thank you to everyone who donated money to St. Luke's Church in memory of Syd Chesters. A total of £350 was given. A lovely man, much missed.
St Luke's Treasurer - Cheryl Bromhead.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Stiperstones Brass
Rehearsals**
*Snailbeach Village Hall
Mondays 6.30pm*

Quiz Night
*Stiperstones Inn
Last Monday 8.00pm*

Knitter Natter
*Stiperstones Inn
Tuesdays from 10.00am*

Yoga
*Snailbeach Village Hall
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school holidays*



Notes from the Editor

I must apologise for the inaccurate information that was published in last month's SDN concerning the Snailbeach Play Area. It seems that I was misinformed! The land that was bequeathed to the Village Hall by Doug Challinore in 1988 was, in fact, the old railway line that runs along the back of the properties on Lower Works Lane, not the land that is now occupied by the Play Area and the Village Hall. After a long and arduous examination of the Village Hall archives and deeds, I believe I have finally got to the bottom of this sometimes confusing paper trail. Go see what I found out on page 17! If you have any more interesting detail to add to this story, then please share it with us.

The SDN has become more and more popular over the last 18 months or so and as a result we are receiving more and more items for publication. This is, of course, a very positive state of affairs, and long may it last, but it has resulted in a high demand for our limited space. Although we have a deadline of the 20th of the month, we do now have to plan our allocation of space sometime before this date. If all our copy arrived unannounced and unplanned on deadline day it would be impossible to put together the following month's edition, and get it printed, by the beginning of the next month! We have, therefore, implemented a 'first come, first served' policy. If you are planning to write a piece of around half a page, or longer, we ask you to get in touch with us as early as possible so that we can allocate space for you. It doesn't have to be completed until the deadline day, but we do have to plan our layout well before. Small items of a few words; a thank you or an announcement, for instance, can usually be squeezed in at the last moment, but please don't leave it too late or it may have to be held over until the following month.

You may (or may not!) have noticed a slight fall back in the quality of the publishing this month. I have recently taken over from Philip Sproson-Jones as publisher. Phil has taken care of our publishing and layout for almost 5 years, and due to his extremely busy business, chairing the Village Hall and his family commitments, I thought it best to shoulder this burden. I will miss his skills, his delicate touch, his flair and his ability to work under stress. I'm now on a steep learning curve coming to grips with the software used to produce the SDN, so forgive the inevitable schoolboy errors that will undoubtedly creep in to this, my first attempt at trying to do what Phil did so well. Thank you, Phil!

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- **What do you most value about the Shropshire Hills?**
- **What is changing, for better or worse?**
- **What needs to be done, and how can we work together to do it?**



The new AONB Management Plan will set out priorities to build support for the landscape over the next five years. We will be putting on a range of events and activities to seek people's views. The more people we involve, the more successful the Plan will be.

Please follow the link to fill in our online survey – it should take no more than 10 minutes.

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YJGY7FS

The survey closes at the end of May.

What's The World's Largest Living Thing?

It's a mushroom! And it's not even a particularly rare one. You've probably got the honey fungus (*Armillaria ostoyae*) in your garden, growing on a tree stump. For your sake let's hope it doesn't reach the size of the largest recorded specimen, in Malheur National Forest in Oregon, USA. It covers 890 hectares (2,200 acres) and is between 2,000 and 8,000 years old. Most of it is underground in the form of a massive mat of tentacle-like white mycelia (the mushroom's equivalent of roots). These spread along tree roots, killing the trees and peeping up through the soil occasionally as innocent looking clumps of honey mushrooms.

The giant honey fungus of Oregon was initially thought to grow in separate clusters throughout the forest, but researchers have confirmed it is the world's single biggest organism, connected under the soil.

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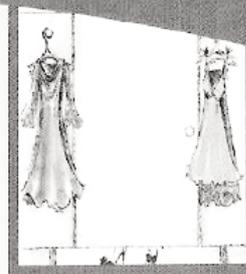


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This month in the garden...



Week 1.

...time to experiment...

Many annuals make ideal and unusual ground-cover plants, and nasturtiums, zinnias, cosmos and convolvulus can all be sown in their flowering positions in prepared beds now. Try planting drifts of dwarf nasturtiums under ornamental trees or on bare ground. They will quickly provide a welcome blaze of summer colour

Week 2.

...pruning...

Cut off dead flower-heads from shrubs such as kerria, ribes, spring-flowering spiraea and pieris. Lightly prune, removing any weak shoots completely, and shortening long ones. Clip hedges of *Lonicera nitida* and oval-leaved privet. Topiary and box balls need clipping now to maintain their shape.

Week 3.

...in the herbaceous border...

Continue staking tall plants such as delphiniums, oriental poppies and lupins and support the foliage of paeonies. Heleniums, Michaelmas daisies and golden rod will benefit if you pinch out their growing tips as this will encourage them to form bushy, self-supporting plants.

Week 4.

...bearded irises are at their best...

Tall bearded irises are at their best this month. Ensure that they are well supported and once they have finished flowering, cut back the stems and give a top dressing of general fertiliser. Trim the leaves of *Iris unguicularis* near to the ground so that the sun can bake and ripen the rhizomes.

Week 5.

...plant out tomatoes...

Plant outdoor tomatoes in prepared soil. Try putting a 10cm. pot into the earth beside each plant, with the rim just above the surface and, when watering, fill each pot with water so that it can seep out slowly through the drainage holes directly towards the roots instead of the surrounding soil.

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Now that's quite interesting...



- Early draft names for Walt Disney's seven dwarfs included Flabby, Dirty, Shifty, Lazy, Burpy, Baldy, and Biggo-Ego.
- 'Leint' is an old northern word meaning 'to add urine to ale to make it stronger'.
- Three and a half Olympic swimming pools could hold all the gold ever mined in the world.
- Tipping the hat comes from the military salute, which in turn comes from men in armour lifting the visor to show their faces.
- Male ladybirds can spend up to four hours mating with a dead female before realising something is wrong.
- On 28 June 2009, Stephen Hawking hosted a party for time travellers from the future. Nobody showed up.
- There are at least 27 million slaves in the world today, more than were ever seized from Africa in the 400 years of the slave trade.

Newsletter Donations

April 2018

Many thanks to those who sent us donations.

**If you wish to donate anonymously by direct bank transfer our details are:
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or with myself at 5, Lower Works, SY5 0NY

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Thank you.**

Without you we would struggle.

Things That Ignore Me

Dust ignores me as it settles on the television and bookcase yet again.

I have decided to ignore it too.

The grass on the lawn ignores me when I beg it not to grow until I really do have time to cut it

It can only grow so much surely from the first cut of summer to the last.

I'm going to ignore it

As I lie on my back in the sun amongst the weeds

I watch the clouds pass in layers through the blue, blue sky.

I am amazed at how amazed I always am

By the magnitude of their simple beauty.

Does the sky watch me, are the clouds fascinated by me?

As I watch and breathe, my thoughts disappear and slowly I am aware that I am being breathed.

The grass, the earth, the sky and I are breathing each into each other,

My breath is being drawn out and blown in.

I panic and immediately draw back.

If I ignore the sky,

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

More from Sammy Mail

Hi all, this month I would like to talk about domain names, that's the stuff that comes after the '@' in your email address or after the 'www.' on a website. Domain names are registered with international or national organisations. Nominet control all UK domains and ICANN, which is overseen by the US Government, controls all '.com' names. The endings of domain names, either in emails or on websites, should give you some idea of what sort of person/company you are dealing with.

'**.com**' (*Commercial*) is used by most US and many UK and international businesses.

'**.co.uk**' (*UK commercial*) most companies based solely in the UK use this.

'**.org / .org.uk**' (*Organisation*) should be used by official and non-profit organisations.

'**.gov / .gov.uk**' (*Government*) used by Governmental bodies.

'**.net**' (*Network*) usually used by internet and telecommunications companies.

Every country has its own two or three letter code and many three letter words such as '**bet**' and '**sex**' can be used to register a name.

Anyone can register a domain name with the cost being from £5 to £15 a year and often with free first year offers. You cannot register a name that is already used but you can find out who owns which domain at the '**whois .com**' website. Although some private users choose to keep their details hidden. There are a host of sites advertising registration; they will check if a name is available and suggest other options if it is not. The normal copyright and trademark laws apply. In the early days of the internet, control over names was less stringent and there was a bit of a bun fight with unscrupulous companies snapping up valuable names and then trying to sell them to their 'rightful' owners. I bought www.stiperstones.co.uk at this time but failed to renew some years later. Nowadays I would not be expected to use a village name like this for my own commercial use. A Swiss-based company 'www.any-village.com' bought up thousands of village and town names in the UK, USA and

Switzerland with the idea of selling them as email addresses. They did this by trying to set up local information sites, a bit like a mini Wikipedia. This never really got off the ground and they contacted me last month with a view of selling off the village names to any local group approved by their parish council. They are asking £100 for these sites - a bit steep I think, but I realise that the company have invested a lot of time and money in this project.

Snailbeach.co.uk, **Pennerley.co.uk**, **Shelve.co.uk** and **The_Bog.co.uk** are all available. If anyone is interested in setting up a community website, or in offering email addresses such as jonesey@pennerley.co.uk please get in touch with me and I will try and explain the offer further.

One last issue; domain names can be abused by emailers pretending to be who they are not. You will probably have received suspicious emails from banks, charities, begging letters which look like they have been sent from a bona fide user. You can check on where emails have actually come from in something called the '*message header*'. This part of an email is usually hidden since it contains a lot of information you don't usually need to know, but it can set your mind at rest if you are worried.

In outlook express or other similar email programs, you can usually see this header from the '*view*' menu on the top toolbar. Select "*view message header*" and the content will be revealed. The most interesting bit of a spoof email is the '*return address*'. This is the address to which your reply would go. If this does not look like the email address that appeared to begin with – bin it promptly.

'**Gmail**' offers a header service. Go to **Gmail** '*help*' and enter "*Trace an email with its full headers*" and follow the instructions. Good emailing,
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The Devil's Chair

Where to start with the Devil's Chair? Australia may have Ayres Rock, Ireland may have the Giant's Causeway and America has some weird mountain carved full of faces, but I'm not sure any of them quite compare with Shropshire's own Devil's Chair. OK, some of you may not be exactly sure which one it is (hint - it's not the one with the trig point on the top), but still The Chair has gathered its fair share of tales and legends and of course the Boxing Day race has become something akin to a pilgrimage for many (though this may have something to do with the rum).

The first of these legends concern the formation of the rocks themselves, the general consensus seems to be that the Devil was carrying stones across Shropshire in his apron either planning to drop them on Wales or Ireland (The Devil appears to be a little fickle as to who he wishes to punish the most). Some legends say he sat down on the Stiperstones and had a change of heart, others say that his apron strings broke and the stones come tumbling out, but however it happened the stones were dropped and the Devil chose not to pick them up again and they remain there to this day. An alternative legend tells of the Devil needing to repair the vaulted roof of hell, he eventually decided to use the handy stones of the Giants Causeway which linked Ireland and Scotland, unfortunately once again he decided to use his apron to carry the stones back and those pesky apron strings let him down again strewing the stones around our Shropshire Hills. A third set of legends talks of 6 giantesses who were tasked by the devil to bring him stones to build his castle. These hod carrying ladies however were tricked into abandoning their stones and they dropped their loads into 6 piles thus creating the major outcroppings of the Stiperstones ridge.

The second set of legends regarding the chair relate to its use as a piece of furniture. It is generally alleged that the Devil is not heavily into sunbathing and so when he wishes to sit on his chair he makes the mists roll down and the cloud sit heavy on the top of the hill creating the perfect environment for a satanic respite in this 30 foot wide easy chair. Many legends agree that one of his favourite times for taking a brief rest here is on the Winter Solstice, when the days are at their shortest and the nights are long, as with so many tales of the devil, on these nights he is joined by dancing demons, cavorting witches and even all the ghosts of Shropshire gather around the chair for the solstice celebrations. Of course the Devil's Chair is also closely linked with the tales of Wild Edric and Godda, but these were featured in the February edition of the Snailbeach News and I won't repeat their tale here.

The questions I get asked most often about the chair are:

- 1, How long will it take me to get there? From the Inn it's anything between 13 minutes for the super fit runners to an hour for those of us who prefer to amble our way up stopping regularly for breath catching and view finding.
2. Which one is it? Heading from the top of Perkins Beach Dingle, you turn right at the cairn, head straight over the next crossroads and the chair is the first major outcropping of rocks on your right hand side. It has a wide slightly grassy slope on the North side which forms the seat of this megalithic piece of furniture. At the far side of the chair there is a naturally occurring window in the rock which the more intrepid visitor can clamber up to and be dutifully pictured through by those who choose to stick to the path and record the moment for posterity.

I could have course go on about this most famous of stones, but unfortunately my space here is limited, so I shall leave you for now to ponder on the fickle nature of Giants, the limitations of apron strings as a method for transporting heavy objects and of course how anybody can get from the Inn to the chair in under 13 minutes (strava assures me that they do).

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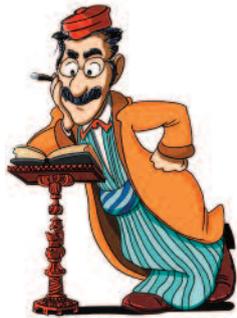
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- Too many people give advice when what you really need is help.

- My wife was furious at me for kicking dropped ice cubes under the refrigerator. But now it's just water under the fridge.
- Whatever you do always give 100 %. Unless you are donating blood.
- If I wanted to kill myself I'd climb your ego and jump to your IQ.
- I changed my password to "incorrect", so anytime I forget and enter the wrong thing, the computer tells me what it is.
- Apparently I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving.
- A few Christians give the impression they have been baptized in vinegar.
- People who know the least always argues the most.
- The worst possible moment for an atheist is when he feels grateful and has no one to thank.



- Jazz: Music invented for the torture of imbeciles - *Henry Van Dyke*.
- Debating against him is no fun, say something insulting and he looks at you like a whipped dog - *Harold Wilson*.
- He is a fine friend. He stabs you in the front - *Leonard Louis Levinson*.
- He was about as useful in a crisis as a sheep - *Dorothy Eden*.
- No one can have a higher opinion of him than I have; and I think he's a dirty little beast - *W. S. Gilbert*.
- She could carry off anything; and some people said that she did - *Ada Levenson*.
- He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire - *Winston Churchill*.
- He is an old bore. Even the grave yawns for him - *Herbert Beerbohm Tree*.
- All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on - *Henry Ellis*.
- I have never killed anyone, but I have read some obituary notices with great satisfaction - *Clarence Darrow*.
- She's been on more laps than a napkin - *Walter Winchell*.
- Humour is just another defense against the universe - *Mel Brooks*.



RACE



NIGHT

THANK YOU

On behalf of Friends of Stiperstones School (FOSS), we would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported the Race Night, held on 17 March 2018. Despite the bad weather, we raised a total of £1,105.25, which will be used to fund much needed resources for the children at Stiperstones School. We would particularly like to thank the local community and businesses for their continued support, for sponsoring the event and donating raffle prizes. These were:

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- Microwave on full power for 15 minutes.
- Allow to cool completely, then remove from dish and cut into 1cm cubes
- The treat will keep for several days in the fridge in an airtight container or you can divide it into smaller bags and freeze until required.



Deb Gallimore APDT 01189

THE VILLAGE HALL MYSTERY SOLVED?

After my error last month in wrongly attributing the donation of the land where the Snailbeach Village Hall and Play Area now stand, my curiosity was aroused. So who did donate the land? After a long trawl through all the documents and conveyances that the Village Hall has in its archives I have uncovered the paper trail!

It seems Alfred Haywood leased the land from the Marquess of Bath, and built a barytes mill in 1889 where the Village Hall now stands. The photograph shows this mill as it was in 1910.



(From Ken Lock's collection)

After a chequered history of closures, bankruptcies and changes of name in the hands of Alfred Haywood, the mill closed in 1899 when Haywood finally went bust. After laying idle for a couple of years the mill was then worked between 1901 and 1904 by J. Walker. In 1906, after two more years of laying idle, F. W. Read, trading as Snailbeach Barytes Company, took over operations but did not last long after the Snailbeach Mining Co Ltd ceased trading in 1911 and the mine closed. The mill was finally demolished in 1914 and the land lay disused.

In 1922 Percy Rowson and George Morgan owed some £3,484 between them on a mortgage with the Marquess of Bath on two plots of land. One, the spoil heap where the barytes mill once stood and the Village Hall now stands, and another adjoining plot, where the Play Area is now situated. Plans show that this second plot had some brick buildings, a cement 'tank' and a 'pool'. A covenant was in place to ensure that any alterations to this pool should provide "a suitable catch-pit and overflow so as not to interfere with the flow or purity of water".

It is at this point that Edgar Charles Gray, a mine

manager (and also a 2nd. Lieutenant in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, Kings Shropshire Light Infantry 'C' Company - Bog Mines Platoon c1916) comes on to the scene. He'd stayed in the district after the liquidation of Shropshire Mines Ltd, living in the Old Rectory in Hanwood. In the November of 1922 he did a deal with Percy Rowson, Henry Morgan and the Marquess of Bath by agreeing to pay off the £3,484 mortgage; a considerable undertaking in such turbulent times! He took the title of the two plots in May and July 1923.

After a few years of working the land, where the Play Area is, as a gravel sorting works, then known locally as 'Gray's Works', he closed it down but continued to own the land and moved out of the area.

In 1933 villagers had plans drawn up for a Snailbeach Men's Club to be built on the old spoil heap site. By 1935 Edgar Gray had drawn up a 'Memorandum of Agreement' that gave the Trustees of 'The Young Men's Club' permission to use a piece of land "not exceeding 55 feet long parallel with the main road and 80 feet wide at right angles to the main road on which the said 'Hut' is erected including the Frontage" The club agreed to pay 5 shillings per annum –that's 25 pence in new money! The 'Hut' was finally finished in 1937, resplendant with a coal stove and oil lamps.

And this is how it remained until January 1946 when Edgar Gray donated the land to the trustees of 'The Snailbeach Young Men's Club'. A mere £150 exchanged hands to cover legal costs. This left Edgar Gray over £3,300 out of pocket. A sizeable donation back then by any standards. A Vesting Order in May 1946 was then sealed by the Charities Commission, a constitution was drawn up and 'Snailbeach Village Hall' as we now know it came into being.

So, thank you Mr. Gray, thank you!

Patrick Marks – Editor. April 2018



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Heather Kidd's Report.



BUSINESS RATES:

Shropshire Council has suddenly threatened to cut business rate relief on a whole range of public buildings including village shops, post

offices, scouts and girl guides, village halls, senior citizens clubs and amateur sports clubs. All these have had their business rates reduced or cut altogether hitherto.

This came as a bolt from the blue. If this happens it will have a massive impact on a whole range of organisations who are holding rural communities. Parish and town councils are already raising more on their precepts to cover running public toilets, Leisure Centres, Libraries and much more. Finding more money to support village necessities such as Halls, shops and Post Offices is simply not possible and will lead to increased rural taxation and a reduction in services. All groups effected by this have already received a letter giving them notice that this relief will be reduced or removed – subject to Council approval. This goes to Cabinet on 2nd May.

People need to write urgently to Peter

Nutting, Leader of Council demanding an urgent re-think on this short-sighted initiative now.

SCHOOL SUPPORT:

The Government has cut the Schools Support Grant to Shropshire Council and as a result the Council has decided to scrap the Schools Advisory Service. This is an extremely valuable service for small rural schools like ours providing advice and support on a whole range of school activities when schools hit difficult times with staff illness or teacher who need support to improve their service to our children. The Lib Dem Group on Shropshire brought this proposed cut back to the County's Scrutiny Panel to reconsider. Although the reconsideration was lost on the casting vote of the chair, the evidence presented by the Lib Dems and a local Head teacher has prompted the Council Leader to think again on this proposal. Who can tell whether this will bear fruit?

Best wishes,

Heather Kidd,

Shropshire Councillor for Chirbury and Worthen Division

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Altitude Chart of the Shropshire Hills

The chart on the opposite page is largely self-explanatory. The Shropshire Hills are far from being the highest in these islands. Compared with the Brown Clee's modest 1,790 feet, Snowdon reaches a height of 3,560 feet and Ben Nevis 4,406 feet.

But many of our hills are bold and impressive, and they are among the oldest rock formations on the earth's surface.

If Shropshire's hills are comparatively low, some points reached by the county's roads are among the highest in Britain.

The Burway road is rough and "adventurous," but the road which crosses the Stiperstones between The Bog and Bridges has a good metalled surface, and its summit is nearly 300 feet higher than Llanberis Pass.

Some of the lesser heights shown - Hawkstone, Grinshill, etc. - would be insignificant in South Shropshire, but they form important landmarks as they stand out prominently from the North Shropshire Plain, which has an average height of 250 feet above sea level.

Several border features are shown. The Berwyns, which rise near Oswestry and reach 1,300 feet on the Denbighshire border, stretch for twenty miles into Central Wales and reach a maximum of 2,713 feet (Moel Sych).

Clean Forest reaches its highest point on the Shropshire-Montgomeryshire border, which is the point shown on the chart. Bringewood Chase is another border formation.

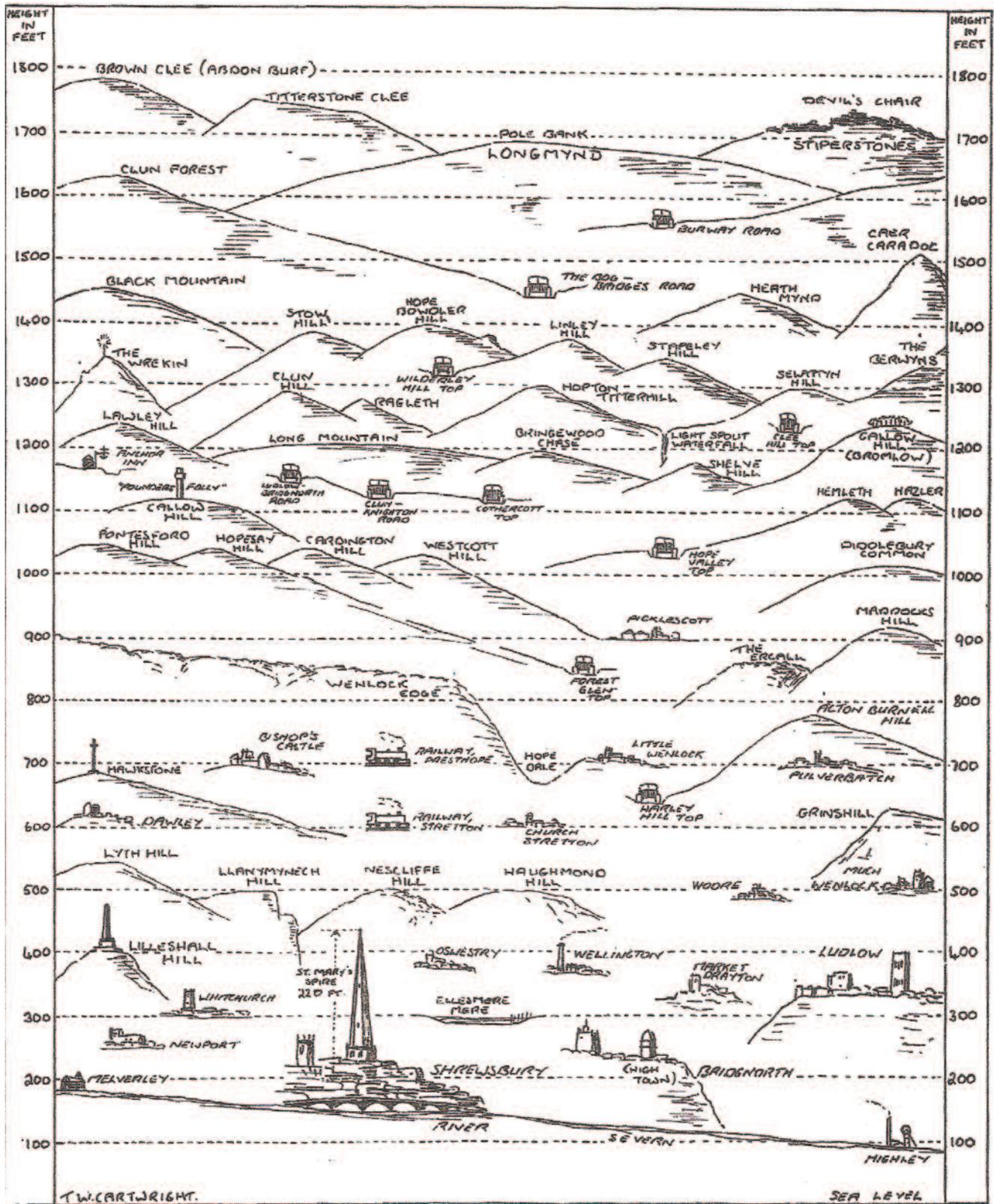
Two of the principal features of the West Shropshire scene are just over the Montgomeryshire border, and are not shown. They are Corndon (1,684 feet), and the Breiddens - Moel-y-Golfa (1,326 feet), Breidden Hill (1,202 feet) and Middletown Hill (1,195 feet).

(Information and chart kindly supplied by Muriel Lewis)



The summit of the road between The Bog and The Bridges across the Stiperstones rises 300 feet above the Llanberis Pass reaching an altitude of some 1450 feet

At-a-glance Chart of our Shropshire Hills



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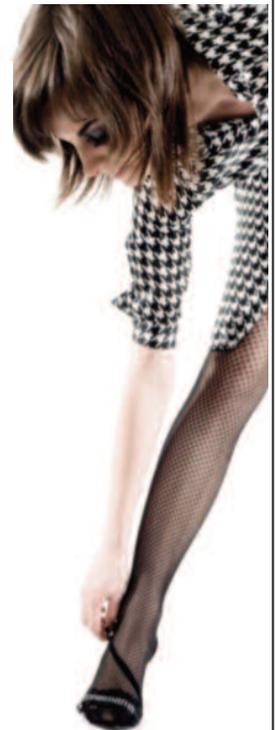
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NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes From the hill

It is April and I thought things were getting warmer, however when I look back to last year we were having temperatures of 26°C. at this time of year. The rain has held up some of our work, although it has probably benefited our hedge planting at Bog Marsh where we have planted hundreds of plants funded by the Stiperstones and Corndon Landscape Partnership Scheme. That scheme has all but finished now, but leaves some good legacies behind such as: the new trails at the Bog and at Poles Coppice, which accompanied some environmental improvement works at both sites; the hay meadow group who are now set up with equipment to manage the small local meadows of the area (see their website at www.marchesmeadowgroup.com) and the Curlew Country project which is pioneering ways to save the curlew in this part of Shropshire (www.curlewcountry.org).

The hay meadow festival which was started under the wing of the LPS is going to continue this year as part of the celebration of the 60th year of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This year it is planned for the 7th July and hopes to be even better than last year, weather permitting. This year there will be a small entrance fee to help cover its costs. So get those scythes sharpened up, as there will be plenty of prizes for the best scythers, or if you would like to learn the skill, I am running an introduction to scything course on the 5th July. For further details contact me on 01743 792294, on Facebook or email stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk.



With spring well and truly on its way our work changes from habitat management to the monitoring of the wildlife with surveys of vegetation, birds, and insects to organise. The first of these, the grouse count was a little disappointing as numbers continue to decline, but it will take a while before the heather recovers from its attack by heather beetle a few years ago.

At this time of year I always look forward to seeing the return of our summer visiting birds, as things can seem a bit quiet between the winter birds leaving and the summer ones returning. However everything seems a bit late this year. Over the last few years our first sighting records were: Curlew – 14th February, Wheatear – 21st March, Cuckoo – 24th April, Redstart – 13th April, Willow warbler – 13th April, Ring ouzel – 22nd March, Whitethroat – 28th April. I don't think that we will be breaking any records this year.

One of our first events of the year is always our Stiperstones bird walk, which is led by Leo Smith and myself. This year the walk will be on Sunday 6th May when we will hopefully beat our count of 32 species. The walk starts at 9.30 from the Stiperstones NNR car park and lasts for about 3 hours. All abilities are welcome and it is free of charge.

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Letter from Westminster May 2018

Confirmation before Easter that the Treasury and Department of Health had approved the funding case for up to £312m investment in our acute hospitals at Shrewsbury and Telford, was really welcome news for all of us who have campaigned for better healthcare in Shropshire. My colleague Lucy Allan, MP for Telford, stood up in Prime Minister's Questions to say it was the proudest day of her political career, and I felt equally buoyed by the news. I had called for this funding ahead of the Chancellor's Spring Statement, so to see the NHS in Shropshire recognised as the top priority for investment by the NHS nationally, backed by the government, was extremely welcome. To put this announcement in context, it is the largest ever public sector investment in healthcare in Shropshire. But it also represents the largest new capital commitment anywhere in NHS England this year, and is 40% of the total funding announced for transformational capital projects across the country, to modernise and transform buildings and services in the year of the NHS's 70th birthday. So this is a huge win for Shropshire.

It is crucial to keep up the momentum for local residents from right across Shropshire to get engaged with the public consultation, due to get underway in coming weeks. I know all too well what can happen to investment in Shropshire healthcare if public support is derailed by those resistant to change, even if this is designed by clinicians to improve services – it risks losing its priority within the NHS.

Some specialist services have already been taken out of county. At the moment, if you have a heart attack you are taken by ambulance to the specialist centre in Stoke or Wolverhampton. Further delays to Future Fit risks losing less specialist existing services. So with £312m at stake, we should not wait any longer and get on with the public consultation as soon as possible.

While either proposal within Future Fit will involve changes to what is provided at each hospital, this new capital funding will deliver for patients across South Shropshire, with a wide range of improved services at the acute hospitals, releasing more services into community settings. Foremost amongst these will be a new Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit, with 50% more capacity than the current A&Es combined, including 32 more hospital beds, and a new Cancer Centre in Telford. There is a lot of information on the options proposed for consultation on the Future Fit website, at nhsfuturefit.org, and I encourage readers to take a look at what the proposals would mean for them.

The reaction from within Shropshire from patients and NHS representatives has been really encouraging, with many constituents getting in touch to say how pleased they are at this news. So I hope sincerely the public support is there to see through this investment and Shropshire healthcare gets this much needed boost.

But I do recognise there will be some concern about change, and that is why ensuring the public consultation is as inclusive as possible is important, especially reaching those of us in rural areas. So I encourage everyone reading this to have your say in the public consultation, to ensure South Shropshire voices play a strong role in shaping the future of acute healthcare provision in the county for decades to come.

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Did any of us in our wildest dreams ever think we'd live long enough to see the end of the DFS sale?

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Galena - Lead Sulphide (PbS) is a compound of Lead and Sulphur with small amounts of Silver, it is a heavy mineral with a metallic silver lustre and with a specific gravity of 7.5.

To extract the Lead from Galena it had to be smelted in a special furnace, in doing so the Sulphur is driven off as Sulphur Dioxide thus leaving Lead metal. Originally, Galena would have been sent via the River Severn to the Ironbridge smelters where coal for the smelting process was plentiful, later Lead smelters were established in Pontesford, Snailbeach and Malehurst and in later years the Galena was sent by rail to the smelters on the Dee Estuary, North Wales.

Silver was also extracted from the Galena by the process of cupellation. Snailbeach Galena contained 80% lead metal and up two ounces to the ton of silver. Uses included: munitions, shot, water pipes (now banned), roof flashing, pewter (alloyed with Tin), Lead acid batteries, Coffins, additive to paints (now banned), solder (now banned), radiation shielding, fishing weights, diving weights, leaded glass etc.

The next most important mineral to be mined at Snailbeach was **Sphalerite** also known as Blackjack or Blende, this is the main source of metallic Zinc.

Sphalerite - Zinc Sulphide (ZnS) which is a compound of Zinc and Sulphur with small amounts of Cadmium, it is a brown to honey coloured mineral with an adamantine lustre and a specific gravity of 3.9.

Extracting Zinc metal from Sphalerite is a more complex process using high temperature vaporising smelter furnaces and other techniques such as the "Champion Process". Smelting of Zinc was not carried out locally, the Sphalerite was transported via the River Severn to the Zinc Smelters near to Bristol and Swansea. Uses: galvanising steel, Brass (Zinc and Copper), batteries, pharmaceuticals and the chemical industry.

Next of importance is **Barytes** also known as Brittas, Barite or Heavy Spar.

Barytes - Barium Sulphate (BaSO₄) a compound of Barium, Sulphur and Oxygen is a white opaque heavy mineral with a specific gravity of 4.3. Barytes from Snailbeach Mine was processed at various local grinding mills e.g. Hanwood, Malehurst, Maesbury, Minsterley, Snailbeach and Wagbeach where it would be ground to a fine powder for use as paint pigments and paper filler. Barytes had been sold to Josiah Wedgwood as one of his secret ingredients added to pottery clay for the manufacture of his famous "Jasper Ware". Barytes was also used as a component in tracer shells for the war department and is used for medical purposes such as Barium Meals, Barium Enema's and Bone Cement. Today its main use is within the oil industry as a drilling mud.

Next is **Witherite**.

Witherite - Barium Carbonate (BaCO₃) a compound of Barium, Carbon and Oxygen, this again is a heavy white mineral slightly translucent in appearance also with a specific gravity of 4.3. Witherite is a rare mineral and because of its scarcity was worth far more than Barytes it would have been separated by hand picking from the rest of products of the mine. Witherite is poisonous if ingested, in early times it was used as a rat poison. Witherite was also used for the case hardening of steel, paint pigments and for producing Barium salts for the chemical industry.

Next is **Calcite** also known as Calc Spar or White Spar.

Calcite – Calcium Carbonate (CaCO₃) a compound of Calcium, Carbon and Oxygen. Calcite is a white mineral sometimes having a pink or purple hue and much lighter than the two Barium minerals with a specific gravity of only 2.7. Calcite from the Snailbeach Mine had very little commercial value and was discarded on the once famous white waste tips, However, from the 1920's through to the 1970's large quantities of Calcite from Snailbeach was processed and sold as white spar and for pebble dashing products.

Finally, **Quartz**.

Quartz – Silicon Dioxide (SiO₂) a compound of Silicon and Oxygen it is a white to transparent mineral with a specific gravity of 2.6 occasionally forming beautiful hexagonal clear crystals some of which adorn local garden rockeries and walls in Snailbeach and surrounding areas. Snailbeach Quartz had no commercial value. *Nick Southwick - April 2018*

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Snailbeach White Stars

Date for the Diary.

Anyone wishing to attend the club's annual end of season awards presentations is welcome. The club will be hosting the event at The Lord Hill Hotel on Saturday 16th June from 7.00 pm onwards. The event will include a 3 course meal and tickets are £20 pp. The club will be organising a 'bus from the Stiperstones Inn to pick people up along the way, allowing for our local players and supporters the opportunity to enjoy the evening and have a few drinks!

If you are interested in attending please get in touch with Jordan Knill on 07748082905.

It'll be a great night and we hope to see you there!

MATCH REPORTS

Snailbeach White Stars 5-1 Bomere Heath

SUMMARY: Not the prettiest game on the eye, very stop start, but the boys dealt with the bullish nature of the visitors well and the quality finally told. Ten wins from ten in the league and last season's embarrassing county cup quarter final defeat avenged!

TEAM:

GK: Jack BREEZE

DEF: Ben MILLINGTON, Danny JONES, Owen MORRIS,

MID: Joe BYERS, Kyle PURSLOW, Jamie HYNE, Craig GRIFFITHS, Calum BENNETT

ATT: Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES ©

SUBS: Sam RIMMER, Dan CAMBURN

GOAL SCORERS: Adam DAVIES, Marcus ASHLEY, Jamie HYNE, Calum BENNETT, OG

MAN OF THE MATCH: Ben MILLINGTON – Loved the physical nature of the battle and stood up to every challenge, as he always does! Always going to be a defender that won it in this scrappy encounter.

White Lion 3-2 Snailbeach White Stars

SUMMARY: The lowest point of the season. Losing to a team we had netted 21 goals against in 2 league games in a cup semi-final, with a chance to play on the Shrewsbury Town ground in the final, was criminal. Poor attitudes and too many poor performances on the day cost us big time.

TEAM:

GK: Jack BREEZE

DEF: Ben MILLINGTON, Danny JONES, Owen MORRIS, Dan CAMBURN

MID: Joe BYERS, Kyle PURSLOW, Craig GRIFFITHS, Calum BENNETT

ATT: Marcus ASHLEY, Jamie HYNE

SUBS: Sam PRICE, Chris CARSWELL

GOAL SCORERS: Marcus ASHLEY, Calum BENNETT

MAN OF THE MATCH: NONE

Telegraph 2-7 Snailbeach White Stars

SUMMARY: Into the semi-final of the DS Milward Construction Cup after a convincing win against good Premier Division opposition. A rampant first half attacking display killed the game off after the boys bounced back from the embarrassment of the previous week in the best way.

TEAM:

GK: Wayne WALTON

DEF: Kieran JONES, Danny JONES, Owen MORRIS

MID: Sam JONES, Ben MILLINGTON, Jamie HYNE, Craig GRIFFITHS, Calum BENNETT

ATT: Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES

SUBS: Jordan KNILL, Sam PRICE, Chris CARSWELL

GOAL SCORERS: Adam DAVIES (4), Marcus ASHLEY (2), Chris CARSWELL

MAN OF THE MATCH: Adam DAVIES – Scored 4, created a few more, having the familiar trio back in attack certainly made a difference here.

Instones United 4-1 Snailbeach White Stars

SUMMARY: Defeat in another cup semi-final, albeit against the reigning Premier Division champions and serial trophy winners. We gave a good account of ourselves and on another day could've won the game. Missed a few guilt edge chances that could've changed the course of the game but on the whole, no complaints.

TEAM:

GK: Wayne WALTON

DEF: Sam RIMMER, Danny JONES, Owen MORRIS, Calum BENNETT

MID: Jamie HYNE, Craig GRIFFITHS, Ben MILLINGTON, Sam JONES

ATT: Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES

SUBS: Chris CARSWELL, Kieran JONES, Jack BREEZE, Dan CAMBURN, Joe BYERS

GOAL SCORERS: Sam RIMMER

MAN OF THE MATCH: Owen MORRIS – On a day when the whole of the backline did reasonably well, Owen edges it...because he came back to the pub afterwards!

FIXTURES UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON:

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL - RED BARN ROVERS (H) KO - 10:30am

THURSDAY 3RD MAY - BOMERE HEATH (A - Bomere Heath Cricket Club) KO - 6:30pm

THURSDAY 10TH MAY - HARLESCOTT RANGERS (A - Sundorne Sports Village) KO - 6:30pm

SUNDAY 13TH MAY - NORBURY (H) KO - 10:30am

THURSDAY 17TH MAY - UNISON (A - Shirehall) KO - 6:30pm

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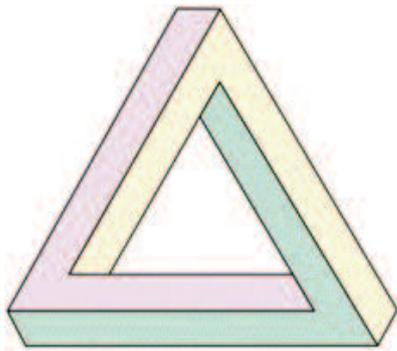
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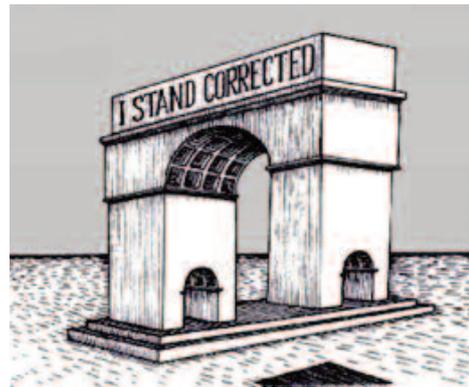
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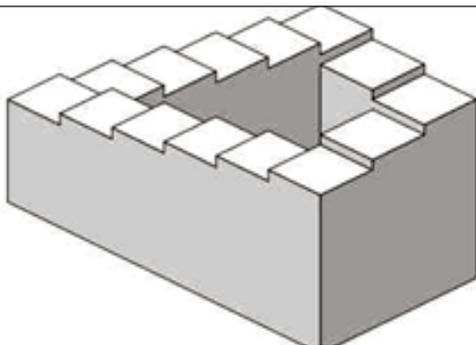


The Penrose Triangle

This impossible tribar is one of the most well-known Impossible Figures. Try to trace a line in the triangle and you would have to trace it three times around the triangle before coming back to where you started. (by Roger Penrose)



The Great Impossible Arch (by Roger Shepard).



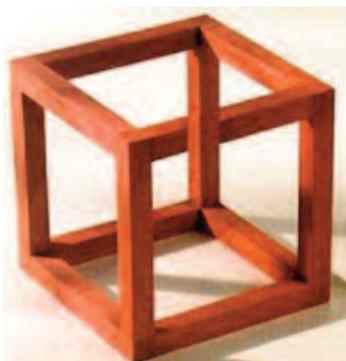
The Penrose Stairs

This is a variation on the Penrose Triangle. You could climb the stairs forever and never get any higher. That is only possible in two dimensions. This impossible staircase can be found in the paintings of M. C. Escher. (by Roger Penrose)



Young Lady vs Old Lady Optical Illusion

This is definitely one of the most amazing optical illusions of all times! What do you see at first glance - an old lady or a young lady? They are both there! The mouth of the old woman is the necklace of the young woman and nose of the old lady is chin of the young lady.



A realistic photo or just another undecidable illusion?

So, are you confused enough yet? OK, so try this little test to finish...

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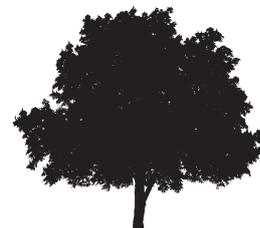
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14th February - 13th April 2018

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft of vehicle	Land Rover Freelander S261OEC	Meadowtown	Taken 01:50 12/04/18. Enquiries ongoing ref susp vehicle seen in the vicinity
Burglary	Holiday home and outbuildings broken into. A burnt out Ford Ranger left at the scene.	Priest Weston	Enquiries ongoing to ID the vehicle. Occurred overnight 11 th - 12 th April.
Assault		Aston Rogers	
Assault		Hope Common	
Attempt burglary	Attempts made to jemmy open window	Hope Primary School	Alarm activated 11 th March
Criminal damage	Glass in door broken	White Gritt	Suspect identified
Dogs worrying livestock	Group of 200 sheep chased and distressed, lambs died as a result	Hope	Suspect individuals identified. Enquiries ongoing
Provocation of violence		Bromlow	
Assault		Worthen	

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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	
Pennerley					08:19													
Stiperstones	06:48	07:20	07:48		08:23				11:15					14:35				16:53
Snailbeach	06:52	07:22	07:52		08:27				11:18					14:38				16:57
Plox Green	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	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
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Gravels	09:45	Church Stoke	14:20
White Grit	09:48	Bishops Castle	14:35
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Yoda

Sudoku

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6			1	9	5		
	9	8					6
8				6			3
4			8		3		1
7				2			6
	6					2	8
			4	1	9		5
				8		7	9

Q: Why is Yoda such a good gardener?

A: Because he has a green thumb.

A clone trooper walks into a pub and asks the barman, "Hey, have you seen my brother?"
"I dunno," says the barman, "What does he look like?"

Two Jawas walk under a bar.

Luke and Obi-Wan walk into a Chinese restaurant. Ten minutes into the meal, Luke's still having trouble with the chopsticks, dropping food everywhere. Obi-Wan finally snaps, "Use the forks, Luke."

An Ewok strolls into a bar and says to the bartender, "I'll have a whisky and soda."

The bartender says, "Sure thing— but why the little pause?"
"Dunno," says the Ewok. "I've had them all my life."

Q: Why did Anakin Skywalker cross the road?

A: To get to the Dark Side.

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!

The Methodist Church



Methodist News

Snailbeach: 6th, 13th, 20th May
 Services at 2.45 pm
 27th May Service at 10.30 am
 Followed by coffee.

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Stiperstones Celebration:
 Wednesday 9th May 10.00 - 11.30 am
 25th Anniversary Coffee Morning

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Thursday 10th May 7 pm
 25th Anniversary and
 Ascension Day Service

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

Stiperstones Group - C of E Service Rota May 2018

Date	Habberley St Mary	Hope Holy Trinity	Minsterley Holy Trinity	Shelve All Saints	Snailbeach St Luke
1st Sunday 6 th May Easter 6 White			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	
2 nd Sunday 13 th May Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension Day White	6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer Revd Giles	10.30am Holy C o m m u n i o n Revd Christine	10.30am All Age Worship Revd Giles		
3 rd Sunday 20 th May Pentecost or Whit Sunday Red			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	2.00pm Baptism of Joseph Frank Robert Howell Revd Giles
4 th Sunday 27 th May Trinity Sunday Gold/White	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Christopher	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Pam	10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Pam		

What's on.

Cupcake Day

Saturday 9 June
2.00pm – 4.00pm
Nant-Isa, Pennerley
In memory of Barbara Jones
Tel: Tracy 01743 791817

Sunday Lunch

6th May
Priest Weston Village Hall
12.30 for 1.00pm
Tickets £10.00 from
Judy Vicary 01938561364 or
Rachel Brook 01938561245
Bar. Vegetarian option available.
In aid of Middleton and The Marsh

Folk Music Evening

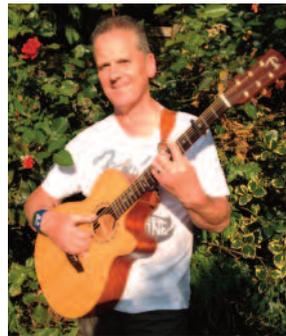
The Cock Inn, Worthen
with 'Deiric'
Saturday May 19th @ 8.30
Tel: 01743 891969

Bluebell Walk

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
Craven Arms, SY7 9RS
6th May - 10.30
Adult -£5
Join TV's Keith Pybus for the
Popular Bluebell Walk. Easy
walking through fields and
woodland.

Crafty Mondays

Minsterley Methodist Church
The Lounge Area
Every 2nd Monday
7.00pm - 9.00pm
Uninterrupted crafting and
chatting. Bring along your
project!
£2 per person includes refreshments



Deiric

Birmingham born, but now local, folk musician Derek Parker, who goes by the stage name "Deiric", took a long break from performing in public after a very busy time in the 1970's when he sang and played Irish, English and Scottish folk music in a variety of groups and duo's. He remembers fondly those early days, hanging out at The Jug of Punch Folk Club in Digbeth, Birmingham where he became good friends with Barney McKenna and John Sheehan from The Dubliners folk group. He says, "Both taught me a lot about traditional Irish music. Barney was a brilliant musician and friend. I miss him."

A career in the Emergency Services that lasted 35 years took him off the public circuit, apart from the occasional gig here and there. His work took him to London, Birmingham and finally Shropshire where he has lived and worked for the past 35 years, and for the last two of these he has settled in Minsterley in his retirement. It is this retirement that has led him, once more, onto the public stage on a more regular basis.

He started out again as a solo act in 2016 and plays charity events as well as private functions. Events he has played over the last couple of years include a breast cancer charity gig at the Old Vicarage in Worthen, and the Minsterley Churches Harvest Supper at Minsterley Parish Hall. Minsterley Holy Trinity Church has asked him to play at another charity event this summer in Shelve. January saw him playing at a senior citizens complex in West Bromwich.

He has played at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury during the folk festival and more recently has entertained at The Harp in Bridgnorth on St. Patrick's night. "It was a very lively night!"

Derek doesn't only play finger style guitar, but is also an accomplished harmonica and tin whistle player, all of which work well with his keen sense of humour and his penchant for jokes and tale telling.

Saturday 19th May will see him playing at The Cock Inn at Worthen. It promises to be another "lively night!"

You can contact Deiric on 07952989795 or email at djprk@me.com

"Heaven and Earth were created all together in the same instant, on October 23rd, 4004 B.C. at nine o' clock in the morning" – Dr. John Lightfoot, vice-chancellor of Cambridge University just before the publication of Darwin's 'Origin of the Species'

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