



SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

MAY 2019

FREE!



pic: Roy Anderson

Pat Carr points out the old Post Office in Snailbeach, where her mother sorted the mail.

A NEW walking group has been mooted after a special one held in memory of Elsie Rowson, the last postwoman delivering on foot to cottages high up on the Stiperstones. The walk, led by her daughter, Pat Carr, began from the site of the old Post Office and as it progressed soon prompted enthusiastic suggestions for the new group. First ideas for destinations included Corndon Hill and Rodney's Pillar.

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Three oarsome ladies take to the stage



pic: Mike Ashton

After last year's success of 'Atlantic Ladies', the true story of three intrepid women who became the oldest women to row the Atlantic, Jo Cox of Stiperstones blows the dust off her script in preparation for the production to take to the stage of the Theatre Severn.

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THE EDITOR



Writing this on the sunniest and warmest weekend so far this year and looking out over the Stiperstones hills, the Hope valley and beyond, I really can't think of anywhere better to be right now as Spring bursts into our lives with fresh colour and new vigour. Each day revealing a brand new nugget of uplifting beauty.

But sadly, it's not all sunshine, lollipops and rainbows. I'm constantly saddened by the reports of mindless fly tipping and littering that I read about in our local social media groups. Some recent examples include a fridge being abandoned by the roadside, soiled nappies being thrown on to grass verges and into hedgerows, and the perennial problem of dog owners failing to clear up after their dogs, especially in public areas like car parks and children's areas. I often see the little black poo bags hanging like strange fruit from the trees in Eastridge woods. Such a shame. Paradise lost?

And then there's the mountain bikes carving illegal runs in the woods and going 'off piste'... but I'll save that little personal niggle for a future edition after I've met with the Forestry Commission up in the Eastridge woods during May.

Even closer to home this last month are the two apparently unconnected incidents of vandalism in sleepy old Snailbeach. Hymn books ripped apart and dumped. A ride and fencing damaged in the village play area. Residents took to social media to express their dismay. 'Appalling', 'horrible' and 'disgusting' were some of their descriptions. One commented: "Let's hope locals can keep their eyes open and deal with the individuals in the appropriate way." (See report: Page 3)

Yes, let's keep our eyes open and try to keep our little corner of Paradise just that... Paradise!

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NEWSBRIEF

Vandalism in Snailbeach

An outbreak of vandalism has recently occurred in Snailbeach that has involved both the play area and the church of St. Luke in two separate incidents.

Rev. Pam Bickley recently sent us a disturbing report describing one rather curious incident of vandalism that has occurred inside St. Luke's during the third week of April. She writes: *"The congregation and clergy of St. Luke's church have always thought that it is important to keep the church open during the day. Apart from people visiting the Mary Webb exhibition, St Luke's is a quiet place for prayer and reflection and used regularly.*

All of us were very upset when someone took hymn books from the church; tore them up and put them in a neighbour's dustbin. This is vandalism and a crime. If we find out who committed this offence, we will be contacting the police.

In the meantime, we would be grateful if villagers could keep an eye out for any odd activity around the church - contact Rev Giles, Rev Pam or the police if you notice anything suspicious.

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Luke's."

In a second incident of vandalism, this time in the play area during the last week of March, the rocking horse was taken off its springs. After being promptly fixed by a local parent, it was found to have been removed yet again from its springs a short time later. It was fixed a second time by a local resident. Later that same day some of the fencing surrounding the play area was found to have been pushed over.



pic: Jonathan Evans

Toddlers survey the damage caused to fencing around the play area.

The SDN has been informed that the culprit of this particular act of vandalism has been identified and dealt with.

The Shuttle Bus is Back!



Long Mynd & Stiperstones Shuttle Buses – new pick-up point at Picklescott.

4th May – 29th September 2019, weekends & Bank Holiday Mondays.

The Shropshire Hills Shuttle Buses will be back on the road this May Bank Holiday weekend, starting Saturday 4th. If you haven't travelled on them you're missing a treat! The journey over the Long Mynd and around the Stiperstones is one of the most scenic bus rides. The route offers some great walking opportunities, wonderful views and a choice of country pub stops. This year the Shuttle Buses are making a lunch time and late afternoon stop at the Bottle & Glass, Picklescott. This short extension opens up new walking opportunities north of the Long Mynd, as well as offering people from Picklescott a link into the circuit. For more information see:

www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk, or pick up a 2019 timetable leaflet, available in local cafés, shops and pubs.

Timetabled Shuttle stops include Stiperstones village (opposite the pub) and Snailbeach (by the village hall). **(See route map on page 40)**

Cash for the Community success.

Carol and Graham McMillan and family send their thanks to all who collected the Shropshire Star 'Cash for the Community' vouchers. 28,330 vouchers have now been forwarded by Carol to the Shrewsbury Epilepsy Support Group who were overwhelmed by the amount collected.

Carol, Graham, Faye, Mark and family hope that this newly formed group are able to receive a portion of the money from this collection and will let us know the amount when they have more news.

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ATLANTIC LADIES

by Jo Cox of Stiperstones

Just over a year ago, Chris Eldon Lee introduced me to Di Carrington, I wasn't sure why - especially as I already knew her. However, a few weeks later it all became clear when he asked if I would take the role of Di in his new play 'Atlantic Ladies'.

The piece tells the story of three intrepid women Di and Sharon McGrath from Shropshire and Elaine Theaker from Abergavenny, who became the oldest women to row the Atlantic when they took part in the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge during the Winter of 2017-18, rowing from La Gomera in the Canaries to Nelson's Dockyard in Antigua.

Chris had met Di at Sal Tonge's Boxing day party in 2016, Di told Chris she was going to row the Atlantic and Chris, after a large glass of red, said, "If you row it, I'll write it..." I was absolutely delighted to be asked to play the part; I'd followed their progress and had tentatively asked Brian (Di's husband) how she was doing during Sal's Sunday morning Fit Club in Stiperstones.

Rehearsals started in May 2018 and we soon became a well-honed team. Sal Tonge took the part of Sharon, Christina Cubbin, Elaine, Tim Baker played every man they met along the way, Brian Carrington played all things musical and Tim Hockly, much to his surprise, soon became our Stage Manager and general right hand man.

As the rehearsals progressed it soon became clear just how determined, brave and generally awe inspiring the three women were, their courage couldn't be underestimated. Doing justice to their epic adventure became really important to all of us. So much so, I was really nervous when Di and Sharon came to watch our first 'stagger through'. To our immense relief, they loved it - despite the obvious need for a master class on our rowing technique.

As the process progressed, we came across our own theatrical challenges; how on earth do we represent a £50,000 rowing boat? How do we bring various sea creatures to life (thanks to Pam Davies for working her magic with that) and crucially how do we demonstrate the use of 'the bucket' without putting the audience off their supper? Chris found some excellent opportunities to insert a song here and there and Brian soon became a master at creating sound effects and finding the odd jingle to pop in. We even had the support of a newly qualified choreographer Lucy Lowe to whip us into shape, and of course Maggie Love was always there to provide us with movement advice and support.

September 2018, the tickets for our run at The Wightman Theatre started flying off the shelves (if that's what they do?) and we soon realised that we might just sell out. Di Sharon and Elaine's story had clearly captured the imagination of Shropshire folk, and they were keen to come and watch our retelling of it. The typical first night nerves made way for a play we all thoroughly enjoyed performing. We had some wonderful reviews and great feedback from the audiences each night, there was laughter, there were tears - and there was always a real Atlantic Lady on hand to answer questions after we'd crossed the finishing line.

After the Wightman we took the play to Abergavenny, Market Drayton and Wellington and a little time later we were delighted to be asked to bring it to Theatre Severn this May. So, as I open my script again and blow the dust from the pages, I'm starting to eagerly anticipate being part of this amazing story once more. So, the Atlantic Ladies are preparing to launch again, this time we're in Shrewsbury on May 8th 9th and 10th. The tickets are selling fast, so you could also come to The Charlton School in Wellington on the 14th - as part of the town's arts festival, if that's no good you could always make a weekend of it and come to Aberdovey on the 17th or even Barmouth on the 18th. We'll look forward to seeing you!



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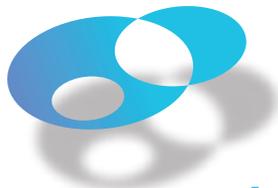
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- In 2017, a book called *Forty Minutes Late* was returned to a San Francisco library 100 years late.
- The chances of surviving a heart attack increase when the top doctors are absent from the hospital attending important cardiology meetings.
- For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Marmite brought out a special edition called Ma'amite.
- Wonder Woman was created by the inventor of the lie detector.
- 80% of the 'Close Door' buttons in lifts are just for show: the doors are on a timer.
- It's illegal to swim in the River Seine in Paris.
- Ancient Egyptians mummified their cats and gave them mummified mice to torment in the afterlife.
- Honesty boxes with photos of eyes stuck on the wall next to them produce more money.
- There are an estimated 14,485 nuclear weapons in the world today.
- $(6 \times 9) + (6 + 9) = 69$
- The Babylonians were doing trigonometry 3,700 years ago.
- *Poltergeist* is German for 'noisy ghost'.
- In 2006 a Greek court ruled it was no longer illegal to worship Greek gods.

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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.

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Chairman's report from Ray Harper

During last month there was an unfortunate incident that left us with a broken fence around the play area. (See *Newsbrief, page 3 – Ed.*) This has, therefore, added to our list of things to be dealt with in our attempts to bring the play area up to standard. However every cloud has a silver lining and this now gives us the opportunity to enlarge the entrance gate giving access to wheelchairs and buggies, making the area even more 'all inclusive'. We are trying to arrange a working party for a weekend after Easter- all volunteers are welcome, although this may already have taken place prior to you reading this. We will be rebuilding the fence, sanding and painting the existing equipment, and undertaking any repairs that are necessary - all in preparation for the introduction of a brand new train engine which is to be installed in May. I would like to give special thanks to J H Evans Morris Minor & Classic Car Repairs (aka Jonathan Evans) and his contact Border Automotive who between them have procured and donated more than enough paint for our needs.

Anita Evans herself has not been letting the grass grow under her feet and managed to successfully apply for a 'grassroots' grant from Shropshire RCC of £500 to assist with the refurbishment of the play area. Meanwhile the ever reliant Pam Bickley has, on behalf of the committee, applied for and received a grant of £999 from the Parish Council. Obviously some of this will be needed to accomplish the work we are currently undertaking but it does mean we are again beginning to build funds for the next stage and hopefully we will be able to report another purchase for the play area in the not too distant future.

The editor's requirements mean I have to submit this report before I actually know the outcome but I hope we had an exceptionally successful Supporters' Day and Easter Funday and that you were able to attend and enjoyed the day. The actuality will be reported next month.

(Sorry Ray, I'm merely the slave to our printer's deadlines! Ed.)

My doctor told me that jogging could add years to my life. He was right—I feel ten years older already.



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THE GRAND CLOTHES SWAP

from Sal Tonge



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People went away with bagsful of fun new outfits and one woman said to me, 'I feel like I'm shoplifting!' But of course, she wasn't - £6 meant you could take part and give your wardrobe a new makeover.

We had a small section for men and the teens revamped their look too!

Most importantly, the event raised over £500 for Jatinga Valley School, which I visited as part of the North Indian tour of a play I was a musician in two years ago.

This school is a little hut. It was built by parents, who are mostly illiterate themselves but knowing that the way forward is to give their kids the best education they can. It feels great to help them make a change.

Ahung the visionary behind the school wishes to buy encyclopaedias and musical instruments ... and every penny will be used to make a difference.

I know. I saw with my own eyes the bright minds and curiosity of his pupils as they lined up to meet us with scraps of red fabric for ties in that misty landscape and backdrop of accordion pleating mountains.

Thanks to everyone who tirelessly helped, supported and swapped. We were a great friendly team! It was such such fun we'll do another one next spring - so start saving a bag of clothes to bring and swap and join in the fun!



Sal Tonge, on the left back row, and the rest of the cast with the pupils from the Jatinga Valley School.

Ron Challinor

We would like to thank everyone for attending the funeral service of Ron Challinor, for donations amounting to £326 for Snailbeach Chapelyard funds. Also thanks for all the kindness and sympathy shown on the loss of Ron. Special thanks to Jean and Derek, Geoff and Trish for their support, to Rev Shalome MacNeill Cooper for a lovely service, to the bearers, ushers, organist and E. J. Francis, funeral directors. Finally, thanks to the the Stiperstones Inn for the lovely food at the village hall.

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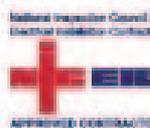
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Using html was like building a house from just bricks, wood, plastic and metal without any of the components like roof trusses, doors, windows, bathrooms and kitchens having been made for you. You typed in lines of code, a mixture of words, numbers and very important punctuation like < > brackets, " " speech marks and / back slashes. You could not see what this gobbledygook was going to turn into until each part of your web page was completed; one mistake and everything was all over the place or not even anywhere to be seen at all.

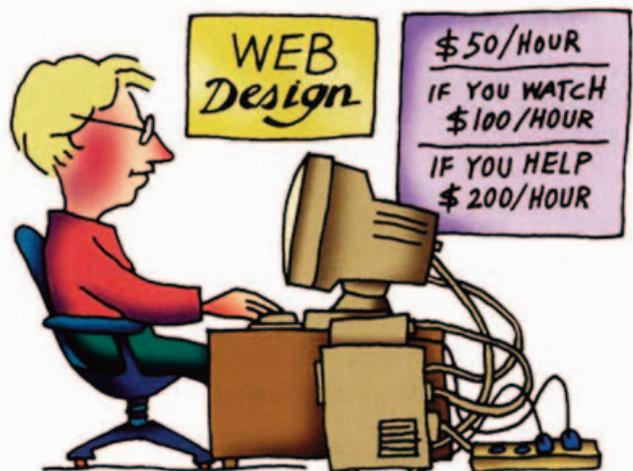
It was not long before a WYSIWYG (don't you just love all these acronyms) piece of software was on the market. Still available today 'Dreamweaver' provided a 'what you see is what you get' environment for your creativity. This meant that the parts of your website such as titles, picture boxes, grids and columns were already made for you and you could play around and watch them change colour, size, shape and position.

Originally brought out in 1997 by a company called Macromedia, but now sold by the software giant Adobe Dreamweaver, it is still an industry standard today for PCs and Macs. By the early

2000s I had mastered just enough of this new kid on the block to teach it at Shrewsbury College. It was not long however before the whizzkids who were driving the internet became impatient with the restrictions imposed by Dreamweaver and they were back to using a new gobbledygook called Javascript to make their websites sing and dance. Javascript opened up a whole lot of 'coffee' related computing tools such as 'vanilla' and 'java beans', making websites interactive and leading to the creation of the 'app'. I have the books on my bookshelf but fortunately retired from teaching before I had to understand them.

Do you have to be a computer geek to create websites today? Certainly not. Like IKEA web design has entered the flat package. The internet proliferates with online web tools where nearly everything has been done for you as advertisements on TV will testify. If you don't want to get your hands dirty at all websites like 'Weebly', 'Wix', and 'Squarespace' provide the templates and you just pick the style and the colours and enter the text. If you want to be a bit more independent, 'Rapidweaver' on the Mac or 'Wordpress' on the PC offer the templates together with automated add-ons which can make your website indistinguishable from those of the big girls and boys.

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- For maximum attention, nothing beats a good mistake.
- Told my wife I wanted our kids every other weekend and she reminded me that we're married and live together so I'd have to see them every day.
- Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
- R.I.P boiled water. You will be mist.
- If I wanted to kill myself I'd climb your ego and jump to your IQ.
- Apparently I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- A conclusion is the part where you got tired of thinking.

I wish I'd said that...

- A little learning is a dangerous thing, but a lot of ignorance is just as bad – *Bob Edwards*.
- The biggest argument against democracy is a five minute discussion with the average voter - *Winston Churchill*.
- He was trying to save both his faces - *John Gunther*.
- He is as good as his word - and his word is no good - *Seamus MacManus*.
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- No more sense of direction than a bunch of firecrackers - *Rob Wagner*.
- A joke is a very serious thing - *Winston Churchill*.
- A well-developed sense of humour is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life - *William Arthur Ward*.
- The nice thing about egotists is that they don't talk about other people - *Lucille S. Harper*.
- He loves nature in spite of what it did to him - *Forrest Tucker*.
- I love Mickey Mouse more than any woman I have ever known - *Walt Disney*
- He was born stupid, and greatly increased his birthright - *Samuel Butler*.

SNAILBEACH WI

We're already four months into our 2019 programme and what diverse meetings we have had.

January: We heard first-hand what it was like to row across the Atlantic and set a record for being the oldest to do so. I don't think there was anyone in the audience who would have changed places.

February: A visit from 'Thighs the Limit', an independent tiny shop in Mardol, Shrewsbury. The owner came with a variety of legwear and gave us a most entertaining evening and lots of advice on hosiery.

March: We welcomed three members of Operation Sabre who are ex Fire personnel who give an enormous amount of time and effort in transporting aid in old fire engines to Romania. This is a charity we have supported. We watched a film show and were able to see what pleasure was given to the elderly and young in receiving all the gifts that had been made or bought for them, many of the items that we take for granted. During **April** our members have been doing our

yearly litter pick. So far 18 bags have been collected. It's so sad that people cannot appreciate the lovely area we live in and can't be bothered to take their litter home and even worse, scatter their chip papers within hours of litter picking!

Our most recent meeting in **April** was a talk by Edgton Verges Project. They are a small group of local villagers trying to save the hedgerows and verges wild flowers and plants that could well be lost as councils and farmers are unaware of the damage caused to them from overcutting and not removing the cuttings, thereby causing the roots to rot.

May is our resolution month when one of the subjects will be public transport cuts. Very topical as we are facing cuts to our 553 service.

So far this year we have had two 'Little Extras'. Lunch at Origins based at London Rd. College and a Ten Pin Bowling evening followed by a meal out. Visitors always welcome.

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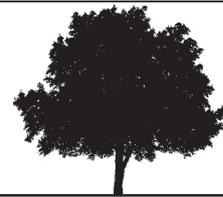
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There are two themes for May, craft and local history. The 'Get Creative festival' runs from 11th to 19th May, encouraging people to try their hand at something new and creative, we will have displays and demonstrations of some local crafts. Local History Month is a national theme, the U3A group will display their local area projects, and we hope to have an event for them to discuss their findings and research with other customers (this might involve tea and cake!) It will also be a good opportunity to come and have a look at all the local Shropshire books that are available to borrow, some of which have come to light during my recent stock take.

We will be holding our first LEGO AFTERNOON on Thursday 30th May (Half Term). There will be a large box of Lego in the library for children to play with and create. It will be suitable for children over 3 years old. We hope to make it a regular activity throughout school summer holidays, with theme afternoons. Keep an eye out for posters with details.

For the 'pre-schoolers', please come along and join Jenny for her entertaining Rhyme Time Thursday 16th May at 2.30 pm

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from
Jenny Alldridge

On Friday 5th April 41 teams went to Minsterly Parish Hall for the final quiz of the season. Ray Harper joined us for the first time and proved to be a very useful member of the team; the others were myself, Dave Fitzhugh and Julian Bromhead. We scored a total of 51 on the night, but, frustratingly, we do not know where we stand in the league because the final scores were not given out at the end of the evening.

Going into the final we were in second place in the second division with 322 points; Trefonen were in first place with 335 and Bayston Hill were in third with 317, so we were hoping to come out

still in second place in order to gain promotion into division one next season. (Aston on Clun were in sixth place in that division also with 322.) The County is divided into four sections geographically for the first six rounds, and into two divisions by merit, only coming together for the final at one of the largest village halls. At the end of set five we had 43 points and Bayston Hill had 39. In the final set we scored eight out of twelve, and, as the final scores were not announced, we cannot know until later on whether we or Bayston Hill came out ahead. We were only told that Rushbury and Cosy Hall came top on the night with 58 points, having been in second and third place in division one; Kinnerley had 54 points, and were awarded the wine, as the highest scoring team who had not previously won it during the season. Hope were the top team in our section. Trefonen were top of the second division. and Harmer Hill A, Trefonen and Rushbury were all top of their respective sections.

This is all we know, so we just have to wait and see the final outcome at some later date.

PUZZLES + POSERS

Not as many puzzles this month, but I think you'll find them extremely difficult! Thanks to Malcolm Dunbar of The Hollies, Stiperstones.

Mind Bogglers – courtesy GCHQ©

1. Yesterday the baker was decorating an unusual birthday cake. Her ingredients were 3oz marzipan, 6 juniper berries, 5oz mayonnaise – and 4 of what sort of fruit?
2. Which is the odd one out? Bleak, Great, Hard, Little, Twist.
3. What word could follow: Squabble, Anecdote, Waveform, Toughest, Demijohn, Reckless, ?
4. What are the missing letters? SUN?????SUN
5. At a birthday party none of the children who came were aged 4 or less. Four of them were aged 5, nine of them were 6 and one each were 8 and 9. How many 7-year olds attended?

Answers on page 23.

"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future." *George Bernard Shaw*



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Curlew Country launches vital raffle

In aid of the Curlew Country Appeal and to help us reach £10,000 to draw down match funding from the Whitley Animal Protection Trust, Curlew Country are holding a raffle! Launched on the 21st April (World Curlew Day), it will be drawn 1 month later, on the 21st May.

The money raised will go towards the continuation of the project's vital curlew recovery work. In 2019 we are planning to continue with headstarting, to further boost the population. In 2018, 21 curlew chicks were reared and released, a first for the project and the UK. This year we hope to increase that number, through the use of better equipment and added expertise.

The first prize will be the beautiful hand carved curlew headed walking stick, kindly donated by Wuzzlewood Woodcraft. The maker is a retired IT manager living on Gower, and now a maker of carved wooden items. He has been making sticks for over 3 years and is a member of the South Wales Stickmakers, where he has honed his skills and learnt the traditions of walking stick crafting. The head is carved from locally sourced Lime, painted with wood stains and acrylics and detailed using a pyrograph. The shank is made from local hazel, and both are then finished with a varnish to protect it from wear. These are a collector's item, but are designed to be used for walking, hiking, hunting, shooting or wading.



1st. prize - a hand carved curlew headed walking stick



2nd prize - limited edition curlew print from artist Owen Williams

The second prize is a limited-edition curlew print from artist Owen Williams. Owen is a professional sporting and wildlife artist, with a particular passion for woodcock that has led to him training to catch and ring these elusive birds. The self-taught artist is inspired by his time growing up in the countryside, drawing on a childhood spent hunting, fishing and exploring a landscape full of a huge variety of flora and fauna. As well as creating beautiful watercolour studies and scenes, Owen also works with bronze to create stunning Woodcock sculptures. The sale

of these bronzes helps to fund the purchase of geo-locator tags which are fitted to Woodcock to track their movements and gather valuable data.

The third prize is a private tour of Snailbeach Lead Mine for up to 6 people, led by Andrew Wood. A member of the Shropshire Mines Trust, Andrew is well versed in the rich mining history of the area. Find out more about the remains of the mine buildings, their purpose, the people who lived and worked here and the mines importance to Shropshire. The tour will also include the opportunity to enter the mine levels themselves. Raffle tickets will cost £5 each, and there will be a ticket limit of 150. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket you can visit local venues (Stiperstones Inn, The Bog Visitor Centre and more!) in South Shropshire or contact us for more information. E-mail curlewcountry@gwct.org.uk or phone 01743 296100. You can find out more about the projects work by visiting our website, www.curlewcountry.org.



Source: Curlew Country

Elsie's Walk

with Roy Anderson



pic: Roy Anderson

Raising a glass to Elsie. Pat's sister Sue Sproson is on the left.

CHEERS Elsie! Pat Carr poured us all a sherry and we raised our glasses to toast a remarkable lady.

We were standing outside No.22 Snailbeach, round the bend from the Locomotive Shed, which used to be the Post Office where Elsie Rowson, the last postwoman to deliver on foot to cottages high up on the Stiperstones, sorted the mail from 1958 to 1971. Her round of up to 11.5 miles took her more than four hours every day except Sundays and in all weathers.

It was recreated some years ago and given the name Elsie's Walk. Since then Pat,



pic from Sue Sproson

Elsie on her round has time for a chat with Coleen Payne's daughter Sharon.

Elsie's daughter, has received many requests to do this walk again and on April 06 she was joined by her sister Sue Sproson as a total of 30 people of all ages set off down Shop Lane to retrace Elsie's footsteps. Pat had warned us to bring waterproof clothing and footwear because the route would be very muddy in places. Too right!

A fascinating route lay ahead, down to Lower Works Lane, past Snailbeach Farm and Prospect House, where the Earl of Tankerville and his family stayed during 1906/07, and back round to the mine site before setting off on the climb up Lordshill. On the way we changed levels a few times before



pic: Roy Anderson

A massed send-off for the walkers at Lordshill Farm

struggling in slippery conditions up a steep slope to re-join the road and arriving at Lordshill Farm and Lordshill chapel, which was used in the filming of the Hollywood movie based on Mary Webb's legendary Shropshire novel 'Gone to Earth' and in which several locals appeared as extras.

It was an idyllic scene but only a taste of what was to come as we set off down the track leading to Upper Vessons Farm - the land known as the Prison Farm when it was worked during the 1960s by inmates ferried in from the Dana Prison in Shrewsbury. Then, after

negotiating lots of mud, we were off below the Hollies and through some tranquil and picturesque scenery, gaining views of places we don't normally see, like Huggleth Hill.

Soon we reached the area of The Paddock, a settlement abandoned in mid-20th Century. Interesting piles of rubble but nothing identifiable to us. No trace, it seemed, of the Meeting House, where Methodists came to worship. The Paddock brings back memories of Methodist Camp Meetings, where once a year local chapels held an open-air service on the hillside. Perkins Beach chapel maintained this tradition until recent years.

pic: Claire Corfield



Time for a lunch stop at Blakemoorgate.

I thought of Elsie walking this route, all alone among such grandeur, and watching it gradually get shorter as the cottagers left one by one.

We had been gaining altitude all the time but then found the track below Shepherd's Rock, soon reached Blakemoorgate and stopped for lunch among the recently restored miners' cottages, opening the next day for the first time this year. It would have been nice to have had a peek inside. These gems are a delight, both inside and out, well worth the direct trek up from Snailbeach to take a trip back in time. The cottages are open on the first Sunday of each month between April and October, 11am – 3pm.

Lunch over, we headed back towards Shepherd's Rock, passing the last of the snow which had fallen 48 hours previously and turned down towards the area I was told was called The Saddle, at the apex of Perkins Beach and Mytton Dingles. The view here was stupendous and while Pat pointed out where her mother trekked up to the top of Jacob's Ladder I stood at the edge and drank it all in. Though a veteran of many Devil's Chair Dashes, I had never been at the top of Mytton Dingle before and marvelled at the sheer dramatic scale of it. This was the scene of the Whitley bomber crash on February 15 1944 in which five aircrew died, an event commemorated by a plaque unveiled at the bottom of the dingle in 2009.

Time to press on down Perkins Beach Dingle, making the steep descent in good time despite the need to tread carefully. And then our historic walk, with depleted numbers (because some had had to leave at various points for important things like Shrewsbury Town's football match!) came to an entirely predictable stop. We had reached the Stiperstones Inn and went in for some rest and refreshment. Not what Elsie would have had

time for but, hey, this is 2019.

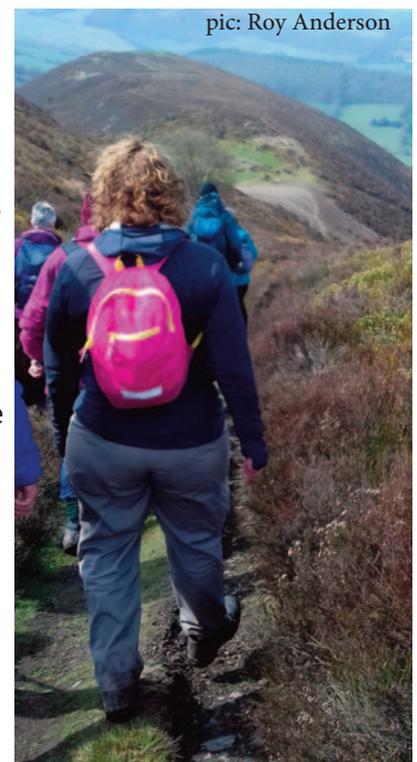


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There was a lot of water!

There was another unexpected and nice memory of our day when Elsie's granddaughter Lara, landlady at the pub, came into the bar and presented us all with a piece of her whinberry cake.

The temptations of the Inn proved too much for some of the remaining walkers but Pat and three others of us set out again to complete the stretch back to Snailbeach. It had been a wonderful occasion, full of vivid and vibrant snapshots and it didn't matter that we didn't do all of the exact route and diversions. Pat observed that Elsie, who died in 2013 aged 89, would have been thrilled and amazed (or, in her own words, "tickled pink") that we were doing it anyway.



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Heading down to the top of Mytton Dingle



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Sessions cost £2 per child each week and refreshments are provided, including chips following the sessions.

Ages 5-14. Old and new faces welcome, please spread the word!

Answers to **PUZZLES + POSERS** from page 17

1 Apricot - 3 MARKZipan, 6 JUNiper, 5 MAYonnaise. Number refers to the month. Therefore 4 APRil - fruit beginning with apr = apricot.

2 Twist - All titles of Dickens novels. The first four are the first word, Twist is the second (Oliver Twist)

3 calmNess or chiMNeY, or firMNeSS etc. The middle two letters in the clues together give consecutive letters of the alphabet. So any word with MN together in the middle is the solution.

4 M - Mercury, V - Venus, E - Earth, M - Mars, J - Jupiter. Planets in order of distance from the SUN. Finishing with Saturn, Uranus, Neptune.

5 5 seven year-olds. Spell the age number in each clue. ie 4 were fIVE, 9 were SIX, one each of eight and nine. How many aged seVen? Note spelling each number of ages contains Roman Numerals corresponding to number of children.

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Adult social care

South Shropshire is a great place to retire, as is well recognised. But over time this does create challenges, as the proportion of elderly people living here increases. Over 65s now make up 28.6% of our local population, compared to just 18% nationally. Remarkably, this has increased from 20.9% when I was first elected.

The welcome reason for this increase is that we are living longer, healthier lives. The number of people aged 90 or over in South Shropshire has almost doubled since 2005, particularly driven by more men becoming nonagenarians, reflecting healthier lifestyle choices including reduced smoking rates. But clearly as we live longer, we are more likely to need health and social care support.

Challenges around an ageing population are not unique to Shropshire, though are more pronounced in rural areas, given additional pressure around workforce planning and transportation. So a national approach is needed to ensure the most vulnerable receive the support they need in old age.

At the end of March I met the Social Care Minister to discuss the Social Care Green Paper, which will consider a range of options to ensure our social care system meets the needs of our ageing society and is sustainable for the long term.

I emphasised the need to 'rural proof' any policy changes, given the additional cost of providing services in rural areas, particularly pressing for social care providers. For example, in cities carers can move between appointments quickly, whereas in rural areas carers will be available for fewer daily appointments given time needed to travel between them.

It is clear we need to be open to new ideas, and the Minister will invite responses to a consultation on the Green Paper. I shall work with rural groups and other rural MPs to make a powerful case for a more balanced system.

We have already seen some recognition from government of the growing scale of the problem. Councils have been allowed to raise social care precepts to meet local statutory obligations. In the wider system an extra £650 million for social care in 2019-20 was included in last year's Budget: £240 million to help people leave hospital when ready and receive the right care to meet their needs; and £410 million to improve local councils' care offer for older people, those with disabilities, and children.

But funding alone will not solve this significant challenge for any future government. Reform is needed to ensure health and social care services are better joined up, and that social care changes to meet the needs of an increasingly elderly population. Fortunately, technology opens up a world of possibility in delivering improved care at reduced cost.

For example, Shropshire Council is one of the leaders in looking at innovative ways to meet the growing social care challenge. I am pleased it has launched a pilot in Broseley using technology to combat isolation, through schemes that do not replace human interaction but rather facilitate it. This type of innovation in care has led to national award nominations, showing Shropshire at the forefront of best practice.

I know innovation through technology is a passion of the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care, so I hope that with his encouragement to embrace new thinking, coupled with local innovation here in Shropshire, we will adapt well to meeting health and social care needs of current and future generations. *Philip Dunne*

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Simon Cooter for Natural England staff at Rigmoroak.

The Stiperstones bird walk, which is led by Leo Smith and myself is on Sunday 5th May this year, once again trying to beat our record count of 32 species. The walk starts at 9.30am from the Stiperstones NNR car park and lasts for about 3 hours. All abilities are welcome and it is free of charge. Some of the path is wet so please wear appropriate footwear. I am hopeful that we will beat the record this year as I have been seeing a few species that have been lacking in previous years such as reed buntings and lapwing in the car park. The cottages will also be open that day 11am to 3pm, so if you're adventurous you could fit in both.

Also look out for a Stiperstones walk by the 'Common Cause' project on the 12th May which Cath Landles will be leading to raise awareness and understanding of the many aspects and features of the common, including the practice of commoning.

It is 20 years since the original launch of the Back to Purple project, whose aim was to conserve and restore heathland and other wildlife habitats and to enhance the landscape and visitor appreciation of the

Stiperstones. The project was a partnership project between English Nature, Forestry Enterprise and the Shropshire Wildlife Trust. The aim of the project continues to this day, and so it seems very fitting that we have the opportunity to purchase an extension to the National Nature Reserve (NNR) at Windy Corner. The original project was funded through a grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund, but we have no such funding today so we are looking to the generosity of donors to raise enough funds for its purchase and restoration.

Windy Corner is a piece of land at the south end of the nature reserve, between the road and the NNR, above the Bog. Being on the top of the ridge it is a key step towards the ultimate goal of having continuous heathland along the entire ridge. The idea being that an emperor moth caterpillar could crawl on uninterrupted heath from one end of the 10km ridge to the other. Of course the emperor moth would not be the only species to benefit from reducing the fragmentation of heathland. Once restored, there will be a carpet of purple heather, whinberries and cowberries which will attract lots of invertebrates such as green tiger beetle, bilberry bumblebee and green hairstreak butterfly. The heathland will benefit birds such as skylark, stonechat and cuckoo and reptiles like the common lizard.

Windy Corner is located next to the Shropshire Way and once restored from improved pasture to heathland will be open to access like the rest of the reserve. We hope to involve the public in its restoration when we come to spread heather seed taken from the adjacent NNR.

Natural England is appealing to everyone to help support the purchase and restoration of Windy Corner by making a donation online at <http://easydonate.org/PURPLE> or by texting:

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The Young Adults and Little People's Page

A page for all those who are young, or just young at heart

This poem was nominated, by United Nations, as the best poem of 2006.

It was written by an African child.

When I born, I black
When I grow up, I black
When I go in sun, I black
When I scared, I black
When I sick, I black
And when I die, I still black
And you white fellow
When you born, you pink
When you grow up, you white
When you go in sun, you red
When you cold, you blue
When you scared, you yellow
When you sick, you green
And when you die, you grey
And you calling me coloured?

A little girl came home from school and said to her mother:

'Mummy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn't do.'

The mother exclaimed, 'But that's terrible. I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this ... by the way, what was it that you didn't do?'

The little girl replied, 'My homework.'

Children's Comments on Love

- When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toe nails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.
- When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.
- Love is when my mummy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.
- Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.
- If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.

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Heather Kidd's Report

Bus Services at risk

Shropshire Council is running a consultation on cutting back more of our bus services. The Monty Bus – the 558- is safe (for now!) but they are looking to cut back services on the Shrewsbury - Bishop's Castle service. This is the 553. If you know anyone who uses this bus to get to and from Bishops Castle, tell them to take part in the consultation on Shrewsbury Council's website: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/reduction-of-local-bus-service-subsidies-financial-year-201920/>

We've lost too many bus services already! This consultation also raises the cost of the Park and Ride to £2 per person in a car. Would this stop you using the Park and Ride? Would it then be cheaper and more convenient for you to drive in and park? If so take part and tell them.

Housing Needs Survey – this is continued for the next few weeks

If you or any friend/ relation are in need of a home in our area (and it includes local people who wish to move back) the Housing Needs Survey has now been extended to the end of April. You can fill it in online <https://www.righthomerightplace.co.uk/> or a paper one sent in the post. If you want a paper form contact me.

Clusters and building homes.

The Parish Council are working with the Rural Community Council to consult on the Clusters. There will be public meetings and then an independently run vote on the homes we need and which settlements should be the clusters to receive them. There will be information sent out nearer the time. It must be completed by October.

The Pennerley BOAT

The Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) from Pennerley to the National Nature Reserve will hopefully have some drainage work done on it next month. They will have a digger to reinstate a ditch from near the top and also down to near the chapel to take run off away from the track. They will also carry out resurfacing over the most worn areas. They (and I) are crossing fingers there is no massive rain storm in the meantime!

Best wishes

Heather

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Daffodil Planting in Stiperstones

An idea from Tim Hockley & Sal Tonge

In a bid to brighten up the village next Spring, and in years to come, we think it would be great to plant some daffodils, snowdrops and other spring bulbs all along the verges between the two Stiperstones signs either end of the village.

October is a good time for a bulb planting day to which everyone will be invited. Firstly, we need to raise cash to buy bulbs.

Would you like to remember someone who has loved walking through the village? Or maybe celebrate the arrival of a new life of someone who is yet to walk through the village? Or mark a marriage/ achievement – any event at all. You can sponsor the fund and make a cash donation. Put the name of the person you are celebrating or remembering on an envelope and they will be published in the Snailbeach District News later in the year. Drop your envelope into the pub and Phil and Lara will keep them. Please mark your envelope 'DAFFODIL PLANTING'. You can just donate, without a name. You could post donations through Tim Hockley's letterbox, Brookside, Perkins Beach Dingle.

We will be in touch later in the year with details of the planting day and a tea party afterwards.

Suggestions/ advice gratefully received to: Tim Hockley Tel 791114 or Sal Tonge Tel 792992.

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- Chris & Bill Neil – plants
 - Celia Wright – Plants
 - Mynd Hardy Plants – Plants
 - Rhona Owen – Jams & Chutneys + Veg & Buzzy Bee
 - Mike & Terri Fletcher – Jams, chutneys etc, Shropshire Wildlife Trust
 - Trading Post – various garden consumables
 - Myfanwy Stelfox-Manley – Toy Animals
- Admission will be free, as will refreshments, but there will be an opportunity to donate to a local charity.

Now is the time of year when you've started cutting the lawn. Many people are asking how to remove moss from their lawns, but if the weather keeps dry and warm then the moss will die back on its own. Moss thrives in damp shady conditions, so to avoid it coming back then spike the lawn to improve drainage and remove any overhanging branches to reduce the shading effect. Then feed the lawn with a good feed & weed so that the grass has the vigour to compete with any moss. Don't forget that the lawn clippings can be composted; they are best mixed with shredded up cardboard or prunings, as well as veg peelings from the kitchen, and any annual weeds that you have taken up from the borders. The compost, when it has fully rotted down can be added to your borders to improve the soil structure.

Any other materials for the garden can be obtained from The Trading Post which is situated in the Old Station Buildings on Station Road and is open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon.

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

I have been assured that these are only 'medium' difficulty puzzles. If you find them too easy, then let me know and I'll give you some hard ones.

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

There seem to be two main types of people in the world, crosswords and sudokus.



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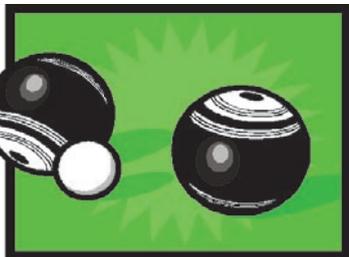
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The Methodist Church Snailbeach Methodist Church News

May

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2nd Sunday 12th May Easter 4 White	5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	10.30am All Age Worship Revd Giles		
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Assault x 2		Stiperstones	Offender arrested
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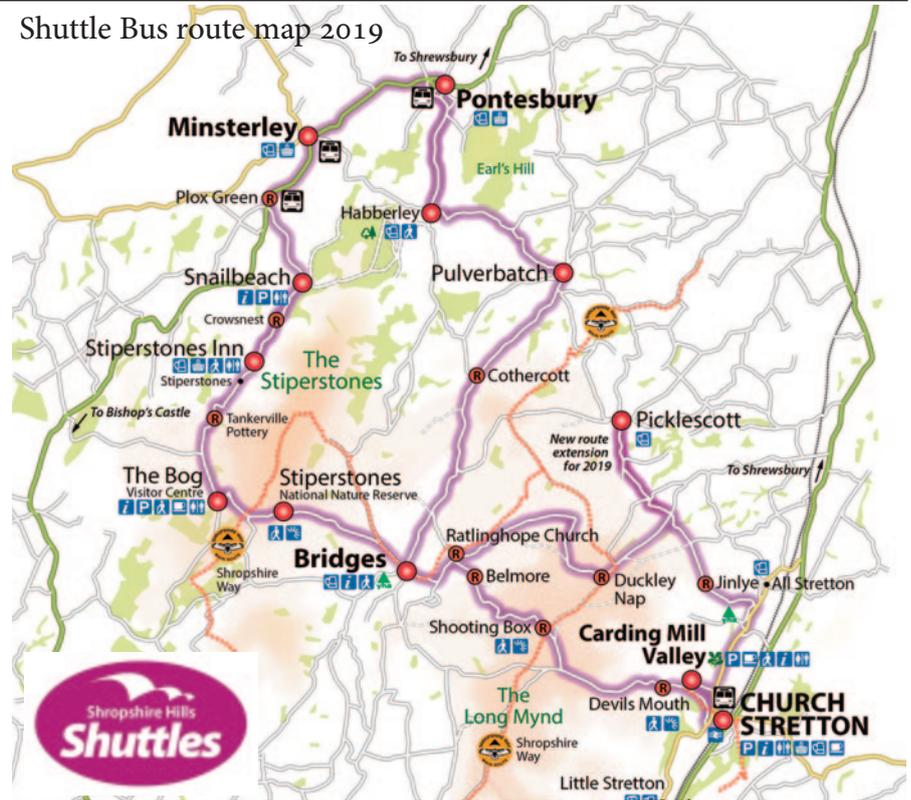
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