



# SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

JULY 2019

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## Pam gets dangerous with a brush and a pot of paint

A group of volunteers from the village get together to help renovate the Snailbeach play area, replacing rotten fences and repainting the climbing structure.

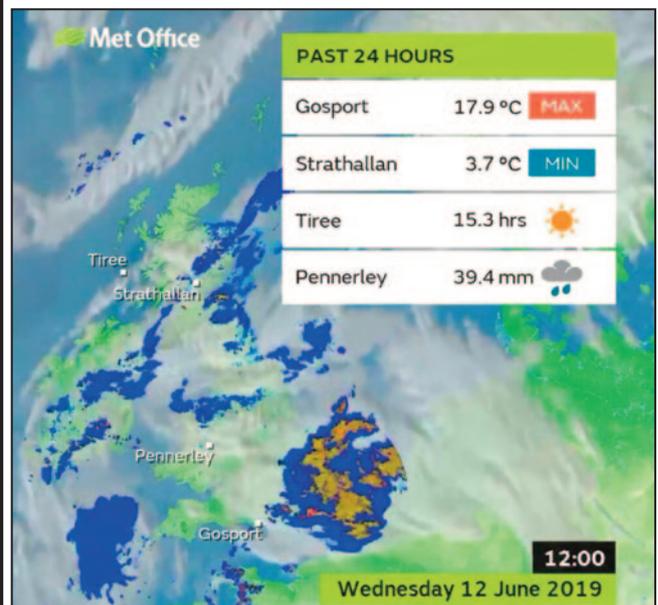
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## Notes from THE EDITOR



Lashed to the tiller, fighting to steer a 55-foot long narrow boat along a particularly tight and twisty stretch of the Shropshire Union canal in a howling gale with stair rods of freezing rain beating my face to pulp, cold and wet to the bone, my brother pops his head out of the cabin door with a cheery "Could be worse, Patrick. Apparently Pennerley is the wettest place in the UK today!" It was cold comfort indeed as he closed the hatch and retreated into the warmth of the cabin with his large glass of red wine. I'd still got another fifteen minutes at the helm before I was to be relieved.

So Pennerley was wetter with 4cm of rain in 24 hours than anywhere else in the UK. The science of climate change tells us that we have much more of this to look forward to. Deep joy!

Following on from my request for any information about the whereabouts of 'Perkins Pool' where the unfortunate drowning of a local farmer took place in 1914 several people have come forward and all have pointed to the same area. As far as I can ascertain, it was located on the border of the Coppice Farm and Maddox's Coppice on the edge of the old railway line.

One reader writes: "The pool was situated on the edge of the Snailbeach to Pontesbury railway line and was then three fields to the north west of the farm house. In the 1930's and 40's there was a shed which was slowly sliding into the pool. It may now be part of New House Farm, Minsterley, as that part of the railway line was sold to various local farmers in recent years."

Another reader informs us that it was once also called 'the donkey pool' and was used by the steam engines to pick up water. Two of those who spoke to us tellingly told of warnings from parents when they were children to stay away from the pool as 'someone had drowned there'. If anyone has any further information, do please get in touch.

And finally, as we don't publish an edition in August, our next edition will be in September. Wishing you all a good summer.

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# NEWSBRIEF

## Local florist wins Silver at Chelsea

Pontesbury florist Anne Whysall has won a coveted Silver medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show after securing her place to compete alongside some of the country's best in the show.



The brief given to all competitors was to create a Royal Crown to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday from predominantly fresh materials, a design

specifically set to challenge technical skill and precision as well as design innovation. Anne, whose floristry experience has spanned 16 years said: "I chose to make a more traditional styled crown after visiting the Crown Jewels in London and finding inspiration. The colour palette was soft and delicate; scented flowers were included to add interest. The designs had strict criteria to adhere to, as well as the rigours of surviving on display at the show from the Sunday evening staging to the Wednesday evening dismantle.

The judges wore each of the crowns as part of marking and during my feedback I was told my design was comfortable and well balanced. I learnt so much during the whole experience and would love to go again sometime in the future."

Each piece entered was thoroughly graded by highly experienced qualified judges from the UK Floristry Judges Guild against set criteria, as is the case with all categories in the prestigious show. The Queen herself plus other Royals and of course thousands of members of the public caught a glimpse of Anne's crown along with the floral masterpieces of the other 15 finalists.

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## Cash raised for Epilepsy Support Group

Carol, Graham, Faye and family would like to thank everyone who collected "Cash for the Community" tokens from the Shropshire Star to help raise money for the Shrewsbury Epilepsy Support Group.

One hundred and fifty charities entered and the fantastic news is that out of the 35 finalists they came fourteenth and have consequently received £540.14.

They were overwhelmed with the contribution of 28, 330 tokens from our little village. Thank you all.

## FoPL summer concert

'A Sweet Summer Mix of Music and Song' is taking place at Pontesbury Public Hall on Saturday 20th July from 7.00pm onwards, organised by the Friends of Pontesbury Library. The very special entertainment for the evening is provided by the Mere Singers and Pontesbury's very own **Pontesbury Jam**. Tickets are £10.00 which includes a buffet supper and are available from Hignetts, Anne Whysall, Connections and the Co-op and of course the Library.

## Burglaries and vehicle thefts down



West Mercia police have reported that there has been a reduction in

reported burglaries and vehicle theft offences over the last month in this area, the only report being on the 13th June when a workshop was broken into on Church St, Bishop's Castle. A laptop, tools and a maroon Isuzu D-Max NX64VRP were stolen.

On the 25th May there were a number of burglaries, however, linked to the theft of a van in and around Aston Munslow, near Craven Arms.

The owner of the van called police at the time it was stolen and officers were deployed to the main routes out of the area. Following an area search of the roads the stolen van was found abandoned along with stolen power tools from some of the burglaries. A male from Dudley was located nearby who could not give a reasonable account for his whereabouts and he was arrested on suspicion of theft.

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*An invitation from  
Malcolm Dunbar  
to a*

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Many of you will remember the Big Bash BBQ Doreen and I hosted at home last year in aid of the Lingen Davies Cancer Treatment Centre. The amount raised was staggering and testament to the generosity of our wonderful community. We also had a great deal of fun.

This year we will be hosting another BBQ, raffle and fun auction, but this time in aid of the local **Severn Hospice** based at Oxon. The Hospice

provides exceptional, unconditional support to those people aware of their own mortality through illness.

Some of you may know that my dog Rufus and I have become regular visitors through the Pets As Therapy charity. The reactions we get from those patients with whom we engage are, at times, more than moving. Therefore Doreen and I have no second thoughts organising another 'bash' to raise much needed funds to support the essential work of the Hospice.

So, our chosen date/time is **Sunday 7th July** starting around **5pm** and stretching long into the evening. Please make a note.

If you wish to contact myself or Doreen for any more information, then either call in at The Hollies, phone 790966, or email me at **bigmaldu@hotmail.com**

Cheers,  
Malcolm & Doreen Dunbar  
The Hollies  
Stiperstones



## *Daffodil Planting in Stiperstones*

**More news from Tim Hockly & Sal Tonge**

Further to our last posting in the SDN, a few people have made donations for the daffodil planting project. Thanks.

It has been suggested that we consider planting not only daffodils and spring bulbs but a mixture of wild flowers which would encourage longer blooms and improve habitat for insects and bees. Janet Cobb from the Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project has agreed to come and talk to us and tell us about the project in Edgton village where they planted wildflowers in the verges. She will bring slides, information and experience

and we could maybe take this example forward. All interested people are invited to this presentation in the top room of

**The Stiperstones Inn on  
July 15th at 7.30 pm.**

Come and be involved in brightening up Stiperstones, working together and making a difference.

For further info you can follow this link:  
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For any queries ask **Tim - 791114** or **Sal - 792993**

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

The Pontesbury **Walking for Health** group needs a few more walk leaders to ensure this very popular walking group continues.

We meet on every Friday at 10am at Hall Bank Doctors surgery and have a 1 hour walk along local footpaths. We also have a slower, shorter walk for people who do not wish to walk for an hour.

The walk is supported by the doctors as a means

to improve wellbeing and is a gentle way to get back to activity after ill health.

**Walking for Health** is a national initiative and supported by Shropshire Council and walk leaders are accredited for insurance purposes. If you are interested in joining us and would like more information please contact **Barbara Davis** Email: **b.martin1959@btinternet.com** or tel: **01743 791654**

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- Alcohol helps you to speak foreign languages better.
- One of the pilgrims on the *Mayflower* sailed with 139 pairs of shoes.
- A man in Rio has lived in a sand castle since 1996.
- Mexico City's Day of the Dead parade didn't exist until it appeared in the James Bond film *Spectre*.
- The Tour de France hasn't been won by a French cyclist since 1985.
- *Psycho* was the first major American film to feature a flushing toilet.
- The first eight popes were all murdered.
- The man who invented email later became an importer of sheep semen.
- 1 in 5 Britons cannot name a single author of literature.
- The oldest known writing on Earth contains a swastika.
- Prawn crackers in Italian are *nuvole di drago*, 'dragon clouds'.
- A *hecatompedon* is a building measuring exactly 100 ft by 100 ft.
- The Chinese government has announced a crackdown on strippers at funerals.

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No complaints so far about this level of difficulty. Perhaps I'll put a couple of 'very hard' ones in after our summer break...

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from  
Ray Harper**

We are still waiting on the decision of the Calor Rural Community Fund vote. Let's keep our fingers crossed and that as a result we can make another purchase for the play area.

However, irrespective of that, since my last report we have already achieved so much in the play area (see pages 20 and 21). All the work done, from mending the fence and building a new gate through to painting and repairing the equipment, was undertaken voluntarily. I would like to thank all those who gave freely of their time, labour and tools. It was and is much appreciated. We had help from people of all ages (from a young lady of ten through to a gentleman of considerably more mature years) and the one thing that shone out on each of the days was the feeling of community. There were drinks, cakes, introductions, chats, gossip, banter and most definitely laughter and smiles. I am sure that everyone enjoyed their participation and no one saw the tasks as chores. So if you would like to be a part of the community, even more than you are already, why not volunteer to help (no experience required).

One of the subjects of conversation during the workdays was the use of the play area's surroundings. Everyone agreed that the area would provide a suitable site for a community 'get together', perhaps with jousting, strolling minstrels, suckling pigs on spits, stocks (with a pile of rotting vegetables) and a ducking stool. Ok, I'm getting carried away but everyone did think it would be good to do something and a couple of people appeared to step forward to make it happen. Although it was agreed there is not enough time to organise things for this summer (but something small and mainly for the children may occur in the next couple of months by way of a rehearsal – watch this space) the newly formed 'committee' discussed the arrangements for summer 2020. I look forward to it.

Don't forget in the summer, 25<sup>th</sup> August to be precise, the Car Boot/Table Top will take place in and around the village hall.

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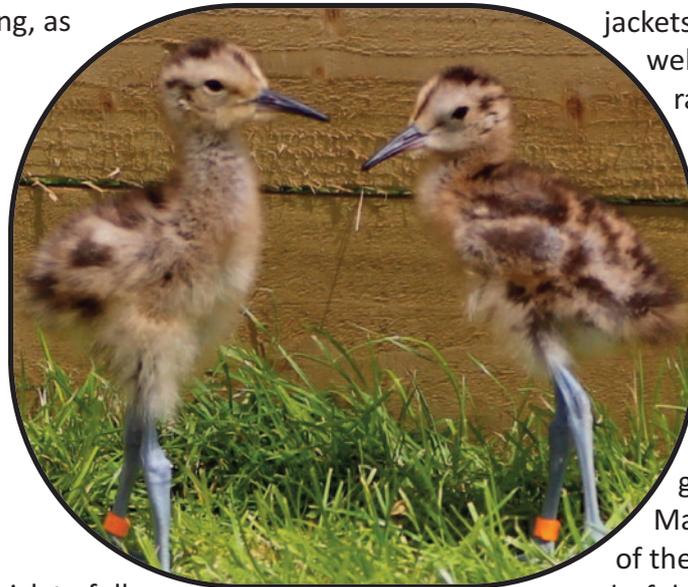
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## Curlews, Chicks and Walking Sticks

from  
Amber Bicheno

With summer (supposedly) in full swing, it is the busiest time of year for the Curlew Country Team. We've had 40 eggs collected from wild nests, and carefully incubated with help from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. It has been an amazing learning experience for me, to have these expert aviculturists around and pick their brains on the ins and outs of egg development. I've had the opportunity to learn how to candle the eggs, which allows us to weed out any infertile or failed eggs. The mid stages of development are particularly fascinating, as you can begin to see the embryo and spidering veins reaching out around the yolk. Once older the visibility within the egg becomes much lower, but the excitement then turns to spotting the movement of the far more developed chick. At around 27 days the eggs are moved into a hatcher, and it can take another 3 days for the chick to fully emerge. They must dry out completely, and once dry they are at their cutest as long-legged balls of fluff. The chicks are moved to rearing tanks where they will spend the first 7 days of their life. Here their food gets changed every 4 hours throughout the day, with regular cleaning as well (changing mats, blankets, food dishes, disinfecting the floors etc). At 7 days the chicks are moved into the big wide world, or at least their large outdoor rearing pen. The amount of space they get to explore is gradually increased, until they are mixed with other broods in the whole pen. It is from here that the chicks will eventually be released, at a point when they are able to fly. All this is very well, and although it can result in long days, theoretically a steady routine is in place. This has been somewhat disrupted however by the horrendous June weather we've been experiencing for the past week and a half. Chicks have been moved outside during heavy



rain. The far less than ideal conditions mean that checks on their progress needs to be made each hour. You may think, well why not wait for better weather? In an ideal world we would perhaps try to wait for better conditions, but space was urgently needed in the rearing tanks for the newly hatched broods of chicks.

Fortunately, I can now report that despite these conditions all the chicks (a wonderful 35 in total) are now outside and seem to be faring much better than us. Unbeknownst to the young curlew, the real struggles have come in building the second pen, finding space to dry mats after cleaning, and many pairs of waterproofs being tested to their limits, and above! Recently I've

been attempting to reproof two of my

jackets which haven't coped well with the relentless

rainfall, as well as looking

into some new pairs of

waterproof trousers

(rips far reduce their efficiency it seems).

Our headstarting efforts

aside, we still spend

much of our time

searching and applying

for funding to keep us

going for another year. In

May we held a raffle in aid

of the project, with some

wonderful donated prizes, and

raised an excellent £610 in total. The lucky winner of the top prize, the hand carved curlew headed walking stick, was none other than Sue Sproson.

This money has gone into our appeal, and we are hoping to reach the £30,000 point so that we might draw down £10,000 pledged to us from the Whitley Animal Protection Trust. If you would like to donate, you can find out how on our website [www.curlewcountry.org](http://www.curlewcountry.org).

It won't be much longer until these birds are released, and the season will be finished for another year. Our licence continues into 2020, so we hope that we can carry out another year of headstarting and help to offer the population a real boost. Although a temporary measure, it helps to buy time in which to fix the wider issues of predation and habitat loss. It is vital that government realises that farmers are not currently receiving adequate support to help waders. We could lose them all together...

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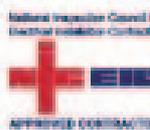
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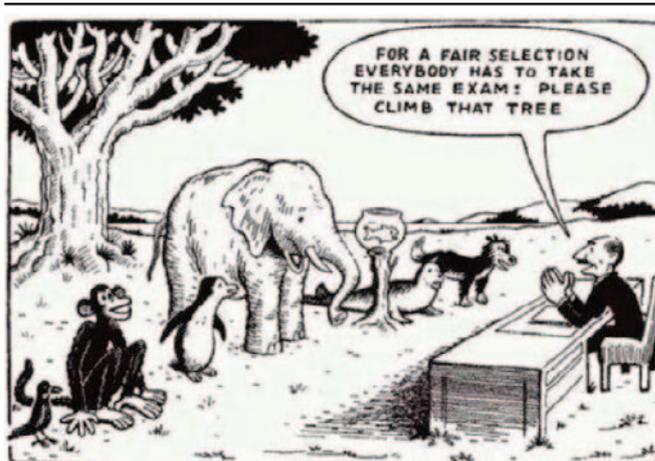
### **Can you do better than Klopp, Guardiola, Solksjaer or Santo ?**

Last season I made my first foray into the world of Fantasy Football (more about this later). There are many Fantasy sites on the web but the official Premiership game is reckoned to be the one to play. You may be surprised that 6,324,237 football fans worldwide -yes over 6 million!- signed up to play last season. There are no cash prizes but it is free to enter. There are weekly, monthly and seasonal goodies to be won but with so many entries you would be very lucky to win anything. You play for the kudos and self satisfaction. In my first season I finished 282,258 In late March I was looking at a possible top 100,000 finish but my several selections from Spurs and Man U had a miserable spring. This year's winner was Adam Levy – a West ham supporter!

Its now later and I will just give those still in the dark a few facts. Fantasy Football is an online game/competition organised by the Premier League. Each fantasy manager has a notional £100 million to buy players. Every player for every premiership team is given a start of season price which will go up and down as the season proceeds. As a manager you must pick a squad of 15 players – 2 keepers, 5 defenders, 5 midfielders and three strikers at a maximum cost of £100 million. The only restriction is that no more than 3 players can come from one club. Each match your players gain points for goals, clean sheets, assists and saves but they also lose points for conceding goals, yellow and red cards. The web site keeps all the scores and also provides a whole lot of stats to help with your selections. Each week you are allowed a 'free transfer' so long as you have the money, and more importantly each week you select your starting 11 and the formation you will play.

Now being in a league of over 6 million faceless football nerds may not seem so attractive but you can create your own leagues within the system and compete against those local Liverpool and Man Utd 'supporters' who have never been to the Meadow or the Molineux.

So I intend to start a local Fantasy team. I am hoping that we can rustle up enough interest to make the 'Fantabeach Premiership' as tough and exciting a league as the real thing. There will be a signing up sheet in the Stiperstones Inn and with the season starting on August 9th, a meeting of those interested in the bar on Thursday 1st August 7.30pm. Football's coming home!



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- His team would follow him anywhere, but only out of morbid curiosity.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.
- This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.
- If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change.
- If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.
- What's the difference between men and pigs? Pigs don't turn into men when they drink.
- Claustrophobic people are more productive thinking out of the box.

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

- Women are wiser than men because they know less and understand more - *James Thurber*.
- You want a friend in Washington? Get a dog - *Harry S. Truman*.
- Happiness is good health and a bad memory - *Ingrid Bergman*.
- Nothing is wrong with California that a rise in the ocean level wouldn't cure - *Ross MacDonald*.
- God gave men both a penis and a brain, but unfortunately not enough blood supply to run both at the same time - *Robin Williams*.
- The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them - *Mark Twain*.
- I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member - *Groucho Marx*.
- Never floss with a stranger - *Joan Rivers*.
- Older people shouldn't eat health food, they need all the preservatives they can get - *Robert Orben*.
- You can't be truly rude until you understand good manners - *Rita Mae Brown*.
- Any girl can be glamorous. All you have to do is stand still and look stupid - *Hedy Lamarr*.



## from Judith Rice

### Where existing friendships develop and new friendships are forged

There are many perks when you reduce your working hours. Many retired and semi-retired people come together in their local U3A and learn together, not for qualifications but for the sheer joy of discovery! All you need is a desire share things you know and we invariably gain new friends to share our new interests with. People are experts in different fields of life - we have teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and librarians to name a few, bringing their knowledge and life skills and deciding to become interested in other activities.

Learning something is only part of it. Each group has people with different personalities. Some talk while others listen patiently. Some share sad stories, some relate happy or helpful experiences. Many offer advice, others take advice. Nobody is superior to anyone else. Members also talk about holidays and grandchildren, their ailments, hospital appointments and treatments.

I am frequently asked. "How do you find time for all this?"

I like each activity for different reasons and I have my eye on other groups. Friends tell me "You must be mad." I totally agree- madly busy and enjoying it. So thank you U3A. What would I do without it! Do please come along, find an activity you like and share your hidden talent. Help PRVU3A to thrive by adding your skills. See our list of groups on our website:

<http://u3apontesburyreavalley.org.uk/index.htm> or contact **01743 792790** for a friendly chat about Pontesbury and Rea Valley U3A

As new members join the variety of activities increases. Who would have thought a couple of years ago that we would have a group of people enjoying a game of Pétanque in a public house in Pontesbury or a regular Café Society discussion in another pub not so far away? The list goes on but I think that you will understand what I am saying.



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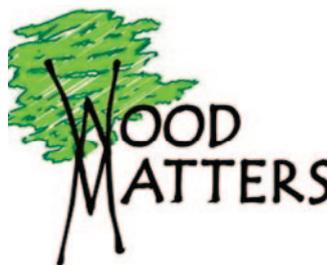
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## Stiperstones 5 in 10 challenge



Claire Corfield from FoSS tells us of a new and exciting event that is coming to our area on September 28th.

*Stiperstones 5 in 10* is a challenge event designed to attract participants from near and far. It encompasses a 10km cross

country run with 5 challenges en route, for example climbing and abseiling, mud tunnelling, water crossing and a 'leap of faith'. It is being organised by FoSS for the benefit of the primary school children and is being expertly led and sponsored by Stu Ellen from Creative Outdoors who has recently moved into the Old School Campsite near Shelve. A lot of expertise is also being brought to the event by members the team that organise the very popular Batch Burner mountain bike event that has been raising funds in a similar manner for Norbury Primary School for several years.

On the day of the race refreshments and a bar are planned on the school field. Off site parking is being looked into, with competitors being brought to the start by mini bus or car share. It is hoped members of the local community will join in supporting this event; it promises to be great fun! Or simply go along to



share in the atmosphere and refreshments afterwards. The organisers are also looking for help with marshalling and stalls. The event has been launched on Facebook and there is already a lot of interest. The number of entrants will be capped this year whilst the organisers 'find their feet' but this event has the potential to grow into something amazing! Entries are being taken now at [www.stiperstones5in10.ecwid.com](http://www.stiperstones5in10.ecwid.com)

For further details please see the *Stiperstones 5 in 10* Facebook page or contact a Stiperstones School parent/teacher and they will get back to you.

### From Claire Corfield

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Jordan Brown Acoustic night for FoSS back in May, either on the night, buying raffle tickets, supplying prizes or helping in advance with the setting up. Jordan is an excellent singer and I know those who came along thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We raised around £400 for Stiperstones School.

## PUZZLES + POSERS

A mixture of difficulties this month. Some really hard posers from Mr.Dunbar to start you off, followed by some slightly easier ones. Good luck!

### Malc's Mind Bogglers II. GCHQ©

#### Question 1:

What do these words have in common?  
ESTIMATE, ILLINOIS, PITILESS, STRUGGLE.

#### Question 2:

What do the following have in common?  
CELIA, CECILY, AILEEN, HESTER, JEAN, JONAS, MARINA, ROMAN, RONALD.

#### Question 3:

Which Olympic sport completes the following sequences?

(a) BASKETBALL, WATER POLO, FOOTBALL, BEACH VOLLEYBALL, VOLLEYBALL, HANDBALL, FIELD HOCKEY, TENNIS, GOLF, ... ?

(b) ARCHERY, TRIATHLON, HANDBALL, LUGE, EQUESTRIANISM, TAEKWONDO, ICE-HOCKEY, CURLING, ... ?

#### Question 4:

There are at least 20 children in Fred's class. 19 learn German and 4 learn French. 8 of them play football, 12 play hockey and 4 play squash. Fred lives at number 18 in a house with a red door. It takes Fred how many hours to mow a 1 acre field?

#### And now for the easier ones...

#### Question 5:

Find a six letter word made up of only the following four letters. E, L, T, Y.

#### Question 6:

By 8:00 pm all the guests had arrived. By 8:30 pm one-third of them had left. By 9:30 pm one-third of those remaining had also departed. By 11:00 pm the same had happened again and one-third of those remaining had gone. After this only 16 guests remained. How many guests were at the party at 8:00 pm?

#### Question 7:

What number should be next in the following sequence? 119, 108, 99, 81, 72, ??

#### Question 8:

What 3 letter word can be placed in front of the other five to form five new words?  
NOT, TEEN, NON, TON, DID

#### Question 9:

A worm is at the bottom of a forty metre hole. It can crawl upwards at a rate of four metres in a day but at night it slips back three metres. At this rate how long will it take the worm to crawl out of the hole?

Answers on page 40



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## THE WEIRD STORY OF THE "ALIEN" SKELETON

The place: Atacama Desert, Chile. The year: 2003. A local man named Oscar Muñoz was searching for trinkets left in the abandoned town of La Noria when, according to UFO news site OpenMinds, he spotted a white cloth tied with a violet ribbon. Inside, he found a miniature skeleton, about the length of a pen, with an elongated skull and the wrong number of ribs. Could it be an alien? UFO hunters and scientists alike puzzled over the true nature of this skeleton, dubbed the "Atacama humanoid" or just "Ata," since its discovery.

Initial analysis conducted in 2012 proved that the skeleton was only about 40 years old. This meant DNA would still be intact and could be retrieved for study. Despite sensational reporting by a local U.S. tabloid, the story didn't really pick up steam until 2013, when the UFO documentary "Sirius" featured it as evidence that government agencies were covering up the existence of extra-terrestrial visitation. Stanford University immunologist Gary P. Nolan Ph.D. heard about the film while it was still in production and offered to examine *Ata's* DNA. The owner of the specimen agreed to X-ray images and bone marrow samples, and Nolan got to work. What he found was baffling. Instead of the standard 12 ribs, *Ata* had 10. He showed the skull



to paediatric radiologist Ralph Lachman, who, as Nolan told Science Magazine, "literally wrote the book on paediatric bone disorders." Lachman said it was like nothing he had ever seen.

And the X-rays? Despite *Ata's* small size, which matched that of a 22-week-old foetus, they showed the bone development to be equivalent to a 6 to 8 year old female child.

On March 22, 2018, a research team presented the most thorough conclusions yet. The verdict? Definitely not an alien. The bones were human and it's even possible that *Ata's* mother was from Chile. Nolan believes that *Ata* was stillborn or died immediately after her birth. "She was so badly malformed as to be unable to feed. In her condition, she would have ended up in the neonatal ICU, but given where the specimen was



found, such things were simply not available," he said. Still, many more questions were left unanswered.

A new study was launched by computational biologist Atul Butte of the University of California, San Francisco. He and other researchers attempted to sequence *Ata's* entire genome and were able to come to many more conclusions about the skeleton.

Sanchita Bhattacharya, a researcher in Dr. Butte's lab, discovered 54 rare mutations in *Ata's* DNA that she believed could shut down a gene. Many of those genes play a role in skeleton formation and some are familiar, like those for dwarfism, scoliosis, and even having an unusual number of ribs.

But some weren't familiar. It's possible that *Ata* had a genetic mutation unknown to science that made her skeleton mature too quickly, which could have led her to die in the womb.

*Ata* is certainly unusual, but she's an unusual *human*. No alien theories necessary.

With thanks to Curiosity.com

# The play area facelift

from Caroline Harper



The train on stilts!

It was a beautiful sunny day on the 16<sup>th</sup> May and it was full steam ahead for the Snai beach children's play area. The men from Caloo who built and supplied the train had left at six o'clock to bring our new piece of play equipment and install it. When I arrived at 9.45am they were already hard at work having placed the matting down and positioned the engine.

At first glance I thought "Why is it on stilts?" but then realised it needed to be sunk into the ground. Silly me!

The men worked hard securing all the matting and putting together the parts of the train. The hardest part was digging the holes for the legs.

Numerous cups of coffee were supplied to show our appreciation for the work.

It was a long job and

some young local boys were keen and curious to see how work was progressing. It was so lovely to see their enthusiasm for the new equipment.



Excitement and curiosity



Finally in place

After the youngsters had left and the holes were finished, the "stilts" were placed into the holes and the front of the engine attached before everything was cemented in place.

Finally the train had arrived. "Whoo-who!"

Next on the agenda was the state of the fencing around the play area. Sadly parts were missing and some of the rotten wood

needed replacing. So along came the lads to begin this mammoth task.

Firstly the old posts needed to be dug out so new ones could be put in. This was hard work. Then, oh dear, the

new posts were too big for the holes. This was now looking to be a long job. Fortunately Ryan came to the rescue and cut all the posts to size with his special machine thus saving Nick from hours of toil with his woefully inadequate battery powered grinder.



Ryan cuts the posts to size



Dougie and John getting deep down and dirty

After the posts were in and cemented came the replacing of the bars. This involved measuring and sawing with much discussion about how accurate everyone measuring was. John also manufactured a splendid new wooden gate to put alongside the existing red metal one. This means that there is now finally access for the mower and pushchairs.



New replaces the old and rotten

Following on from this we had a working party to spruce up the largest piece of equipment; the climbing frame.

A mixed bunch of characters were assembled on another beautiful sunny day, the 1<sup>st</sup> June, to begin the task of sanding and painting the wooden structure.

We got started with rubbing down the woodwork by hand and realised that it was going to take a good while indeed doing it this way. Fortunately Paul brought along

his electric sander which speeded things up somewhat. Emma was so impressed with this that she went and got hers; we now had two sanders in furious action.

The rest of us rubbed the awkward bits by hand. Young Phoebe made a wonderful comment; she said we were creating a Smurf world as everything was turning blue! This included the sander's faces.

Whilst some of us were working on the equipment, Carol was doing a brilliant job clearing some of the vegetation and overgrown shrubbery



A community working together

between the play area and the slope up to the village hall. Phoebe joined in with the enthusiasm of the young helping out wherever she could, including the very important task of taking orders for drinks - non alcoholic, of course!

After washing and wiping down the sanded woodwork to remove the dust the painting began. The colours were as bright as the day. Not only was the structure painted, some of the people ended up red and green too! Pam had an unfortunate accident with her pot of red paint that turned some language bluer than the blue bits we were painting over!

During the sanding and painting it was noted that some of the wood need replacing and so John and Nick came down a few days after the painting and replaced the rotten wood with new pieces.

There is still a little painting to do but thanks to a wonderful community effort things are beginning to look a lot better and should be good for a few more years of play and fun for the youngsters of our village.



Banging in the new posts



Paul gets stuck in and sticky

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from  
**Nicola Cowell**  
Community  
Ranger

First of all we would like to thank all of you who took the time to come along to the public meeting we held back in May. It quickly became very clear that Eastridge wood means a lot to many people. It is great to know that it is being well used and enjoyed by the community and people are passionate about the woodland.

Following feedback from the meeting John of the Eastridge Trail Partnership (ETP) immediately went out and closed some of the trails that were exiting straight on to 'the pipe track'. We also asked our groundworks contractor to address the concerns regarding the trail next to the stream and that is now fully closed. As for the other new trails in the woodland, Lorne Campbell (Forester) Alan Reid (wildlife ranger) and myself went out and walked the trails on a wet and miserable June day. We discussed the issues that surround them and I am intending to meet with Andy Woodvine

of ETP to find the best way of resolving our concerns.

I will keep you updated of progress and in the meantime, as was promised in the meeting, should you have any questions or concerns please contact myself at Forestry England or ETP through the Facebook group and we will be happy to discuss them with you.



A wet walk in the woods

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## Words you didn't know you needed...

- **Epeolatry:** The worship of words. What better piece of vocabulary to kick off this list with?
- **Aglet:** The little piece of plastic on the end of your shoelaces.
- **Nibling:** Here's a handy word you might just now realize you were missing. "Nibling" is a gender-neutral term for a niece or nephew.
- **Tatterdemalion:** Some words just sound like their meaning. A tatterdemalion is somebody wearing tattered clothing. It can also be used as an adjective meaning tattered or ragged in appearance.
- **Tittle:** The word "tittle" has got just one tittle in it, but this sentence has six It's the little dot above a lowercase "j" or "i."
- **Pogonotrophy:** You probably know someone who engages in pogonotrophy, the act of growing a beard, even if they don't call it that.
- **Pilgarlic:** On the opposite end of the spectrum, a pilgarlic is a bald-headed person — usually one you're mocking or feeling sorry for.
- **Defenestrate:** You've got to wonder about the kind of mind that thinks there needs to be a word for throwing someone out of a window.
- **Grawlix:** You know when cartoonists substitute a bunch of punctuation marks for curse words? They're using grawlix.
- **Pandiculation:** When you get up in the morning, sit on the edge of your bed, and stretch your arms in all directions, you're actually pandiculating.
- **Cataglottism:** Technically, you may already know another word for cataglottism, but it's a great way to make "french kiss" sound a lot less sexy.
- **Preantepenultimate:** "Ultimate" is last, "penultimate" is second-to-last, "antepenultimate" is third-to-last, which makes this the preantepenultimate word on this list.
- **Tyrotaxism:** Ignore what we said about "defenestrate" earlier — the fact that somebody came up with a word for "to poison with cheese" is much more unbelievable.
- **Balter:** One thing we can definitely do with confidence at the SDN is balter. It means "to dance badly."
- **Lemniscate:** A figure-8 turned on its side — in other words, the infinity symbol.

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# Letter from Westminster

## July 2019

Following contact with a constituent recently raising the case of an elderly lady who had been left to wait on the pavement for an ambulance in Ludlow, I have been taking a closer look into both ambulance response times and the way in which we can better treat stroke and heart attacks before an ambulance is able to arrive.

We all know living in a rural area means it will take longer for an ambulance to reach us. But I am pleased latest figures show West Midlands Ambulance Service has one of the best response times in the country to Category 1 calls, i.e. life-threatening emergencies, with only London and the North East performing better. West Midlands Ambulance Service also performs well across the board, when compared with other ambulance services.

I have been on board an ambulance with WMAS for a shift in the past, so know how hard the crews work to get to every emergency as quickly as possible and provide the care needed. But as we are all well aware, the minutes after a heart attack are critical in improving chances of survival. There are steps we can all take to give lifesaving treatment before an ambulance can arrive, but according to the British Red Cross, just 5 per cent of adults have the skills and confidence to provide first aid in emergency situations. So I am this month taking a refresher course on how to use effectively a community defibrillator and CPR, having first taken the course some years ago when the first community defibrillators arrived.

Since then there has been a very welcome roll out of community defibrillators across the county, progressing at pace. In South Shropshire, schools, village halls and other community buildings have had defibrillators installed, and I have visited disused telephone boxes repurposed to house defibrillators in remote hamlets. While it can be helpful to know how the defibrillator works in advance, 999 operators are able to talk callers through use of the machine to those who are unfamiliar with it. The government is building on this progress, and by September 2020 all schools, including academies and free schools, will be required to teach first aid and life-saving skills, meaning that by the time a pupil completes secondary school they will have been taught how to administer CPR, as well as about the purpose of defibrillators, and basic treatment for common injuries. So a new generation of lifesavers will develop over time.

To help with rollout of defibrillators in schools, the Department for Education negotiated a deal with NHS Supply Chain to offer defibrillators at a reduced cost. Since this scheme was launched in November 2014, more than 2,763 defibrillators have been purchased this way. Better treatment in the community, including by paramedics in ambulances, has meant deaths related to stroke have declined 49% in the past 15 years, but the survival rate for an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is still less than one in ten. I am hopeful that wider knowledge about CPR, and proliferation of more defibrillators across South Shropshire, will give the best possible chance of saving the lives of those who have heart attacks.

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# NATURAL ENGLAND

## Notes from the hill

*Simon Cooter for Natural England staff at Rigmoroak.*

I am writing this following the deluge of rain that we have experienced over the last week. Pennerley even appeared on national news as being officially the wettest place in the country with 4cm of rain in 24 hours. However prior to that we were all thinking we could do with a drop of rain, so I guess you have to be careful what you wish for. The unfortunate consequence of climate change is that we are going to get more and more extreme events such as this.

Luckily many of our nesting birds had fledged young prior to the rains so hopefully they have not been too badly affected by the poor weather which can make it difficult for the adults to find food. It has been a good year for pied flycatchers in the nest boxes, with regular updates on Facebook from the Rea Valley Wildlife Group that monitor the Resting Hill boxes.

The hay meadows have freshened up with the rain and are coming into full bloom at this time of year. Our remaining flower rich hay meadows are an extremely important wildlife resource, where a huge range of flowers and grasses can all be found together in a small area. We are left today with only 3% of the hay meadows that used to cover the English countryside in the 1940s so what is left is extremely precious. A lot of Europe is covered with forests, but England with its wet climate has always been good for growing grass to feed livestock and so we became a nation of hay fields with all the variety of flowers which were dependent upon the soils beneath. The flower rich meadows in the Stiperstones area such as at Pennerley are now a living historical record of what used to grow all over the country.



Earlier on the Pennerley meadows were covered with the pale yellow of cowslips nodding in the April showers, but now they are a riot of bright whites of oxeye daisies and greater butterfly orchids, yellows of hawkbits and cat's-ears and purples and pinks of knapweed and common spotted orchids. The grasses add height and movement to the meadows with the stiff crested dog's tail and the drooping quaking grass swaying in the breeze.

Because meadows such as these were so common in the past most country people would know the names of the flowers they contained, and many of the plants had names associated with meadows or the uses they were put to, like yellow rattle or hay rattle with its seed pods that rattle when it is time to cut the hay, lady's bedstraw which was strewn in houses to make them smell sweet and dyers greenweed used to dye wool yellow. Many more creatures have the word meadow in their common name such as meadow buttercup, meadow brown butterfly and meadow pipit. For more information on meadows or to get involved in their conservation visit the Marches Meadow Group web page [www.marches meadow group.com](http://www.marches meadow group.com).

There are still a couple of places left on the Hebridean fleece felting workshop on Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm. There are also some summer family events on 7th July and 1<sup>st</sup> August suitable for children 6yrs+. Also for those interested in doing some scything there is the 'Scything with a View' week starting with an introductory course on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. For further details of any of the above please contact: [stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk) or telephone **01743 792294**.

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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

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*At the End-of-term Party and Disco -*  
'Isn't the head teacher a bit of a twit?' said a boy to a girl.  
'Well, do you know who I am?' inquired the girl.  
'No.' replied the boy.  
'I'm the head teacher's daughter.' replied the girl.  
'And do you know who I am?' asked the boy.  
'No,' she uttered.  
'Thank goodness!' said the boy with a sigh of relief.

## Children's Comments on Love

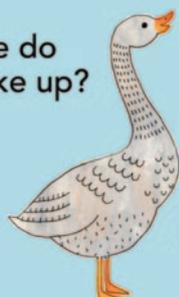
- \* Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day. *Noelle age 7*
- \* Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well. *Tommy age 6*
- \* Love is when Mummy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken. *Elaine age 5*
- \* I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones. *Lauren age 4*



"The nice thing about rain," said Eeyore, "is that it stops."  
"Eventually."

**Why did the student eat his homework? Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!**

What time do ducks wake up?



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## Heather Kidd's Report

Dear All,  
Some good news this month.

### £32m to be invested by NHS in Shropshire hospitals

The Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust is to invest £32m in Shropshire's two acute hospitals. £15m will be invested in recruiting 200 new clinical staff including doctors and nurses plus another £17m in improving ageing facilities at the Royal Shrewsbury and the Princess Royal in Telford. I am slightly concerned that the hospitals have found recruitment very difficult so far but hope the over all investment will make that easier.

And some not so good news...

Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust have deferred making a decision on the future of the rural maternity units in Ludlow and Oswestry until next year. They have also decided to upgrade the maternity unit in Shrewsbury over the next 6 months. Although this is good news in the long run it means that the unit will have to be closed. I assume that expectant mothers from our area will all have to travel to Telford to give birth until the Shrewsbury unit re-opens.

### New minibuses

The Shropshire Hills Schools Federation (of which Chirbury School is part) have bought two new minibuses for the federation with sports funding money. This will enable pupils from all 3 schools to be transported to sports events, SpArC, the

Community College and other sporting opportunities without the need to hire coaches. This will also save transport money.

### Hope Valley road

I am keeping up the pressure on Shropshire Council to deliver on their promises to improve safety on the Hope Valley road. So far they have done some engineering work to make the road safer. I am hopeful that more work will commence shortly using speed pipes to identify key areas of safety concern. I am particularly keen to reduce speed limits to 40mph or lower around junctions.

### SpArC

Shropshire Council has decided to take the management of SpArC back 'in house' from the end of March 2020. This is what a great many people, including myself, have been pressing for so that the centre can be more reactive to local needs. It also shows that the Council has confidence in SpArC's viability and the willingness of local communities to support it.

Best wishes

*Heather*

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## SNAILBEACH WI

Our programme for the rest of this year:

**July 11th - Cookery Demonstration**

**August 8th - Annual Dinner**

**September 12th - Craft skills**

**October 10th - AGM**

**November 14th Swifts Bakery – Family History of Baking**

**December 12th - Entertainment Evening**

We are very much looking forward to our annual meal at the Stiperstones Inn this year in August and in the next couple of months we will also be doing a guided walk around Bishop's Castle and a trip on the Llangollen Canal. Other 'little extras' are in the pipeline and we are also planning ways to celebrate our 50th birthday next year.

Monthly meetings take place at 7.30pm in Snailbeach Village Hall (except August when we are out for the annual dinner). Anyone is welcome to come along.

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Details of all these are included in the Schedules and entry forms which are now available to be collected at the Trading Post on any Saturday morning or at shops in the village. Copies of the schedule in Word and the entry form in Excel can be e-mailed by contacting:

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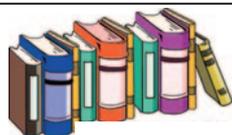
There will be a plant stall and refreshments and the afternoon concludes with the presentation of prizes at 4 pm followed by a raffle and an auction of some of the exhibits.

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#### NEWS FROM

### PONTESBURY LIBRARY



from The Library Owl

As you will have seen, the new pavilion and future home of the library is coming along. Although it will be a few months before we move I must admit I am now getting a tiny bit excited.

June's moon landing talk was very interesting. Being only very little at the time I don't remember it and learned a lot from the beautiful photos and display. The theme will continue throughout July and August with this year's Summer Reading challenge. SPACE CHASE will launch on 13th July. There will be a card, stickers, gifts and activities during the school holidays. We will run 3 more very popular Lego clubs too.

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### Week 1

*...pick herbs for drying just before they flower...*

High summer is here and the garden is in full bloom. The herbaceous border will remain colourful until September if care is taken to remove flowers as soon as they fade. Harvest culinary herbs on dry days just before they flower and cut lavender for drying.

### Week 2

*...in amongst the borders...*

Continue cutting back early flowering plants and, in mild areas, trim delphiniums and lupins to ground level to encourage a second display of flowers. Hoe in fertiliser around clumps of Michaelmas daisies. Watch out for plant diseases in humid conditions and treat quickly to prevent them from spreading.

### Week 3

*...pick herbs on fine days...*

Make further sowings of chervil, dill and parsley in open ground in a sunny position. Pick herbs for drying just before they flower. Lay sprigs on shallow trays in single layers and dry them in an airing cupboard until they are brittle and crisp. Discard the stalks and store herbs in airtight jars.

### Week 4

*...plan new borders...*

Now is a good time to assess your garden and plan the overhaul of tired, overgrown beds. Dig over roughly, clearing plants and removing weeds as you work. Light soil can be prepared for autumn planting, but heavy earth will need the effects of winter frost, wind and rain to make deep digging possible.

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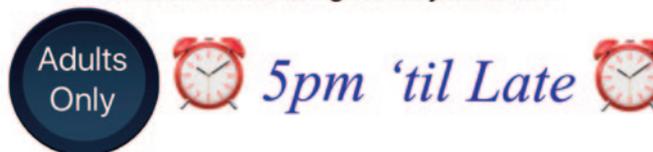
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### Snailbeach Methodist Church News



July

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

### Clun Valley Quaker Meeting

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

## Stiperstones Group C of E Service rota July 2019

Date	Habberley St Mary	Hope Holy Trinity	Minsterley Holy Trinity	Shelve All Saints	Snailbeach St Luke
<b>1st Sunday</b> <b>7th July</b> <b>Trinity 3</b> <b>Green</b>			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	
<b>2nd Sunday</b> <b>14th July</b> <b>Trinity 4</b> <b>Green</b>	5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Carolyn	10.30am All Age Worship Revd Giles		
<b>3rd Sunday</b> <b>21st July</b> <b>Trinity 5</b> <b>Green</b>			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	
<b>4th Sunday</b> <b>28th July</b> <b>Trinity 6</b> <b>Green</b>	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	5.00pm Common Worship Evening Prayer Revd Giles		

## Waste Collection Schedule

**July 2019**

<b>Tues 2nd</b>	<b>Tues 9th</b>	<b>Tues 16th</b>	<b>Tues 23</b>	<b>Tue 30th</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green</b>

**Mobile Post Office Opening Times**  
 The Post Office now operates in the back room of **the Stiperstones Inn**  
**- 12:15 to 2:15.**  
 Post Office telephone number:  
 08457 223344 (central customer services)

**Stiperstones Stores opening times**  
 Approximately 9.00am - 5.30pm daily  
 Tel: **01743 790594**


  
 Evening all... **Warwickshire POLICE** **West Mercia POLICE**

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team are:  
 PC3331 Stuart Coote  
 PCSO 6160 Shaun Culliss  
 PCSO 40387 Calvin Brown  
 Local Police Team:  
**01743 264777**

(Not to be used for reporting crime, incidents or emergencies)

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED**  
**CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES**  
 Please note not all crimes are recorded below due to  
 the nature or on going investigations.  
 There were **113** incidents recorded for the area between  
**15th May 2019 – 15th June 2019**

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary (dwelling)	Property broken into	Hopesgate	Nothing stolen, issue resolved between victim and suspect, no complaint made.
Burglary (dwelling)	Window broken, TV and recording deck stolen	Gravels Bank	During the morning of 6th June
Assault and criminal damage		Hope	Offender arrested

### SPEEDING

Speed enforcement by local officers will be conducted in the 30mph zones of Clun, Clunton, Lydbury North and Clungunford. Local officers now have access to a vehicle speed display which sits on top of the police panda and displays drivers speed.

***YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED***

## Useful Numbers

- Shrewsbury Hospital  
01743 261 000
- NHS (formerly Shropdoc)  
111
- Pontesbury Medical  
01743 790 325
- Worthen Medical  
01743 891 401
- Pontesbury Chemist  
01743 790 273
- Police  
0300 333 3000
- Severn Trent Water  
0800 783 4444
- Western Power  
0800 328 1111
- BT  
0800 023 2023
- Stiperstones School  
01743 791 207
- Minsterley Motors  
01743 791 208
- Councillor H Kidd  
01938 561 651
- Philip Dunne MP  
01584 872 187
- Village Hall Bookings  
01743 791 633
- Stiperstones Oil Coordinator  
01743 792 204
- Snailbeach District News  
01743 790 049
- Stiperstones Stores  
01743 790 594
- Stiperstones Inn  
01743 791 327

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES

## Stiperstones Brass Rehearsals

Snailbeach Village Hall  
Mondays 7.45pm  
Term times only

## Knitter Natter

Stiperstones Inn  
Tuesdays from 10.00am

## Yoga

Snailbeach Village Hall  
Tuesdays 10.00am

## Iyengar Yoga

Snailbeach Village Hall  
Tuesdays 7.00pm

## Snailbeach & Stiperstones Baby & Toddler Group

Thursdays 10am -12am  
Snailbeach Village Hall

## Ballroom Dancing

Snailbeach Village Hall  
1st & 3rd Thursdays  
From 7.30pm  
Beginners call 01743 790308

## Snailbeach WI

Snailbeach Village Hall  
2nd Thursday - 7.30pm

## Fit Club

Stiperstones School Playground  
Every Sunday 9am  
Aerobics Village Hall  
6 -7 Wednesdays 80's aerobics

## Kids Football Training

Snailbeach Football Club  
Thursday 6.30pm -7.30pm  
Easter – October excluding school holidays

## Answers to PUZZLES + POSERS from page 17

Answer 1: Each word contains an item of floor covering: MAT, LINO, TILE, RUG

Answer 2: Each is an anagram of another name: ALICE, CIGELY, ELAINE, ESTHER, JANE, JASON, MARIAN, NORMA, ROLAND.

Answer 3: (a) TABLE TENNIS. The size of the ball for each sport decreases. (b) ATHLETICS. The first letter of each sports spells ATHLETIC.

Answer 4: A real toughie. The last letter of the word preceding the number is the place in the alphabet that the number holds. E.g. - at least 20 children... T is the 20th letter of the alphabet, and so on.

Answer 5: Eylet Answer 6: 54 Answer 7: 63. The sequence is as follows: 119 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 9 = 108, 108 - 1 - 8 = 99, 99 - 9 - 9 = 81, 81 - 1 - 1 = 72, 72 - 7 - 2 = 63.

Answer 8: CAN

Answer 9: 37 days. At the end of day one the worm would be at the one meter mark. At the end of the 35th day the worm would be at the 35 meter mark. On the 36th day the worm travels from 35 meters to 39 meters but slips back to 36 meters at the end of the 36th day. On the 37th day, the worm travels up four meters from the 36th meter and is consequently out of the hole.

## Snailbeach Village Hall

Snailbeach Village Hall Booking Fees  
To book the Village Hall please contact **Marg Price** on  
**01743 791 633**

Usage	Normal rate	Village Hall Supporter Scheme
Community groups/activities (per session of up to 4 hours day or 6 hours evening)	£20.00	£12.50
Private hire for meetings as above	£30.00	£20.00
Children's Party	£30.00	£20.00
Funeral Tea	£30.00	£20.00
Hire of hall with catering facilities	£40.00	£25.00
Full Day Hire without bar facilities	£60.00	£30.00
Hire of hall with full bar facilities.	£90.00	£60.00
Commercial and corporate events - hire of the hall.	£150 full day £100 half day	N/A
Government bodies	£250.00	N/A

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