



# SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS SEPTEMBER 2019

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pic: Philip Sproson-Jones

## Going... going... gone?

This could be the only view you will be able to see of this structure in the future if nature is left to have her own way. Can you tell what and where it is?

**Find out: Page 11**

## News from Eastridge woods



**Wild trails tamed!**

pic: courtesy of ETP

John Bellis of the Eastridge Trail Partnership reports on the work being done to 'calm down' some of the trails, close others and erect more signage.

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## Pennerley Climate monitors change



pic: Varun Singh Bhati

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## Notes from THE EDITOR



What on earth has the weather been doing this year? It's been one of the strangest summers I've ever experienced! It started in February. No really, it did! I distinctly remember walking some local fields with my metal detector in mid-February in T shirt and shorts. The temperature was around 19 degrees centigrade on that bright sunny day. This was followed by the mad March storms of Freya and Gareth bringing strong winds and heavy rain to these shores.

April brought storm Hannah, one of the most significant storms of the last 50 years with gusts of over 69 mph being recorded.

We then suffered rain on a biblical scale in June and Pennerley was briefly nationally famous. Heatwaves interspersed with prolonged downpours followed. Cambridge Botanic Gardens set a new UK highest temperature record whilst Whaley Bridge was under threat of being inundated by the collapse of a dam overwhelmed by heavy rain and flooding. Festivals up and down the land have been cancelled on safety grounds due to freak weather conditions. Climate change seems to be happening before our very eyes on a weekly basis. Linking a single event to climate change is complicated of course. Whilst extreme weather events like heatwaves occur naturally, experts say these will now happen more often because of climate change.

Records going back to the late 19th Century show that the average temperature of the Earth's surface has increased by about one degree since industrialisation.

A climatology institute in Potsdam, Germany, conducted a study last year that found that the UK was now 30 times more likely to experience heatwaves compared to the year 1750, because of "the higher concentration of carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas) in the atmosphere". The tipping point draws nearer.

On a brighter note I'm constantly amazed each month by the amount of funds raised for charities and other good causes by the residents of our two tiny villages. Not a month goes by without a report being submitted to the SDN telling of a community pulling together and helping save the church or the play area or sending cash to an epilepsy support group, or the Severn Hospice. The list goes on... You should all be very proud of yourselves.

John Lennon once said, "Life is what happens whilst you're busy making plans." This was brought home to me with great clarity this summer with my wife's sudden and unexpected illness. Coming completely out of the blue as it did, it knocked us for six. Thanks to the NHS, however, I'm happy to report that Maria is recovering well from her surgery and the prognosis looks good. We trust that this will be an end to a challenging chapter in our lives.

# NEWSBRIEF

## The Big BBQ Bash success

Malcolm Dunbar of Stiperstones tells us of the wonderful fundraising success for the Severn Hospice that he hosted at his home in July. "Once again it gives Doreen and I great pleasure and pride to thank all the kind and generous members of our community who gave their support and donations at the Big BBQ Bash we hosted on 7th July. The grand total, as I write, stands at £753.84. Truly a magnificent sum.



Severn Hospice themselves were overwhelmed that such a small community could give so much. The money will be put to immediate use for an immediate cause. Doreen and I were somewhat disappointed that numbers were down on last year's event for Lingen Davies, so the amount raised is even more impressive. I should learn never to anticipate who might, or might not, come. But, to quote Bob Dylan, 'You don't need a weather man to know which way the wind blows'. Many, many thanks again to all who came and for the kind appreciation expressed for the effort Doreen and I gave."

Well done Malcolm and Doreen, you're a credit to the community!

## Coffee morning raises £1400!

The coffee morning for St. Luke's church took place on Saturday 29th June on a beautiful sunny morning. It was a great success and raised £1400. Joan Evans, one of the organisers, thanks everyone who came to support this event for the donations received. Thanks also to all the helpers who gave their time, for the wonderful cakes and the raffle prizes that helped to make it all possible. The dog's name was 'Casey', chosen by Mr. Wilkinson of Telford

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## Confusions and corrections - 'Fred' and 'Alfred' Blakemore

In response to our article in the June SDN (issue 359) concerning the drowning of William Blakemore in Perkins Pool in 1914 and the link to Fred Blakemore, councillor, who was mentioned in the national press in October 1945, Marcia Fletcher has contacted us to point out a couple of errors.



David Blakemore & family outside The Coppice House, 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

It appears that we have confused two different and unrelated Blakemore families who lived in Snailbeach in the early 20th century. Marcia writes, "Two different Blakemore families have been mixed up. William, who drowned, was of the Blakemores who lived at The Coppice House near The Smelthouse.

Fred Blakemore the blacksmith and councillor of Crow's Nest was a different family. Alfred (far right, back row) was neither a blacksmith nor a councillor.

The Mary Blakemore in the photograph on the extreme left middle row was my paternal grandmother. The young girl at the front on her own was Annie who married Tom Oldfield (mistakenly called 'Ted' in our article), the Mine Captain's son and also a councillor in 1945." To further add to the confusion Marcia tells us that it was yet another Fred Blakemore who was one of a group that built 'the fountain' mentioned in the same article. A retaining wall, a tunnel and filters were installed. This is now known as 'Scott Level'. We apologise for our mistakes and promise to check our sources more thoroughly in future.

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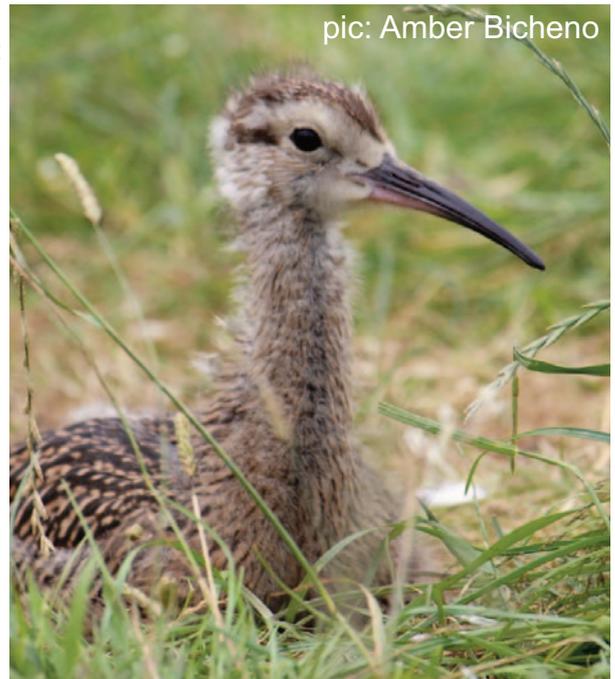
The 33 fledglings were in 2 pens with one set between 6 – 8 weeks and the other slightly younger. Amber was excellent in explaining their progress and behaviour now and when released. They were busy practising their flying, growing their beaks to the recognisable length of a curlew beak and practising their calls. The younger ones still had some down to lose but all were efficient in probing the ground for worms etc.



pic: Elspeth Gorman

The first week or so after release they will stay around locally before flying off to the coastal marshes for their first 2 years to mature before hopefully returning to the area where they were reared. There is much excitement as one bird from the hatching of two years ago has returned to the area. It is hoped more will follow in future years. Many thanks to the Curlew Country team and Amber for our entertaining visit.

**(Editor's note:** Shortly after



Elspeth's visit all 33 chicks were reported to have successfully taken wing and left the pens. We wish them good luck and hopefully many happy returns!)



## *Daffodil Planting in Stiperstones*

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

Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting at the pub in July and to everyone who has donated vital cash to the bulb and wildflower fund.

At the meeting, we heard from a woman in Edgton who has set up wild verges in her village to encourage bees and other pollinators. We decided to leave 3 areas of the verges in the village to tend as 'bee cafes'. These will require

clearing and wild seeds scattering in spring. Helpers and bee cafe champions are needed!

Other areas will be planted with daffodil bulbs in October. We shall have a big village planting day on Sunday October 20th, when all help will be welcomed. Meet at Tim Hockly's house Perkins Beach Dingle at 11am bring your bulb planters and trowels. Even an hour of your time will be welcomed. Please put this date on your calendars.

Home owners whose properties are behind the verges will be approached during the next weeks for their permissions and cooperation.

We are collecting donations for purchase of bulbs and seeds, following the raffle in August there is a Facebook fundraising campaign which is doing well too. So far we have £265 raised!

Next month's newsletter will have updates and latest info.....Once again thanks everyone.

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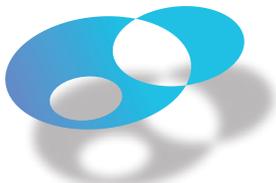
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- Only 36% of Americans can locate North Korea on a map.
- One of the moons of Uranus is called Margaret.
- There is a pig farm in Japan where the pigs only drink green tea.
- George Washington called a ceasefire during the American Revolutionary War to return a British general's terrier that had wandered onto the battlefield.
- Speeding offence increase significantly the weekend after the release of a *Fast and the Furious* film.
- Using a musical instrument to annoy someone is illegal in Singapore.
- The Pope drives a blue Ford Focus.
- Horses can remember if you smiled when you last saw them.
- 7% of the microplastic in the sea comes from the paint used for road markings.
- 50 geese can produce 5,000 pounds of excrement a year.
- Dogs only make sad faces if there's a person watching.
- People walk faster when passing banks.
- Robins go through puberty every year.

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No complaints so far about the 'hard' level of difficulty. This month you have a 'hard' and a 'very hard'. Good luck!

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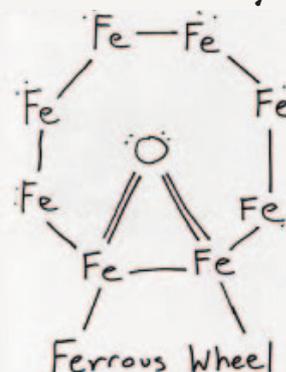
The last month has been quiet, even some of the halls regular users have been taking a holiday. So other than the usual work undertaken by the loyal band of volunteers to keep the grass down and the hall and the surrounds tidy there is little activity to report. Although Anita did source and provide parts for the swings that needed replacing and John has fitted them.

It is good to be able to report that since new signage was fitted in the car park there has been a considerable rise in the donations made by those using the facility. We have never kept exact records of the number of cars using the car park but we are confident that the donations now give a better reflection of use. This money helps us achieve our main priority which is to maintain the hall and the surrounds for the benefit of the community.

Unfortunately we now know that we will not be receiving a grant from the Calor Community Fund. It is a shame but I suppose it is to be expected that we would eventually get a knock back as we had been so successful with all our previous applications. We will of course continue to apply for grants when the opportunity arises but in the meantime it is back to raising funds for the hall and play area via more traditional means (our own labour). If anyone has any ideas for novel and fun ways of raising money please don't be shy, we would love to hear your thoughts and perhaps you can help us organise an event.

Our next events are the Car Boot and Table Top Sale (on which I will report next month) and some discussion is underway regarding a VE day anniversary celebration. We will have to wait and see how that progresses.

### Oh, the irony...



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 irony of life  
 is that  
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 anyone gets  
 out of it  
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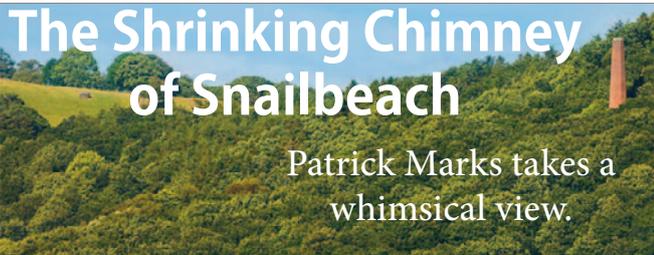
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“That chimney’s getting smaller...” These words uttered by a visitor to our home first brought my attention to the fact that the Resting Hill chimney in Snailbeach did indeed appear to be shrinking as the insidious growth of trees up on the hillside was slowly but surely depriving the village of the full magnificence of this much loved iconic landmark. One day it would just vanish altogether, like some ancient Inca ruin, a sad victim of neglect. So I decided to discover if anything could be done to stave off the threat of obscurity.

Did anyone else feel the same. Well, yes. It appears I wasn’t the only one. One resident told me, “As a child I can remember as you approached Snailbeach at the ‘Wimberry top’, the top of the farm lane, you could clearly see The Top Engine House and the Chimney sitting above the village and they were an amazing feature. Thousands of pounds were spent consolidating these buildings in the late 1990’s, but now you could pass through the village and not even be aware that they are there – it is such a shame. They were such an outstanding symbol of our village and its heritage.”

So, armed with positive local sentiment for the dear old chimney I did what we aggrieved English rural dwellers do best – I marched on Shirehall armed with a sharpened pitch fork and shouted my demands for the removal of the offending greenery. Then I threatened commando attacks with chain saws in the dead of night on the offending vegetation if my demands were not met...

Actually, I wrote a couple of letters to the Council. Strongly worded letters, mind you.

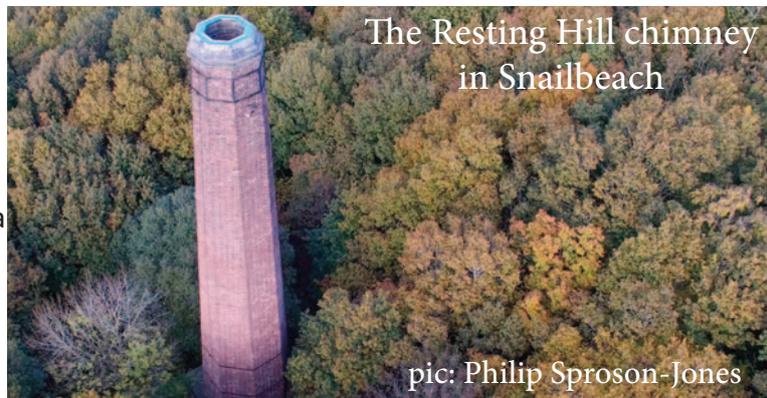
Meanwhile I conspired with others of similar supportive views and we planned *The Great Snailbeach District News Campaign to Save the Chimney*. The media was about to be alerted and civil disobedience had even been mentioned in whispers. Banners and posters were being designed.

My first two letters were largely ignored, except

for a terse reply stating, “*this will be dealt with when we see fit and not before, and certainly not before you have lost the will to live waiting for our response*”, or words to that effect.

So I then contacted the Natural and Historic Environment Officer for advice on who might be best to champion our cause. I received a prompt but dismissive one line response informing me that my request for the radical deforestation of Snailbeach had been forwarded to yet another department for their consideration.

Their considered response was tardy yet deadly and it killed our infant Campaign stone dead. All work on banners and posters was abandoned. Our cause was lost. I quote below some of the crushing words from the Tree & Woodland Amenity Protection Officer:



The Resting Hill chimney in Snailbeach

pic: Philip Sproson-Jones

*“As you may be aware the woodland around the chimney is a SSSI and priority habitat (broadleaf woodland) site ... I visited Snailbeach in March and at that time the chimney appeared prominent as a feature on the skyline as one drives*

*into the village and it seems unlikely that the chimney will disappear from view in the near future. The extent of cutting back to reveal the whole chimney to its base would be extensive and have an unacceptable effect upon the woodland, minor cutting back would need to be repeated on a regular basis and is unlikely to provide benefits that merit the cost.*

*We in the Planning Tree Team would support work to remove the likelihood of trees damaging the various historic structures in the woodland and we might offer our support to some sort of tree work around the chimney if it was part of a holistic management plan which, supported by an evidence base and appropriate monitoring, could be shown to provide net improvements to the quality of the woodland and the areas biodiversity but we would not necessarily support small scale ad hoc works that would at best provide some temporary visual benefits but would not serve to protect, conserve or enhance the priority habitat.”*

So, there you have it. The chimney will continue to shrink over the foreseeable future and that’s that. We have been thwarted; our aspirations trampled into the undergrowth, our dreams trodden into the mud.

I’m still keeping my pitch fork sharpened though...

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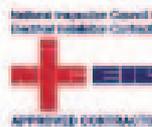


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### Keeping it clean outside and in.

How often do you clean or sanitise your computer equipment? I am peeling a satsuma over mine as I type this and will shortly be sloshing a cup of coffee over it. I have to replace my keyboard fairly often once the keys get too sticky; understandably I suppose.

As you might guess there are plenty of products on the market to give your keyboard the Mary Whitehouse treatment. Trolling the net I find that I should have: cotton buds, a compressed air spray, a mini keyboard hoover, and some anti-bacterial wipes. I have just given mine a shake and got some dust, some crumbs and a staple out. I have sprayed the board with some screen cleaner and the cotton buds have come out pretty black, so maybe a couple of million bacteria less. (Yes I did unplug the keyboard first). The screen and the mouse have had a good wipe too, so now what about the insides (the files, photos, emails and web pages I mean, not the circuit boards, although if you have an old PC a quick hoover around the fan grill is a good idea).

If you keep documents, letters or spreadsheets on your computer here are some tips to keep them in order, so you can find them again:-

- Use sensible file names, I often add the date to the title.
- Use directories, sometimes called folders, to keep like objects together.
- Back up important files to an external drive or to the Cloud. - More about the Cloud next month.

The same rules apply to your emails; be ruthless and delete unwanted, irrelevant or duplicate mails at least once a week. If you save downloads or attachments, you don't need to keep the original

email and if you send photos or other large files, clear out your 'Sent' box. Oh and empty that trash bin as well.

If you download photos from a camera or phone again be ruthless; we all take half a dozen of the same shot looking for that 'David Bailey' moment but only save the best one. Keep them in folders with a place and date name.

Surfing the net puts all sorts of stuff onto your computer. We all love those pop ups asking if it's OK to give you a few cookies but soon your

computer will have more cookies than 'Dunkin Donuts'. Cookies aren't all bad, they help you browse your favourite sites quicker and they allow you to search for places or sellers nearby and save time with saved passwords. If you are searching for stuff that you don't want to keep a record of, most browsers

like Safari, Firefox and IE have a private browsing option, when no history or cookies are saved. Usually at the top right hand corner click and choose 'Open private window'. Every now and then I like to clear out all my history and cookies. You can do this by clicking on your library or history button. You can choose what to delete. If you save passwords or log in details don't delete those.

For a more serious clean up most 'anti-virus packages' have more advanced clean up options – but always remember if you are not sure what will happen make sure you have a 'Back Up' -see next month's article for more about this.

**A study found that there were 3,543,000 bacteria for each square inch of the average computer keyboard, and that phones were covered with 1,600,082 per square inch. The study also found that for many their keyboards are dirtier than their toilet seats.**



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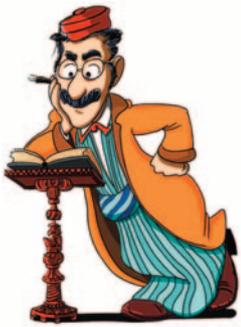
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## Mr. Quips Corner

- Maybe it's not global warming. Maybe it's just planetary menopause.
- Tennis would be way more exciting if they used dogs for ball boys.
- With my luck I'll probably be reincarnated as me.
- I was hooked on auctions after only going once... going twice.
- I always wanted to learn to procrastinate... just never got around to it.
- Sure, I'd love to help you out... now, which way did you come in?
- As I get older and remember all the people I've lost along the way. I think to myself maybe a career as a tour guide wasn't for me.
- I hope the guy who invented Autocorrect burns in hello!
- Russian history in 5 words: "And then things got worse."

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

- A modest little person, with much to be modest about - *Winston Churchill*
- He makes a very handsome corpse and becomes his coffin prodigiously - *Oliver Goldsmith*
- Her hat is a creation that will never go out of style. It will look ridiculous year after year - *Fred Allen*
- I never forget a face, but in your case I'll make an exception - *Groucho Marx*
- I see her as one great stampede of lips directed at the nearest derriere - *Noël Coward*
- A brain of feathers, and a heart of lead - *Alexander Pope*
- He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know - *Abraham Lincoln*
- Useless as a pulled tooth - *Mary Roberts Rinehart*
- A sophisticated rhetorician, inebriated with the exuberance of his own verbosity - *Benjamin Disraeli*
- Thank you for sending me a copy of your book - I'll waste no time reading it - *Moses Hadas*



from Judith Rice

### It's never too late to learn something new!

Experience the delights of learning not for qualifications but for the joy of discovery! Here at Pontesbury and Rea Valley U3A a group of people share the similar aims of maintaining and improving the quality of their lives by being fulfilled and active in later life. We have over 20 active Interest Groups so the chances are high that there will be something to take your fancy. Have a look around our website, and come and join us.

We look forward to meeting you.

Activities are run by and for members who share their interests and skills in a friendly and informal environment, often in members' own homes. There are no obstacles to joining the U3A. All you need is spare time to learn and share social and cultural opportunities with like-minded people. More information about PRV U3A can be found on our website:

<https://u3apontesburyreavalley.org.uk/index.htm>

Our next Open Meeting is on 18th September 2:00 p.m. in Pontesbury and promises to be very interesting. Our speaker, local award winning florist Anne Whysall, will be talking about plants and we can put this into practice.

Just in case you're feeling your age, take heart. A 100-year-old German woman has just decided to go into politics and is now standing as a councillor in her local town. So, there's no excuse for not doing some of those things that you've always thought worth doing, is there?

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# The Methodist Church

## Stiperstones Church Parking.

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Due to an unfortunate incident this past spring at the Stiperstones Methodist Church car park, we regret that the car park will be for short term use only and by prearrangement with permission. This can be done by contacting [reavalleymethodists@gmail.com](mailto:reavalleymethodists@gmail.com) or by calling **01743 791 267**. For more information on parking please see our website at [www.shropshireandmarches.org.uk](http://www.shropshireandmarches.org.uk).

The car park will be closed for public use on the following dates and are subject to change without notice - **September 18th, 19th and 24th, November 1st, 13th and 30th and December 21st.**

### Upcoming Events

#### Graveside Flower Service

**Snailbeach Churchyard, September 28th, 11am.**

Do you have a loved one laid to rest in Snailbeach church yard and wish to dress their resting place with some flowers? Please join us for a short blessing service where you can bring some flowers, have a quiet moment of remembrance, have the flowers blessed and say a prayer. A free will offering is accepted for the upkeep of the graveyard.

#### Funeral Planning Session Stiperstones

**September 24th, 7pm-**

No one likes to think of their mortality but if something happened to you, would your loved ones know your wishes, even if you don't want a church funeral? Please consider attending this short half hour funeral planning service on what information would be helpful to funeral planning. There is a take home sheet you can fill out in your own time. This is free of charge and open to everyone regardless of religious belief (or none).

**See page 38 for Methodist Church service times**

## Lordshill Baptist Church

Lordshill Baptist Church plans to hold a public meeting and service in Snailbeach Village Hall on Saturday afternoon, 28th September at 3.00 pm. The theme will be "**What have Jesus and the Bible done for us all?**"

## PUZZLES + POSERS

### Question 1:

If I am a man and Jason's son is my son's father, what relationship am I to Jason?

### Question 2:

What word from group B belongs to group A and why?

- A) FRONT, SKI, MELON, FALL  
B) ROAD, TIRE, TOWER, CLIFF

### Question 3:

Something extraordinarily unusual happened on the 6th of May, 1978 at 12:34 p.m. What was it?

### Question 4:

Picture a ship at anchor. Over the side hangs a rope ladder with half a meter rungs. The tide rises a half metre per hour. At the end of five hours, how much of the ladder will remain above the water assuming the nine rungs were above water when the tide began to rise?

### Question 5:

An old beggar collects cigarette ends from ashtrays and sidewalks and uses the tobacco to roll her own cigarettes. She has this practice down to a fine art, knowing it will take seven cigarette ends to make one cigarette. Since she has collected 49 ends, how many cigarettes can she make from these and why?

### Question 6:

Gloria Goodbody opened her own clothing store called "The Wrap". She wasn't sure about pricing certain items so she devised her own method. At "The Wrap" a vest costs £20, socks cost £25, a tie costs £15 and a blouse costs £30. Using Gloria's pricing scheme, how much would a pair of underwear cost?

### Question 7:

What is a five letter word in the English language whose pronunciation isn't changed by removing four of its letters?

### Question 8:

A man left home one morning. He turned right and ran straight ahead. Then he turned left. After awhile, he turned left again, running faster than ever. Then he turned left once more and decided to go home. In the distance he could see two masked men waiting for him. Who were they?

### Question 9:

You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

Answers on page 40



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Another summer holidays over, well for the children. I'm sure lots of you will be taking the opportunity for a quieter or cheaper holiday this September. I will be! So unfortunately, I'm going to be missing the presentation event for the prize winners of the moon landing writing competition on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The FoPLs had a lot of entries to choose from, come along and hear the stories with a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

I think a lot of people know that one of Pontesbury's most famous literary visitors was D H Lawrence, he was born on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1885. While searching for an autumnal quote I found an extract from the short novel *St Mawr*, said to be inspired by his stay in Shropshire, published in 1925. *"They came at last, trotting in file along a narrow track between heather, along the saddle of the hill, to where the knot of pale granite suddenly cropped out. It was one of those places where the spirit of aboriginal England still lingers, the old savage England, whose last blood still flows in a few Englishmen, Welshmen, Cornishmen."*

We had a couple of events for children this summer, but not as many as I would have liked. If you have a skill, craft or anything that children would enjoy and could deliver a little session during the school holidays please get in touch with Beverley or Kay at the library. I'm sure we could even manage something musical.

Keep an eye out for posters advertising our library events or check on the FoPL Facebook page *Use Pontesbury Library*.



## Eastridge Trail Partnership

An update from  
**John Bellis**

It's been around 4 months since the public meeting at Snailbeach Village Hall where local residents had the opportunity to meet Forestry England and the Eastridge Trail Partnership (ETP) to discuss the management of the mountain biking trails in Eastridge Woods.

Since this meeting the ETP have taken on board some of the comments made regarding how the mountain bike trails interact with the walking paths that run throughout the woodland, particularly those associated with the path known as the 'pipe track' which is well used by both walkers and horse riders.

Works have already been undertaken to close many of the cuts that have developed down from the mountain bike trails onto the pipe track. The ETP will be monitoring this to ensure that any new cuts are closed as soon as possible. A meeting has also taken place at Eastridge between the ETP and Forestry England to discuss additional amendments to the trail network to reduce the speed of riders when crossing the walking paths.

A scheme of works has been agreed to install corners in several locations to reduce rider speed and increase visibility for both riders and walkers at these points. Signage will also be installed by the ETP in key locations where official crossings remain.

Although the ETP would like to undertake these works as soon as possible it is not possible to undertake sustainable trail maintenance during dry and dusty summer conditions. It is therefore planned that these works will be undertaken through a series of public dig days in early autumn which will be promoted through the ETP Facebook page. These changes will be monitored by both Forestry England and the ETP and should avoid the need for further trail closures.

The ETP are always happy to answer any questions or meet with residents should they feel that there are any specific issues with the trails that need to be addressed. Please feel free to contact us at any time through our Facebook page.



# 50 years ago man landed on the moon...

by Liz Knowles

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the 1969 moon landings. Going to the moon changed their lives, they said. Those brave men who went up into space in the 1960's and 70's. A lasting legacy in their consciousness; the sight of the Earth from space.

In the words of Alfred Worden, a 1971 Apollo 15 astronaut, "Now I know why I'm here. Not for a closer look at the moon, but to look back at our home, the Earth."

William Anders from the Apollo 14 mission, the man who took the first iconic photograph of the earth from space:

"We came all this way to explore the moon, and the most important thing is that we discovered the Earth."

Edgar Mitchell, another Apollo astronaut and the sixth person to ever walk on the moon, was deeply moved by his experience in space in 1971. He wrote:

"Suddenly, from behind the rim of the moon, in long slow motion moments of immense majesty, there emerges a sparkling blue and white jewel, a light delicate sky blue sphere laced with slowly swirling veils of white, rising gradually like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery. It takes more than a moment to fully realise this is Earth.....home." The beautiful, blue, green and white sphere on which we live. The beautiful Earth which succours us and which gives us everything we

need for our survival and on which we utterly depend.

From the moon the Earth looks serene, inviolate, pristine.

Now there are satellites orbiting our planet constantly. From their closer perspectives the Earth no longer looks so pristine. The

cracks began to show some time back and now the damage

we have wreaked is clearly visible - the

retreating icecaps and glaciers, the

deforestation, the

spreading

megacities, the

plumes of

airborne pollution, the extreme

weather systems created by rising

seas and rising

temperatures.

I was born in the time of regular smog alerts. I can

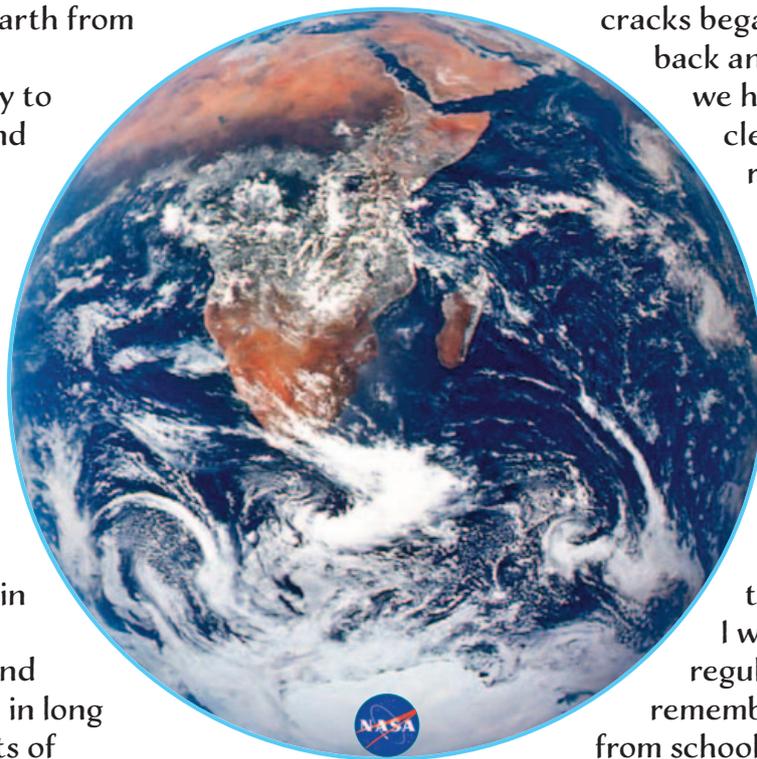
remember being sent home

from school early because of a

particularly bad event, and walking through it unaccompanied. The risk to public

health was obvious to everyone. It was visible, palpable and tangible, so something had to be done. And something was done. A solution was found in spite of the costs to industry and business.

Now the threat to the Earth, to us, all of us, is imminent and existential.



It is known what we have to do.  
It is known why we have to do it.  
We know how we can do it.  
We know it is the right thing to do.  
We have the means.  
We know we need to do it NOW.  
But will we do it and in time?



The Earth From the moon

Or are we really so greedy, so short sighted, so selfish, that we are prepared for devastation as long as it is not in our lifetimes?

David Attenborough, December 2016, said: "How could I look my grandchildren in the eye and say I knew what was happening to the world and did nothing?"



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One of Cassini's final photos of Earth between Saturn and its rings. This image shows our planet from 870 million miles away.

Carl Sagan, Astronomer:  
"There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than (the) distant image of our tiny world... a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam."  
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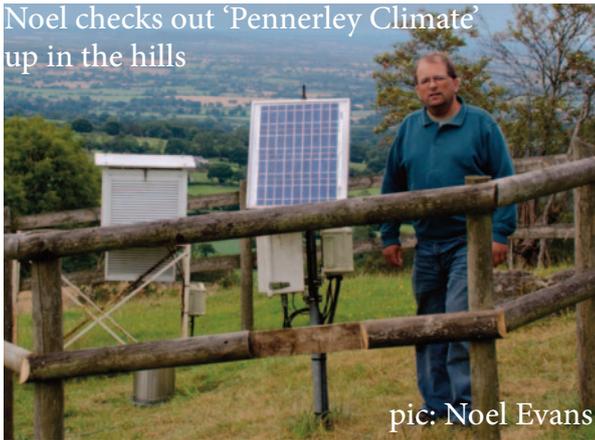


# Pennerley Weather.

From Noel Evans of  
Pennerley Climate

I have always been fascinated by the weather, and began recording weather back in February 1986. Around that time the DHSS, as it was known then, started to make additional cold weather payments and asked weathermen if they or anyone they knew would be interested in recording weather and temperatures to help them ascertain when the required temperature was reached so they could then start to make the payments. A very good friend of the family happened to be a weatherman and asked me if I was interested. Naturally I jumped at the chance to be able to further my fascination with the elements.

Noel checks out 'Pennerley Climate' up in the hills



pic: Noel Evans

The Station was only basic, recording Max. and Min. Temperatures and Rainfall. I was supplied with the appropriate equipment and off I went. The Pennerley weather station was born. This lasted one year in total by which time the DHSS chose to gather their data from the Met Office direct. Having been left with the thermometers and rain gauge I carried on recording on my own until October of 1988.

It was about September of 1988 that another family friend spotted an advert in the Shropshire Star, put in by the Met Office, asking if anyone would be interested in recording the weather for them on a voluntary basis.

Once again I jumped at the chance and responded. After a visit from some Met Officers from R.A.F Shawbury I started weather recording with higher standard equipment. I also made a wider range of observations; Ground Surface Min. temp, Visibility, Total Cloud amounts, Wind Speed and Direction, State of Ground and a coded figure for present weather.

The official role of the weather station was for gathering data for climate purposes and was renamed 'Pennerley Climate'. All the weather data I observed was sent to the Met Office once a month on a big paper form know as a 3208b. Submission then slowly progressed from floppy disk to entering data directly on to the Met Office website until about four years ago when a fully automatic station was installed which allows hourly observations to be made. The Met Office can also dial into it directly to download the data themselves.

Having observed the weather for over 30 years now, it never ceases to amaze me what nature can throw at us. This can be seen in the increase in severe weather incidents which seem to be becoming a more frequent occurrence in the present times.

From my own records I can recall the severest storm I ever recorded which was on the 03<sup>rd</sup> August 2001 where we had a thunderstorm mid-afternoon which dropped 2.5 inches of rain in just one hour and gave a twenty four hour total of 3.2 inches. The most recent severe weather incident was back in June when from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> we had a series of low depressions which lasted three days and dropped a total of 4.8 inches of rain over that time period plus perpetual fog, which never lifted over the same time period. Something that I've never known in the thirty years of weather recording.

Winters too seem to come and go with less snow fall over the last ten to fifteen years, although from 2009 to 2014 we saw a dramatic increase in snow fall, with deep drifting which we had not seen here for many years. There certainly does seem to be changes in weather patterns; some dramatic some more subtle. If there are any further major weather events I will keep you all posted.

Noel wades through floods in Tankerville after the record rainfall of June this year



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# Letter from Westminster

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## Policing

Last month I met Inspector Nikki Roberts, who leads South Shropshire policing, to discuss steps being taken to prevent and tackle crime in our communities.

In light of the Prime Minister's pledge to increase police officer numbers by 20,000, I am determined to see rural areas like Shropshire benefit – and was encouraged to hear that the Chief Constable is allocating an additional 10 substantive police constables to South Shropshire. The result of this increase is an effectively a 50% increase in the safer neighbourhood teams in Ludlow and Bridgnorth on each shift – a very welcome increase! This follows a record 56 officers joining West Mercia Police in July alone, as part of recruitment of 115 new officers.

West Mercia Police are also taking encouraging steps to help prevent rural crime, an issue which I know West Mercia's Police and Crime Commissioner John Champion takes seriously. So I was pleased to meet the We Don't Buy Crime officer, who was promoting use of Smart Water to Craven Arms' Mayor and Shropshire Councillor, and encouraging adoption across communities in Shropshire following lead taken in Cleobury Mortimer where domestic burglary was reduced dramatically.

Smart Water individually marks goods of value with a unique identifier which is invisible to the naked eye, but is revealed under Ultra Violet light, and links the goods marked direct to the household of the owner. Each West Mercia officer carries a UV torch so can look for smart water marked goods whenever suspicious of a theft.

This has proven successful in reducing and disrupting the market for stolen goods,

protecting homes and possessions by making them less attractive to the would-be criminal. So West Mercia are also looking to extend this scheme to cover farms, to combat a recent spike east of the A49 in recent months.

I am sure many will also welcome the additional powers being given to Police under stop and search through a nationwide pilot, with more than 8,000 police officers authorised to use enhanced stop and search powers, as part of Government efforts to crack down on violent crime. While knives are used in fewer serious crimes in West Mercia compared to the national average (4% rather than 6%), and indeed is far below the worst hotspots for knife crime like certain parts of London and Birmingham, this is a welcome step to tackle a growing problem in society, particularly for young people.

The new government has also outlined in its first month plans to review sentencing for the most serious offenders, including not letting prisoners out automatically part-way through a sentence and reviewing how to break the cycle of repeat offending. In light of anticipated increase demand for caseloads, the Justice Secretary has announced a further £85 million for the Crown Prosecution Service to build capacity over the next 2 years, with an extra £2.5 billion investment to create 10,000 extra prison places.

I hope this renewed focus on tackling and preventing crime, both nationally and in south Shropshire, will help make streets safer in communities across the UK.

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# NATURAL ENGLAND

## Notes from the hill

*Simon Cooter for Natural England staff at Rigmooak.*

We were planning on putting out some pictures on our Facebook page of the lovely purple heather, to encourage people to donate towards the purchase of Windy Corner, which we are planning on reverting to heathland as a key link in the chain of this habitat along the Stiperstones ridge (<http://easydonate.org/PURPLE>). Windy Corner is a small but important piece of the Back to Purple jigsaw, the vision being to have unbroken heathland along the entire ridge. This will allow the heathland wildlife to be able to move and not become marooned on small islands of habitat, thus making it much more resilient to future changes such as variations in the climate.

The problem is that when I went to take the purple pictures, it was obvious that this year much of the heathland is turning orange rather than purple. The culprits are a tiny beetle, called heather beetle. A quick look at the orange heather reveals the beetle larvae, small white spotted grubs munching away on the shrubs. The beetles are always present and they are common in the UK, wherever there is common heather, this being their food plant. Their populations fluctuate from low numbers, where they have little effect on heather plants, to very high numbers in certain years, when they cause widespread defoliation.

Although the heather will generally recover from these attacks, it may take a number of years, during which there will be less cover for nesting birds such as red grouse, making the birds more prone to predation. Four or five years ago we had a similar outbreak at the north end of the nature reserve, and this year it seems to have affected the south end. Heather beetle outbreaks seem to be increasing, and this could be linked to better winter survival of the beetles due to climate change or increased nitrogen in the atmosphere.

Another insect that is being seen in good numbers this year is the painted lady butterfly. This butterfly is a long distance migrant from Africa and can be seen visiting a wide variety of flowers including the thistles in some of our grasslands and of course buddleias in gardens. Every 10 years or so the weather conditions and food sources are right for a mass emergence, and this year seems to be one of those years. These butterflies are strong fliers but do not fly here directly from Africa. Instead they spread north over a number of years with successive generations moving further north. When cooler weather settles in, they then migrate south again. They are large pale orange butterflies with distinctive white-spotted black corners to their wings.



There will be a limited amount of knapsack spraying of bracken this year. Bracken is sprayed with a highly specific herbicide called Asulox. Only dense areas of bracken are sprayed and any areas that have been treated will have signs posted near them, so that there is no confusion over where whinberries can be picked.

Friday September 27th is National Moth Night and to celebrate two of our local moth experts will be up at the nature reserve car park from 7pm, so do come and join us to see some of these wonderful nocturnal creatures.

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



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It was an awful smell.  
It was just like a rotting egg,  
Straight from the depths of hell!

She tried to keep it secret  
By sitting in a group.  
But it was really obvious,  
When she said, "Who did that poop?"

She screwed her bright red face up  
And blamed it all on Claire.  
But later when I needed help,  
The stench was round her chair!

She avoided my eye contact  
And ticked my work in green.  
But she knew that her body smells  
Were foul and quite obscene.

I asked her what that smell was.  
She said she'd not a clue.  
I hope to God that eggy smell  
Was fart and not a poo!

Today the teacher farted.  
My word, what had she ate?  
I'll always remember what she did,  
And now I'm thirty eight!  
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man run around  
his bed?  
*Because he was  
trying to catch  
up on his sleep!*  
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Why did the  
teddy bear say  
"no" to dessert?  
*Because he was  
stuffed.*

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## Heather Kidd's Report

### Shropshire's roads contractors strike again!

The road between Snailbeach and Stiperstones was closed with very little warning recently for patching. Having got a little warning, I spoke to KIER and they agreed that they would delay the work for one day so that proper diversion/warning signs could be put in place. Guess what? No signs, more serious hassle for residents!

It is high time that the Council ended this shambles and took road maintenance back 'in house' as councils such as Cornwall have done.

### Government funding for Councils.

A complete review of funding to Councils across England has now been delayed by the Government. They have been promising money for many things but not to Councils for Adult

social care and all the other statutory duties carried out by them.

Unless the overall financial situation faced by Shropshire Council improves, its future looks in doubt after the 2020 -21 financial year. It either needs more money from Central Government and/or Whitehall needs to relax the cap on how much the Council can raise through Council Tax. At the moment it is using reserves to prop up services. That can only be done once and then Shropshire will run out of enough money to be able to carry out our statutory duties.

Best wishes

*Heather*

Heather Kidd, Shropshire Councillor for Chirbury and Worthen

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## CLUSTER CONSULTATION

### HAVE YOUR SAY! HAVE YOUR SAY!

On October 27th, the residents of Worthen With Shelve Parish will be asked to take part in an advisory consultation to determine whether they wish their settlement to continue as part of a 'Cluster' or to revert to having 'open countryside' status. Put simply, in areas with 'open countryside' status, planning applications are typically granted only if there is a demonstrated need, while 'Cluster' status allows more options for development. More detailed information is

available on the parish website at [www.worthenwithshelve.commhub.co.uk](http://www.worthenwithshelve.commhub.co.uk) and at [www.worthenwithshelve.commhub.co.uk](http://www.worthenwithshelve.commhub.co.uk) will be sent to your home in the run up to the day of the consultation. Public meetings will be held to provide further information, and to allow you to put your questions to members of the Parish Council.

### Snailbeach Village Hall:

**Saturday 5th October - 13.00-15.00**

### Worthen Village Hall:

**Saturday 12th October - 10.00-12.00**

### Hope Village Hall:

**Saturday 12th October - 13.00-15.00**

Voting will take place on October 27th, between 11.00-16.00, at the same locations. Consult the Parish Council website or the information leaflet which will be posted to you shortly for more information.

## 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.

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**October 10th - AGM**

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

**December 12th - Entertainment Evening**

At our July meeting we thoroughly enjoyed an Indian cookery demonstration and tasting session by Lajina Masala. She showed us the secrets of making tantalisingly spicy curry and fragrant fluffy rice in true Indian home-cooked style.

Our annual dinner at The Stiperstones Inn was a huge success. Our thanks go to Phil and Lara along with their staff who did an amazing job serving up a fabulous meal to 30 of us.

Monthly meetings take place at 7.30pm in Snailbeach Village Hall and anyone is welcome to come along.

Please contact Jo for any further information on 01743 891406 or email [jkane655@btinternet.com](mailto:jkane655@btinternet.com).

THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN



Week 1

*...pick apples and pears for storage...*

On cool dry days pick pears whilst they are still green and hard and store them, unwrapped, in trays in a cool place. After a month, bring into the warmth, a few at a time, to ripen. Wrap apples singly in newspaper and store in a dark, frost-free place until required.

Week 2

*...plant bulbs this month...*

Plant spring-flowering bulbs in groups between shrubs and herbaceous plants, removing tired summer-flowering bedding plants as you work. Prepare pots and bowls of bulbs for indoor flowering and put them in a dark, frost-free place to encourage strong root growth. Bring them into light in two or three months' time.

Week 3

*...divide perennials to make new plants...*

Tidy beds and borders and divide old clumps of perennials. Replant the young, outer shoots to make vigorous, lush growth in the spring. Fill gaps with leftover plants, as the effect of 'repeat planting' is very pleasing. Take cuttings of bay and lavender and place in pots of sand to root in the cold frame.

Week 4

*...out with the old, in with the new...*

Remove summer bedding plants from the borders and replace them with spring-flowering plants such as forget-me-nots and wallflowers. The soil is still warm and when planted this month they will have ample time to make good root growth before severe weather sets in.

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Gravels	09:03	Aston on Clun	15:17
White Grit	09:05	Lydbury North	13:50
Lydham	09:10	Little Brampton	14:00
Bishops Castle	09:15	Clunton	14:02
Colebatch	09:20	Clun	14:05
Clun	09:35	Colebatch	14:20
Clunton	09:38	Bishops Castle	14:25
Little Brampton	09:40	Lydham	14:30
Lydbury North	09:50	White Grit	14:35
Aston on Clun	10:03	Gravels	14:37
Long Meadowend	10:05	Hope	14:40
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Plox Green	09:38	Sarn	14:10
Hope	09:40	Blue Bell	14:15
Gravels	09:45	Church Stoke	14:20
White Grit	09:48	Bishops Castle	14:35
Llan Turn	09:51	Bishops Castle	14:40
Bromleys Mill	09:55	Lydham	14:43
Lydham	09:57	Bromleys Mill	14:45
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**See page 17 for further information.**

## Stiperstones Group C of E Service rota September 2019



**Please note changes:**  
 2nd Sunday of month:  
 St Mary Habberley:  
 BCP Evening Prayer  
 Service now starts at 5.00pm  
 4th Sunday of month:  
 Holy Trinity  
 Minsterley: 10.30am  
 Holy Communion  
 replaced by a 5.00pm  
 Common Worship  
 Evening Prayer  
 Service with Choir.

Date	Habberley St Mary	Hope Holy Trinity	Minsterley Holy Trinity	Shelve All Saints	Snailbeach St Luke
1st Sunday 1st September Trinity 11 Giles of Provence Green			10.30 am All Age Communion & Baptism of Giles Potter Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer  Ian Williams (Reader)	
2nd Sunday 8th September Trinity 12 Green	5.00pm Patronal Festival (Birth of the BVM) BCP Evening Prayer Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	10.30am All Age Worship Ian Williams (Reader)  (Revd Giles presiding at St George's Pontesbury)		
3rd Sunday 15th September Trinity 13 Green			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	
4th Sunday 22nd September Trinity 14 Green	10.30am Harvest Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	5.00pm Common Worship Healing Ministry Service Revd Giles & Revd Carolyn		
5th Sunday 29th September Michael & All Angels White	10.30am Shared Stiperstones Group & St George's Pontesbury Holy Communion Service at St George's Pontesbury Revd Giles				

## Waste Collection Schedule

September 2019				October
Tues 3rd	Tues 10th	Tues 17th	Tues 24th	Tues 1st
Black	Green	Black	Green	Black

**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... Warwicksire 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**  
 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft	2 x ornamental cannons from front of property	Worthen	Overnight 13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> August
Shoplifting		Worthen	Offender banned
Theft from vehicle	Items taken from insecure vehicle	Stockton, Marton	Linked to below incident
Burglary	2 females missing from care home have entered a conservatory and stolen items	Stockton, Marton	Offenders found, returned to care home, investigation ongoing.
Assault		Chirbury	
Theft of quad	Quad bike stolen from farm. Later recovered over the border in Wales thanks to the tracker and a male arrested	Snailbeach	6 <sup>th</sup> August
Theft of livestock	35 sheep reported missing from flock	Nind	Enquires ongoing
Theft of livestock	Up to 28 Manx Loaghtan and 6 Hebridean sheep reported stolen	Pennerley	Enquires ongoing
Assault		Hope	
Burglary (non dwelling)	Outbuildings broken into, nothing stolen	Hope	Overnight 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Malicious communications		Gravels	

Anyone with any information as to who carried out these crimes please contact Crimestoppers (0800 555111) or West Mercia Police on 101

**CRIME STATS**

Crimes, ASB and other incidents recorded in your area are now available on the website - [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

**BISHOP'S CASTLE SNT ON FACEBOOK**

For regular updates of local crimes, scams, incidents and suspicious vehicles you can follow or 'like' our Facebook page - Bishops Castle SNT Rural Watch.

## 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:** You would be Jason's son.  
**Answer 2:** 'Tower'; Tower and all the words in group A can be preceded by the word water.  
**Answer 3:** At that moment, the time and day could be written as: 12:34, 5/6/78  
**Answer 4:** Nine rungs will be above the water. As the tide rises, so too will the ship and the ladder.  
**Answer 5:** Eight. She makes seven cigarettes from the 49 ends, and then she is able to make one more from the seven she has just smoked.  
**Answer 6:** £45. The pricing scheme Gloria Goodbody devised consists of charging £5 for each letter required to spell the item.  
**Answer 7:** The word is 'Queue', which pronounces Q.  
**Answer 8:** The man was a baseball player. The two masked men were the umpire and the other team's catcher.  
**Answer 9:** An ear of corn.

## 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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