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JUNE 2019

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## Notes from THE EDITOR



John, Nick, Dougie, Julian, Ray, and myself recently spent a lovely day fixing part of the fence around the Snailbeach play area that was recently pushed over by some bored kids.

It was rotten anyway. The new play area train engine, bought by funds raised from grants and local donations was now in place, sparkling red and blue in the sunshine. We all got talking about what a beautiful location the play area is; away from the road and noise and such a quiet area of grass nestling beneath the trees. And it is so under used!

After Dougie had helped taking out the old rotten pieces of wood posts and we'd banged in the new posts with much help from John (after Ryan had trimmed them down to fit the holes), we all had an idea. Why don't we have a bit of a 'do' on a warm summer night with background music playing, perhaps a bit of live music as well, something quiet and gentle, a bar and burger stall perhaps, something like that, and invite the village to bring along camping chairs, family and children and blankets on the ground and just chill and get to mingle...

So, as the idea fermented in my head I thought - why not! It could be so easy to do. So, I'm planning to put together a low key event for a summer's evening next year. Ray suggested the title - 'An Evening Under The Chimney'. If we can still see it by then!

So, I'll be hassling you all over the next few months to tap in to your skills, contacts and knowledge to try to pull together a beautiful summer's evening in Snailbeach. You know where to find me.

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# NEWSBRIEF

## **Robert's sleep-out brings in the money**

On Tuesday 23rd April Robert Currie slept out in St. Luke's churchyard and raised £463 for Christian Aid through sponsorship. Of this £363 was gift aided, thus enabling the charity to claim an additional £90.75 from HMRC. Robert wishes to thank all who sponsored and encouraged him. Well done Robert!

And I'm sure that Robert would gladly accept more donations for this most worthy charity. You can contact him at - [robert.h.currie@gmail.com](mailto:robert.h.currie@gmail.com)



pic: Robert Currie

Robert prepares for a chilly night out in St. Luke's churchyard

## **Vote in the Calor Community Fund!**

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The Snailbeach play area is in desperate need of repair and update, especially now that the Village Hall has a regular weekly toddlers group, but play equipment is hugely expensive so the Village Hall are constantly on the lookout for sources of funding after launching their appeal for funds last year.

Lara Sproson-Jones noticed that the Calor Community Fund was looking for rural projects to support and fund and so she informed the Village Hall committee. Subsequently Rev. Pam Bickley entered the Snailbeach Village Hall play area project into the Community Fund competition.

So the play area has now been entered into a fund that could win it £2,500 towards the £3,500 approximate cost of a matching carriage for the new train engine which has finally been delivered after 12 months of frantic fund-raising and is now securely in place.

Hopefully this will give local children fun for the

next couple of decades at least.

Now for the carriage to match...

There are 80 projects nationally aiming for the £2,500, including a handful of projects in Shropshire.

The project needs your help in the form of votes. They need lots and lots of votes if they are to stand a chance of winning, so please get on over to the Calor website and get voting!



pic: Pam Bickley

**3 year old William Evans of Snailbeach couldn't wait to climb aboard the train engine and start enjoying himself.**

## **Eastridge woods**

Bridges were being built between Forestry England, Eastridge Trail Partnership and local residents in a packed Village Hall on May 17th. The meeting was called by Forestry England to discuss the recent problems that have occurred up in the Eastridge woods with a small element of the mountain biking community creating unauthorised 'wild trails'.

Though there were some passionate exchanges, it was generally felt that meaningful lines of communication are now being forged between the various factions.

The Eastridge Trail Partnership, a voluntary group of mountain bikers who work with Forestry England and help maintain the trails, supported Forestry England's decision to close two of the worst wild trails that were a potential hazard to other users of the woodland.

Members of the Eastridge Trail Partnership have been busy since the meeting, closing down other unsigned 'wild trails' that have been created that exit on to or cross the footpath and fire track. If you have any problems concerning Eastridge woods, please contact:

**Nicola Cowell for Forestry England at:**  
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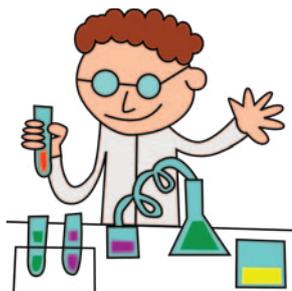
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# Some Science ... with a very large pinch of NaCl (salt!)



Oxford University researchers have discovered the densest element yet known to science.

The new element *Governmentium* (symbol=Gv) has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons and 198 assistant deputy neutrons giving it an atomic mass of 312.

These 312 particles are held together by forces called *morons* which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called *pillocks*.

Since *Governmentium* has no electrons it is inert. However, it can be detected because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact.

A tiny amount of *Governmentium* can cause a reaction that would normally take less than a second to take from 4 days to 4 years to complete.

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This characteristic of *moron* promotion leads some scientists to believe that *Governmentium* is formed whenever *morons* reach a critical concentration.

This hypothetical quantity is referred to as a *critical morass*.

When catalysed with money *Governmentium* becomes *Administratium* (symbol=Ad) an element that radiates just as much energy as *Governmentium* since it has half as many *pillocks* but twice as many *morons*.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DATA SHEET	
<b>ELEMENT:</b>	Woman
<b>SYMBOL:</b>	♀
<b>DISCOVERER:</b>	Adam
<b>ATOMIC MASS:</b>	Accepted as 55kg, but known to vary from 45kg to 225kg
<b>PHYSICAL PROPERTIES</b>	
1. Body surface normally covered with film of powder and paint	
2. Boils at absolutely nothing – freezes for no apparent reason	
3. Found in various grades ranging from virgin material to common ore	
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3. The most powerful money reducing agent known to man	
<b>COMMON USE</b>	
1. Highly ornamental, especially in sports cars	
2. Can greatly aid relaxation	
3. Can be a very effective cleaning agent	
<b>HAZARDS</b>	
1. Turns green when placed alongside a superior specimen	
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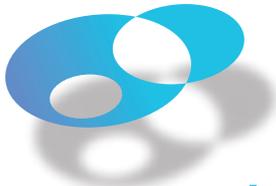
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- The thermostat knobs in many hotel bedrooms don't work; they're rigged to save electricity.
- In Regina, in California, it's illegal to own more than 90 pigeons.
- New Year's Day is the official birthday of everyone in Bhutan.
- 5,000 years ago humans practised brain surgery on cows.
- TITSUP is a military acronym for Total Inability To Support Usual Performance.
- TASER is an acronym for Thomas A. Swift's Electric Rifle.
- The summit of Mount Everest was once part of the ocean floor.
- On the set of *Jaws*, the shark was nicknamed Bruce, after Steven Spielberg's lawyer.
- The world's largest asbestos mine is in Asbest, Russia.
- Paddington Bear wears a hat when swimming because Michael Bond's father always did, in case he needed to raise it politely.
- *Cacozelia* is the use of foreign words to make one appear *un peu plus cultivé*.
- The hands of a human foetus touching the walls of the womb causes the fingerprints to form.
- The ancient Greeks cured hangovers by wrapping their heads in cabbage leaves.

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**Sudoku:**

A puzzle in which players insert the numbers one to nine into a grid consisting of nine squares subdivided into a further nine smaller squares in such a way that every number appears once in each horizontal line, vertical line, and square.

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

Following some suggestions that the sudoku puzzles are too easy, I've given you some from the 'hard' category this month. There are even harder ones... Just let me know.

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

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**Monday 24th June  
7.00 pm**

**Stiperstones School  
Worthen with Shelve  
Parish Council Meeting**

**Friday 28th June  
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**Sunday 30th June  
12.30 pm - 4.30 pm**

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**Sunday 7th July  
2.30pm - 4.30pm  
All Saints Church, Shelve  
Afternoon tea**

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## Chairman's report from Ray Harper

Best laid plans were thwarted by Storm Hannah, so the working party for the play area did not take place as originally expected. However, another date has been set for June 1<sup>st</sup> and let's hope (as this will be the English summer) the weather will be kinder. In the meantime we have taken delivery of the first piece of new equipment, a train engine. I hope the children are enjoying being Casey Jones (although I doubt any of them have the slightest idea who he is).

I reported last month that the efforts of Anita and Pam had secured grants for us. We now have a further opportunity to receive a grant from Calor Rural Community Fund. Pam entered our information and we have been accepted as a viable project. All we need now is everyone to vote for us and to ask all their friends and family to vote as well. Details can be found at:- [communityfund@calor.co.uk](mailto:communityfund@calor.co.uk). If we receive enough votes we may well be able to purchase the next piece of equipment for the play area.

Our joint Easter Funday and Supporters Day took place as planned, and while the overall attendance was a bit disappointing, it was an enjoyable day. As well as providing local children (and some adults) with more than their weekly ration of sugar, £134 was raised towards the village hall running costs. This was in addition to the £470 Supporters Scheme money received to date. Of course, our treasurer, Maria Marks, will be happy to receive donations at any time but I would like to remind you that if you wish to use the Supporters Scheme to receive discounted hire rates during the next year, and have not already done so, the closing date is the 30th June.

On the subject of raising funds we will be holding a Car Boot/ Table Top Sale - 25th August (£10 a pitch, call Pam on 07887531174 or Caroline on 01743 792487 to book your place). So put the date in your diary whether you wish to sell or just browse and buy.



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**This statement from a shocked Worthen with Shelve Parish Council tells how drivers are putting villagers' safety at risk**

Vehicles travelling at speeds in excess of the posted speed signs continue to be of great concern to the councillors and members of the community. The speed watch monitoring team was started by the Parish Council following a public meeting with the Local Member which was attended by over 50 local residents. The public meeting was held in response to the large number of complaints received by Heather Kidd and the parish council about the volume, size and speed of vehicles travelling

- *On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 between 08.00 and 09.00 a total of 28 speeding vehicles were recorded, 7 were travelling between 40 – 45 mph.*
- *On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 between 08.00 and 09.00 a total of 12 speeding vehicles were recorded and one was travelling at 41 mph.*
- *On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 between 08.00 and 09.00 a total of 20 speeding vehicles were recorded and 4 were travelling between 41 and 47 mph.*
- *The team has reported that throughout monitoring at least 20% of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are travelling at 40 mph and above with a speed of 52 mph in August 2018.*

through the villages.

The parish council purchased a speed recording device and a team of volunteers was put together to monitor speeds in safe locations. The volunteers ARE insured by the Parish Council and the local Police ARE aware of the team and the locations used.

This team have been giving up their time to monitor the speed of vehicles through the village.

## ***Speed watch is suspended after volunteers are threatened***

The Council are shocked and dismayed by the open hostility and threats the volunteers have suffered whilst monitoring the traffic through the villages.

It is with regret that this parish council has taken the decision to suspend the activities of the Worthen and Brockton Speed watch team for the foreseeable future. This decision was not taken lightly.

In March 2019, the team were subject to a very vitriolic social media campaign and threatening behaviour. On another occasion, a member of the public called the police using 999, a police officer arrived at the scene with blue lights flashing. The police had been asked to attend a potentially serious incident which involved people obstructing the highway and acting in a dangerous manner. Following an initial on site investigation, the police officer advised the member of the public that they were wasting police time. Speeding through Worthen and Brockton has been identified as a PACT and Community Forum priority and active speed enforcement operations are underway in the area by West Mercia Police (Camera Van.) As this area has active speed enforcement it does not meet the criteria to operate a Community Speed Watch scheme in partnership with the Police.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers for all their hard work in giving their time to this community safety initiative. The Parish Council continue to be very concerned by the disregard some motorists display by travelling at excessive speed through the villages and the increased risk to the safety of all members of the community particularly the children and elderly. The Parish Council is in discussion with the Police to have a stronger speed monitoring in the villages.

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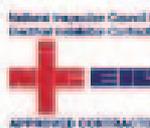
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A quick bit of IT history – a QR or Quick Response Code is one of those boxy barcodes which are appearing everywhere. They were invented by the Japanese motor industry to make identifying the correct part of a car by a scanner more efficient.

Back to the plot – never having used one of these QR codes, I approached the check in cautiously, watched as others waved their phones across the screen and stood optimistically before the gates which flashed green and then opened – hooray.

Since then I have downloaded train tickets for Susan and myself to the 'Trainline App' and to the SNCF app in France. One problem seems to be that each travel company seem to have their own app and now I see that I can get QRs for theatre tickets, concerts, hotel bookings mostly with their own app.

On the train they certainly save joining the queue to collect your ticket at that machine at Shrewsbury station and receive enough cards to play a game of patience but if you are someone whose phone magically loses all its charge at the most crucial moment you may not be convinced.



A typical QR code

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- My boss is going to fire the employee with the worst posture. I have a hunch, it might be me.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- I want patience - AND I WANT IT NOW!!!!
- Photons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
- Yesterday, I fell off a 10 meter ladder. Thank God I was on the third step.
- Pavlov walks into a bar. The phone rings, and he says, "Damn, I forgot to feed the dog."
- My doctor advised me to kill people. Not in such words of course, he just said that I must diminish the amount of stress in my life.
- Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have.
- A man walks into a bar with a roll of tarmac under his arm and says: "Pint please, and one for the road."
- You have the capacity to learn from your mistakes, and you will learn a lot today.

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

- There is no satisfaction in hanging a man who does not object to it - *George Bernard Shaw*.
- She plunged into a sea of platitudes, and with the powerful breast stroke of a channel swimmer, made her confident way towards the white cliffs of the obvious - *W. Somerset Maugham*.
- He had a big head and a face so ugly it became almost fascinating - *Ayn Rand*.
- Humour is merely tragedy standing on its head with its pants torn - *Irvin S. Cobb*.
- Her face was her chaperone - *Rupert Hughes*.
- Anything that is too stupid to be spoken is sung - *Voltaire*.
- Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you - *Carl Gustav Jung*.
- Write drunk; edit sober - *Ernest Hemingway*.
- I worship the quicksand he walks in - *Art Buchwald*.
- He was one of the nicest old ladies I ever met - *William Faulkner*.
- My theory is that all of Scottish cuisine is based on a dare - *Mike Myers*.
- She had much in common with Hitler, only no moustache - *Noel Coward*.
- If my films make one more person miserable, I'll feel I have done my job - *Woody Allen*.



## What does your local U3A offer?

Jane Rice reports

**Pontesbury and Rea Valley U3A** is a friendly, local group for people no longer in full time work. It provides a huge variety of creative and leisure opportunities and we always welcome new members. We are currently celebrating the following new Interest Groups that members have requested. They join our existing list of 25 Groups covering a wide variety of activities and interests

The new groups include:

**Recorded Music Appreciation Group**

**Photography Group**

**Pétanque** - now practicing in Pontesbury

**Beginners Tai Chi**

**A Bridge Group**

**2 Community projects** – **Yarn-bombing** and a **U3A community** patchwork quilt.

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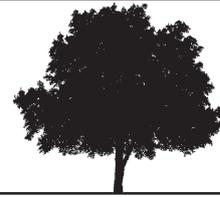
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## NEWS FROM

**PONTESBURY LIBRARY**

from The Library Owl



As I am sure a lot of you will have noticed from television and national media this summer marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Moon landing. We are marking the event with displays and presentations in the library on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. This has been organised by the U3A Astronomy Group. There will also be a collection of borrowable books about space, astronauts and the 1969 Apollo 11 mission. The fiction collection will also have a lunar theme. This theme will continue through the summer with the children's Summer Reading Challenge, hopefully with some special fun activities, but more about that in July. Some useful local information pages can be found on Facebook. Also keep an eye out for our posters around the village.

**Opening Hours:**

**Monday** 10am-1pm  
**Tuesday** 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm  
**Thursday** 2pm-5pm  
**Saturday** 10am-1pm

## Some little known words to describe nature, landscape and the weather...

**Gussock**

An East Anglian word for a sudden, powerful rush of wind: "That gussock just took my hat off."

**Hot-spong**

If you leave your coat at home on a spring day, you might find yourself longing for a hot-spong. This evocative East Anglian word describes the rush of heat one feels when the sun emerges from under a cloud.

**Holloway**

Now the name of a great tarmacked highway that slices through North London, 'holloway' was originally used to describe much humbler paths. The word refers to a recessed road worn into soft bedrock by many years of being trammelled by rain, shoes and horses' hooves.

**Donkey**

This donkey's not an animal but an adjective from Northamptonshire that describes wet or damp ground. As in: "This path's a bit donkey. If only I'd worn wellies, not stilettos."

**PUZZLES + POSERS**

I've discovered a rich vein of puzzles and posers that I'll be giving you over the foreseeable future that don't need technical proficiency in any particular subject, but require the application of logic, lateral thinking and general knowledge. Good luck!

**Question 1:**

DOUBT : CONVICTION

Which two words below have the same relationship as the two words above?

- A. FAULTLESS : EXEMPLARY
- B. FASTIDIOUS : SLENDER
- C. COURAGE : RESOLUTION
- D. INSTINCT : CONSTANCY
- E. ROUTINE : ABNORMAL

**Question 2:**

Ken is half again as old as Phil, who is half again as old as David. Their ages total 152. How old are they?

**Question 3:**

Move from letter to connecting letter to spell out a nine-letter word.

T E R

? D E

E ? F

**Question 4:**

Each of the following is an anagram of a form of transportation, except one. What are the anagrams and which is the odd one out?

- A. RAIL REIN
- B. NOD GOAL
- C. OLD PEAR
- D. AIM LOO TUBE
- E. CARVE FORTH

**Question 5:**

What number is next in the following sequence?  
0 1 5 14 30 ??

**Question 6:**

Find two words with different spellings, but sound alike that mean:

RESIDUE / FORCE AWAY

**Question 7:**

In a game of 12 players that lasts for exactly 75 minutes, there are 6 reserves who alternate equally with the starting players. It means that all players, including reserves, are in the game for exactly the same amount of time. How long is this?

**Answers on page 40**



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# SNAILBEACH WHITE STARS

Jordan Knill reports



The 2018/19 team

Back row (left to right): Reece Benson, Sam Price, Ollie Davies, Manny Williams, Owen Morris, Wayne Walton, Aryn Matthee, Dan Camburn, Adam Davies, Craig Harris, Jordan Knill

Front row (left to right): Ben Millington, Jack Breeze, Marcus Ashley, Sam Jones, Craig Griffiths, Nath Jex, Joe Byers

## Cup defeat but the future looks good

Instones United - 6

Snailbeach White Stars - 1

**SUMMARY:** A resounding and deflating defeat on April 28th. Scoreline doesn't entirely reflect the game. We had plenty of chances but the opposition goalkeeper made some great saves. At the other end they took advantage of their missile like set plays and made us pay. They walk away league and cup winners, and deservedly so. But it's good to be back playing in top drawer matches like this...

**GOAL SCORER:** Adam DAVIES

**MAN OF THE MATCH:** Craig HARRIS – Deployed in the hole as we were short in the middle of the park, Craig was a creative influence from the middle and opened them up a few times.

**TEAM:**

**GK:** Wayne WALTON

**DEF:** Nath JEX, Owen MORRIS, Manny WILLIAMS

**MID:** Joe BYERS, Craig GRIFFITHS, Craig HARRIS, Aryn MATTHEE, Sam JONES

**ATT:** Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES

**SUBS:** Jack BREEZE, Sam PRICE, Ollie DAVIES, Dan CAMBURN, Ben MILLINGTON

## Season ends on a high with a 4-goal spree

The boys ended the season on a high note with a 4-3 win away to Telegraph on May 5th despite a host of absentees. Adam Davies was Man of the Match, getting all four goals by half-time and

going in goal in the second half to save his legs and allow Wally the chance to get a run up top! The lads who hadn't got as many minutes during the season came in and did a sterling job to make it perfectly clear that we have strength in depth. Fair to say the boys have achieved a lot this season and we can all be very content with the last nine months. A second place finish, secured by a 4-1 win over Beacon on April 14th as well as a Cup Final in our first season as a Premier Division side bodes well for the future. We've bridged the gap to perennial trophy winners Instones United and been the only team that have defeated them during the campaign. Next season we'll be eager to test ourselves at the top of the league again and be as competitive as possible.

On a final note, Wayne "Wally" Walton is hanging up his gloves. Wally has been an ever present since the club reformed in Division 4 back in 2012. In the seven years since he has played outfield and in goal, as well as being the assistant manager and helping out hugely with maintaining our pitch and club house. He's been an integral part of our success and it's no exaggeration to say we wouldn't be where we are today without his contribution. Hopefully he'll continue to play a big part at the club, and he will more than likely be called upon again in the future at some point. A top man who deserves a lot of recognition and thanks for all he has done for these lads throughout the years!

# Snailbeach Farmer Drowns in Perkin's Pool

This was the shocking news that was reported in the *Shrewsbury Chronicle* of 20th March 1914 on the death of Snailbeach resident William Henry Blakemore (Back row, third from left)

Below is the actual report:

**“Sad Drowning Fatality** - On Monday the body of William Henry Blakemore (52), bachelor, a small farmer of the Coppice, Snailbeach was found dead in what is locally know as Perkin's Pool. He appears to have left home early in the morning for the purpose of attending to his stock in a field where the pool is situate but having been a cripple for the last 30 years, through contraction of the muscles, he moved about his farm by means of a donkey, which was found with its bridle on in the field by the pool

and to all appearances the deceased had been standing on the edge of the slope leading into the water. Owing to the rough weather which prevailed at the time, it is possible that he lost his balance and was precipitated into the pool, where he was discovered dead by a neighbouring farmer, named Alfred Williams, who procured the assistance of some workmen nearby and got the body out. An inquest was held by the District Coroner (Mr RE Clarke) on the body in Snailbeach Schoolroom on the Wednesday afternoon when, after hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of “Accidentally drowned”.



David Blakemore & family outside Coppice, Snailbeach, late 1880's  
Back row, left to right: John (Jack), David Jnr, William and Alfred.  
Seated: Mary, David Snr, and Mary nee Maddox.  
At front: Annie

Just over thirty years after William's sad demise his younger brother Alfred (Fred) Blakemore (Back row, far right in the photo) made the national news on October 2nd 1945 when he appeared in the *News Chronicle* with fellow campaigner parish councillor Ted Oldfield fighting to keep Snailbeach hillside homes from being knocked down. Clun Rural Council deemed the

“Nobody wants to go except one or two on the gaiety side who want to go to the pictures. You can live here as happy as a primrose in a hollow”

Ted Oldfield - parish councillor  
*News Chronicle*, October 1945

homes as damp, dark, unhealthy and defective by modern standards and wanted to move the residents to new council houses lower down in the valley. Then living in Crows Nest, blacksmith Fred (76) proclaimed he was perfectly

healthy and that his grandfather had lived in Snailbeach until he was 103.

Of his cottage he proudly proclaimed, “Built with my father's hands from Stiperstones rock and Stiperstones forest and as sound as a bell! In Snailbeach, we are as contented as cuckoos.”

The *Chronicle* also mentions that Fred the blacksmith built a fountain “through which mountain water comes to the village”.

Where was, or is, Perkin's Pool?

Where was Fred's fountain?

Was it the drain in Snailbeach Coppice bringing piped water to the Mine Captain Houses at the farm?

How are the family names ‘Blakemore’ and ‘Maddox’ related to the modern day local place names?

Answers please to:  
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We will never stop carrying a torch for plants — they are way more amazing than most people give them credit for. They can hear oncoming attackers, and many send noxious chemicals into their leaves to fight back. Some even have a primitive sense of sight. But they don't like it when you pet them. According to research they have a very strong reaction to touch. Plants' hatred of cuddles is nothing new to scientists. In the early 1960s, for instance, scientist Frank Salisbury was studying how cocklebur plants grew by measuring their leaves with a ruler every day. Weirdly, he noticed that the plants he was measuring didn't grow as much as their neighbours and they eventually shrivelled up and died. He concluded that it was simply the act of touching the plants that killed them.

A decade later a plant physiologist named Mark Jaffe published the first work on this phenomenon — and coined the first word for it: *thigmomorphogenesis* (in Greek, thigmo means "touch," morpho means "shape," and genesis means "origin."). Of the dozen or so plant species he used in his study six had slowed growth after being touched daily. After a few more days of no touching, however, they resumed their regular growth rate.

In 1990, plant biochemist Dr. Janet Braam discovered that this stunted growth happened because of a genetic change. Touching a plant led to a specific handful of its genes being activated which she named the "touch" (TCH) genes.

In December 2018 researchers at La Trobe University in Australia took a closer look at this



pic: Getty images

# Leaf me alone!

by Ashley Hamer

phenomenon to uncover exactly what was going on inside of the plant to activate these genes. For their study the researchers used a plant called thale cress (*Arabidopsis thaliana*), a plant that's known to pump its leaves with toxic mustard oil when insects attack and the same genus as the plants used in Braam's original study. The scientists stroked the leaves of the plants with a soft paintbrush every 12 hours then measured their biological response at varying periods of time after each stroke.

They found that within 30 minutes of being touched 10 per cent of the plant's genome had been altered. At the site where the plants had been stroked their mitochondria had ramped up their activation of genes known to suppress the touch response. Even more interesting the same thing had happened at other places on the plant that hadn't been touched, though to a lesser degree. Specifically, the mitochondria altered the genome by tweaking the plant's immune system and hormone levels.

"This involves a huge expenditure of energy which is taken away from plant growth. If the touching is repeated then plant growth is reduced by up to 30 percent," said Professor Jim Whelan the lead researcher on the study and research director of the La Trobe Institute for Agriculture and Food in a statement.

Why would this be? It makes sense for a plant to send out toxic chemicals when it feels the brush of a caterpillar since that could help convince the predator that it's not a tasty snack. But to inhibit growth after too much touching? That seems like cutting off the nose to spite the face.

But there's some logic there. For example, if plants grow too close together they'll get less light and fewer nutrients. Growing smaller could be a way to ensure that there's enough to go around, co-author Dr. Yan Wang explained.

This new research might help farmers know exactly how far to space their plants to ensure they grow as big as possible. Knowing the genetic mechanisms at play in a plant's touch defences might even help scientists engineer plants that aren't as touch sensitive. For that though they have to be careful since it could be easy to knock out some other important senses in the process, like sensitivity to cold and heat and disease defence.

But as for houseplants the message is clear: water them, give them sunlight, even play them music if you'd like to. But don't pet them. They don't like it when you pet them.

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## A new local charity offers free one-to-one help for those who struggle to read. Here, *Read Easy Shropshire Hills* tells SDN readers how the scheme works.

It's taken for granted that we all went to school, learned to read and write, and that we all have the same level of reading ability. However, many thousands of adults missed out on the opportunity to learn to read during the short period of time in our lives when the basic foundations of this skill are acquired. In fact, research shows that over 7% of adults never learned to read at school!

It may be one thing not to enjoy the pleasure of reading a new title by your favourite author, but stop for a minute and think how different things would be if you were excluded from reading altogether and struggled to do some of the everyday things that most of us take for granted. Just imagine how your life would be if you couldn't read forms, follow medicine instructions, understand letters from your electricity supplier or read bedtime stories to your child or grandchild?

### It's never too late to learn

Help is at hand. Read Easy Shropshire Hills, a branch of the national literacy charity Read Easy, has recently been set up to provide free one-to-one coaching for people in South Shropshire and the Welsh Borders who struggle with reading.

Read Easy understands that, throughout their lives, many people who struggle with reading have found ways to avoid situations where their reading ability might be on display to be seen by others. They understand that many people will want to learn to read but feel too embarrassed to seek help, especially if it brings back memories of their childhood classroom experiences, which is why their coaching service has been designed to help new readers feel as comfortable as possible about taking the brave step to learn to read.

Read Easy matches up a new reader with a trained reading coach to help them work together through reading manuals, at a quiet private location, at a time to suit them both. It's as easy as that and it's free!

Reading sessions last half an hour and take place twice a week. Some people complete the course in as little as a year, while others can take more than two years. The important thing is that everyone can learn at their own pace without feeling rushed. The service is designed to be flexible to suit the individual and there are no targets or exams to worry about.

### Learning to read transforms people's lives

Through learning to read people grow enormously in confidence, self-esteem and independence as well as being able to navigate through the world of the written word.



Steve proves it's never too late to learn to read

Here's an extract from a letter Steve sent to Read Easy:

*'Thank you very much Read Easy for helping me to read and write. This is the first letter I've ever written.*

*It has changed the way I do things, my life. It's given me the courage to go out and do different things, not just reading and writing but going out on my own and mixing with the public.*

*Five or six months ago I would never have done the things I've done, like joining the library, reading newspapers, going on public transport and going to coffee shops and the supermarket.'*

### How to get in touch

Read Easy Shropshire Hills covers the towns of Bishops Castle, Church Stretton, Clun, Craven Arms, Knighton and Ludlow as well as Snailbeach and all areas in-between.

If you would like to find out more, or you know someone who would like to learn to read contact Annabel Stacey on **07960 865564** or email her at [shropshirehills@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:shropshirehills@readeasy.org.uk).

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## Support for the Armed Forces

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 marks the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings – a real turning point in the Second World War and the beginning of the Allied liberation of Europe from Nazi tyranny.

To mark the event, there will be a major joint commemoration on Normandy beaches, involving surviving veterans, senior members of the Royal Family, and military chiefs from UK, US, Canada, France and other Commonwealth nations. It will involve the largest Royal Navy flotilla of recent years, with 4,000 personnel and at least 11 Royal Navy vessels, with multiple aircraft from the Red Arrows to the iconic Spitfire.

For me, such momentous anniversaries in our history take on a new significance, since joining the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as a Commissioner earlier this year.

Soldiers from across the Commonwealth played a crucial role in defeating fascism, and defending Britain and the values for which it stands. Without the significant support of Commonwealth nations, Britain's war effort may have ended very differently. So it is important to remember the service of all who played their part in the Second World War, especially those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

The service of Commonwealth personnel continues to play a vital role in sustaining our Armed Forces. There are today some 4,000 regular and reserves personnel from the Commonwealth in our Armed Forces.

I have recently supported calls in Parliament to scrap visa fees for Commonwealth veterans who wish to stay in the UK after leaving military service. Current legislation exempts Commonwealth personnel from immigration controls while serving in the Armed Forces, who become eligible for Indefinite Leave to Remain following a minimum of four years' service. But application costs for Indefinite Leave to Remain mean a service leaver with a spouse and two children could face a bill of almost £10,000 to remain in the UK.

As a result, many Commonwealth service leavers rely on financial support from charities such as the Royal British Legion to meet the cost of visa fees to remain in the UK. Approximately 400 Commonwealth service leavers apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain each year.

It does not seem right to me that those who come to this country volunteering to serve in our Armed Forces, can be presented with a hefty bill if they wish to remain here once their duty is done. So I have joined calls on the Home Secretary to do the right thing, and waive these fees for good.

This month also marks Armed Forces Day, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, with events taking place in Shrewsbury and Telford. I encourage residents to show their support for the Armed Forces and those local organisation and businesses who have signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant. This pledge recognises that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy and society they serve.

As a former Defence Minister, and local Royal British Legion member, I feel strongly that we must ensure that current generations recognise and respect the service of those who wear the Queen's uniform and defend the freedoms we hold dear – just as previous generations have done.

*Philip Dunne*

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# NATURAL ENGLAND

## Notes from the hill

*Simon Cooter for Natural England staff at Rigmooak.*

The weather was good for the annual bird walk, although the total bird count was down a bit on previous years as some of the migrants like tree pipit seemed to be late in returning and the red grouse weren't showing that day. Since then however I have seen the first brood of very small chicks. They looked like they had only recently hatched although the amazing thing is that they can walk almost immediately and start feeding on small insects that they pick off of the heather plants. The brood that I saw were on the path early in the morning, probably warming up in the early sunshine, but it does make you realise how vulnerable they are at this stage and how important it is to keep dogs on a lead at this time of year.

An interesting turn up this year has been the return of wood warbler to the hill. We heard two singing birds on our bird walk near the Gatten. These are leaf warblers like willow warblers and chiff-chaffs but are easily the prettiest being a lovely yellowish green colour, the perfect camouflage amongst the newly opening leaves of the trees. They have an easily recognisable song which is likened to a spinning coin as it settles getting faster and faster. They typically carry out their delightful fluttering song flight in the mid-canopy so are quite visible when singing unlike many birds that sit high up in the top of trees. They have seen a marked decline across Europe since the 1980s which could be linked to climate change as they winter in tropical West Africa, so it is particularly nice to see them returning to the hill as a breeding bird.



The Hay Meadow Festival is not running this year, so in its place I have a week of scything planned which I have called Scything with a View. This starts on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July with an alpine scything course where you can learn the joys of setting up, sharpening and using an Austrian scythe. Cost £50 includes all equipment and refreshments, bring your own lunch.

Following this there will be a scything session at different locations around the hill each morning from Monday to Friday 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> July, finishing up with a competition and BBQ on the Friday afternoon. All days are open to all abilities, although I would recommend that those new to scything attend the course on the Sunday.

We are also running an introduction to fleece felting on Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> 9am to 4pm. Spend a day with us on the nature reserve, meet the sheep (and their new lambs) and make a rug using Hebridean fleece from our own Stiperstones flock. This method of felting the back of a shorn fleece allows us to create a 'sheep skin rug' without harming the animal. Cost £70 per person plus £25 material costs. Light refreshments provided, bring your own lunch. Small class size and lots of fun.

For the kids we have **Habitats on the Hill, fairies and elves** Sunday 7th July 11am — 3pm. Walk up to Blakemooregate stopping along the way to learn about all of the variety of habitats. Enjoy your picnic at the cottages then create your own fairy or elf home in a tree, wall or bank.  
£5 per child

Maximum of three children per adult.

Both events involve an uphill walk. Suitable for children age 6 +

For more information on both of these events see our Facebook page or email [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

## Halfway Down

Halfway down the stairs  
Is a stair  
Where I sit.  
There isn't any  
Other stair  
Quite like  
It.  
I'm not at the bottom,  
I'm not at the top;  
So this is the stair  
Where  
I always  
Stop.

Halfway up the stairs  
Isn't up  
And it isn't down.  
It isn't in the nursery,  
It isn't in town.  
And all sorts of funny thoughts  
Run round my head.  
It isn't really  
Anywhere!  
It's somewhere else  
Instead!  
**A. A. Milne**



**E. H. Shepard**

- 1) What did one ocean say to the other?  
Nothing. It just waved.
- 2) What do you call a blind dinosaur?  
A do-you-think-he-saw-us.
- 3) What do geese take for their allergies?  
Anti-hissssss-tamines.

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## Heather Kidd's Report

### Council Payments

Shropshire Council introduced a new computer IT system called Business World. It went live in one concentrated changeover with little training to staff and councillors. Since then a whole raft of problems have come to light,

There are two local school bus companies which have not been paid since January and another now thinking it's not worth doing business with the Council anymore. Taxis are also not being paid. I know of staff that have not been paid expenses and others that have not been given access to claim their expenses.

On top of that schools trying to order materials are finding that only the most expensive companies are on the system to order from. That's simply no good - our underfunded schools have to be able to shop around for the cheapest materials. Authorisation for spending is chaotic too for many schools. The system is just not fit for

purpose at present and the training was to little too late. Why wasn't this all piloted and the problems ironed out before it was implemented with a big bang? Truly not good enough! If you have suffered from ANY of these problems then please do get in touch with me.

### Stiperstones School.

The Shropshire cabinet paper for the 'Prescribed Alteration' for educating the children at Stiperstones School mainly at the Norbury School site, is recommending that this should happen. I will be attending the cabinet meeting and have asked to speak. This is not a closure.

Best wishes

*Heather*

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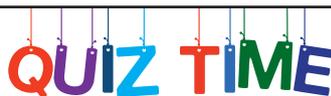
Our May meeting was a busy evening at which we debated this year's two resolutions which will be put forward to the NFWI Annual Meeting in Bournemouth in June. The two resolutions are 'A call against the decline in local bus services' and 'Don't fear the smear'. Some very interesting and pertinent points of view were raised and gave us much to think about.

We also welcomed a lady and her two black Labradors who are hearing dogs for deaf people (one now retired but still very keen to please!) Such beautiful dogs doing an amazing job.

Not content with one meeting a month we always try to do some 'little extras' and in the next couple of months we will be doing a guided walk around Bishop's Castle, a ramble from Pontesbury and a trip on the Llangollen Canal.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13th June, at 7.30pm in Snailbeach Village Hall, when we will have an entertaining talk by John Butterworth, followed by refreshments. Anyone is welcome to come along and try us out. We are a very friendly bunch of ladies and we always heartily welcome visitors and new members.

Meeting are always held at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of every month (except August) at Snailbeach Village Hall. Please contact Jo for any further information on **01743 891406**,



### from Jenny Alldridge

Although we came second in Division 2, we are not receiving automatic promotion into Division 1 next season. This may eventually happen but it depends on whether any teams drop out and how many new teams apply to join.

As the number of teams is equally balanced between the two Divisions and new teams are always placed in Division 2, as we were last year, it is just a case of waiting to see, probably until August.

All we know at present is that Westbury will be demoted and Trefonen, with 388 points, will be promoted.

We had 373 points, followed by Kinnerley (who won the wine on finals night) with 365 and Bayston Hill with 363.

In Division 1, Hope were fifth with 375 and Aston on Clun and Little Wenlock tied for sixth place with 363. There were 21 teams in Division 1, and 20 in Division 2, so our result was quite respectable.

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Margaret Mead

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**A tree**

**Something white**

**A bird**

**Electric**

The subject for the children's classes is:

**A Farm Animal**

Photographs should be 7" x 5" / 18cm x 13cm in size and unframed. BluTak will be supplied at the Show for mounting them on the display boards. Entry forms will be available nearer the time from the Trading Post and shops in the village, but mentioning it now gives everyone time to get their cameras out.

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## THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN



### Week 1

*...fresh new foliage...*

Now that they have finishing flowering, early herbaceous plants such as hardy geraniums should be cut back to 7.5 cm (3 in) above ground level. This may seem brutal but the plants are tired and this will encourage the growth of fresh new foliage for the rest of the summer, and even a few late flowers!

### Week 2

*...water containers daily...*

Shade-loving plants need protecting with a layer of leaf-mould to help retain moisture during dry spells. Water all containers once a day, preferably in the cool of early evening. Try to make this a precious time, far removed from the chore it once seemed.

### Week 3

*...mow lawns regularly...*

Sow fast-growing annuals to fill any unexpected gaps in the borders.

Lift and divide polyanthus and primulas after they have finished flowering and replant in a shady corner of the garden. Plant out arum lilies and clip back any plants that are becoming straggly or invasive. Mow lawns regularly.

### Week 4

*...make the most of the long fine days...*

July is often the hottest month of the year so take advantage of long fine days to carry out construction jobs such as making new beds, laying paving or building walls. Water copiously in dry weather and make sure to arrange for friends or neighbours to water the garden if you are going away.

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Llan Turn	09:51	Bishops Castle	14:40
Bromleys Mill	09:55	Lydham	14:43
Lydham	09:57	Bromleys Mill	14:45
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June

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3rd Sunday 16th June Trinity Sunday Gold/ White			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Carolyn	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	
4th Sunday 23rd June Trinity 1 Green	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	5.00pm Common Worship Evening Prayer Revd Giles		
5th Sunday 30th June Trinity 2 Green				10.30am Group Holy Communion Service Revd Giles	

## Waste Collection Schedule

June 2019				July
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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**

## 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



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 15th April 2019 – 14th May 2019

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Worthen	
Criminal damage	Perimeter fence damaged	Snailbeach	Between 6th – 13th May
Theft x 2	Parts taken from old farm machinery	Plough Farm, Worthen	Over a period of days between 26th April – 8th May
Burglary, outbuilding	Power tools stolen including chainsaw, generator and hedge cutter	Bromlow	Between 29th April – 6th May

### ***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***

# 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  
ROUTINE : ABNORMAL. They are antonyms as are doubt and conviction.  
Answer 2  
Ken is 72, David is 32 and Phil is 48 years old.  
Answer 3  
Reflected  
Answer 4  
Airliner, Gondola, Automobile, Hovercraft  
'C' is odd one out.  
Answer 5  
55, 1 + 2<sup>2</sup>(4) = 5; 5 + 3<sup>2</sup>(9) = 14; 14 + 4<sup>2</sup>(16) = 30; 30 + 5<sup>2</sup>(25) = 55.  
(Progressive square numbers are added.)  
Answer 6  
REST / WREST  
Answer 7  
50 minutes. The game lasts 75 minutes and 12 players can be in the game for its duration, so there are a total of 900 player minutes (75 x 12). If 18 players are involved, the sum is 900 ÷ 18 = 50.

## 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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