



# SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

NOVEMBER 2019

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## Stiperstones 5 in 10 challenge a triumph

Organised by Friends of Stiperstones School, this inaugural event proved to be a popular success, raising over £2000 and looks set on becoming a regular feature.

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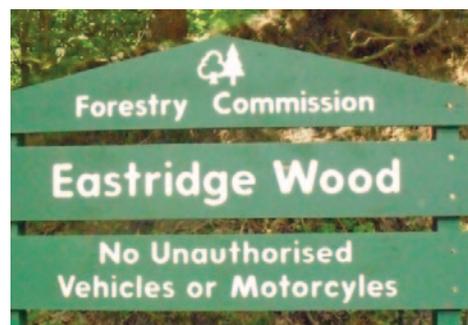
## Pennerley is weather record breaker - again

Noel Evans of Tankerville, our local weather man, reports on the latest record breaking weather event to blight our area - and the earthquake!



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## Fly tipping in our woods



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## Notes from THE EDITOR



As Christmas hurtles towards us yet again, we will be offering you all the opportunity to place your own personalised Christmas greeting within the December edition of the SDN. This has proved popular over the last few years and I hope that this will be the case this year. It's an efficient way of getting your Christmas message to a wide readership for a small donation of £5 towards our printing and running costs, which we so dearly need to help keep the SDN the popular local, free and independent publication it has become. See page 31 for details.

At the end of each month after I've checked and double checked for 'schoolboy errors', as my critical friend Ron calls them, (he always manages to find at least one, and can't wait to greet me with a huge friendly grin in the pub on publication day to point out my childish errors) the SDN is sent off to the printers and I then go through the painful process of deleting all that I've done over the previous four weeks, leaving me with a very empty template for the following month's edition. It's a bit depressing, really. I immediately start to have a mild panic attack as I gaze at page after page of white emptiness. How am I possibly going to fill all this empty space for next month's edition? What will happen if nobody sends me anything at all to publish? Could I publish a completely empty white edition and call it a tribute to the Beatles White Album? Would anyone notice? It's scary. So, could you please help this old man out a bit and help me fill these pages with your local comments, your articles, your stories? It's *your* newsletter. Let's fill the pages with *your* stuff!

It seems that Pennerley is a UK weather record breaker for the second time in less than six months! By Tuesday afternoon on the 1st October Pennerley recorded the highest hourly rainfall in the UK at 25.6mm. Pennerley also had the highest rainfall total of the day with 36.2mm. This part of the country normally receives just 96mm of rain in the whole of October. It's not surprising that once again Tankerville was flooded and drains were blocked with grit and gravel from the BOATs. Noel Evans, our local weather man from Tankerville, takes a look at our weather once again on page 5.

I was recently shown three incidents of illegal fly tipping in the Eastridge wood. Two were at the side of the track leading from Prospect House up past Coppice Farm and one was much further into the wood at the side of the lower fire track. All three were garden clippings and garden waste. What a desperate shame that people find it acceptable to behave in this way. What's wrong with your green bin, or a trip to the Battlefield Recycling Centre? More on page 19.

# NEWSBRIEF

## Local Samaritans to the rescue!

We are happy to report that the SDN has been instrumental in solving the mystery of The Good Samaritan that we reported on last month. If you remember, we had a request off Marie and Colin Edwards to find the lady who helped a guest, after he had had a nasty fall, at the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We recently received this email from Marie Edwards:-

*"Following our appeal in last month's edition of the SDN, when we asked if anyone knew of the lady who rescued one of our guests when he had a fall near the church, we were so pleased to have a call from Marg Price who told us The Good Samaritan was her daughter-in-law Wendy. A big thank you to Wendy for your kindness, to Marg for the information and to the Snailbeach District News for helping us solve the mystery. - Marie and Colin Edwards"*

And there's more! It seems our local residents are proving to be quite the Samaritans on a regular basis. After a telephone call to the SDN from a visitor to the area, Tony Thompson, who had been walking the Stiperstones, sent us the following:-  
*"HELP. On Wednesday 17th July a very kind lady gave me a lift in her car - blue I think - to the Bog Visitor Centre, near Stiperstones. I was having trouble walking up on the track by the side of the Bog Visitor Centre - about 400 metres from the centre, but am fine now. If it was you then please e-mail me on [tony@t-thompson.co.uk](mailto:tony@t-thompson.co.uk).*

*At the time I did not even thank you, but have been wanting to for over two months now. However I only recently discovered that I might be able to do so through the Snailbeach District News. Kind regards, Tony Thompson"*

So, if any of our readers know who this second mystery Good Samaritan is, please get in touch with Tony who would love to express his thanks to you.

How heart warming it is to hear of these lovely local acts of unsolicited kindness.

## The Marches Choir

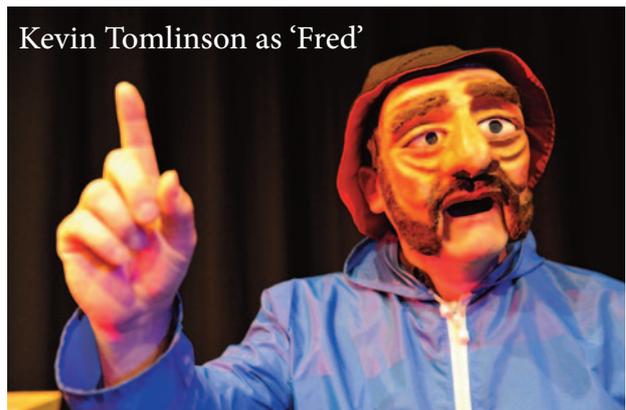
The Marches Choir presents Britten and Handel - Saturday 23rd November. The choir together with the Marches Sinfonia, professional tenor soloist Clifford Lister, and members of choirs from Bedstone College and Prestfelde schools, will perform Britten's St Nicolas Cantata and Simple Symphony, excerpts of Handel's Chandos Anthem

No.9, and a piece written specially for the choir. St John's Church, Bishops Castle, 7.30pm, £12 (children and students free), 01588 650448, or on the door.

## Kepow Theatre in Snailbeach

'Stiperstock', that zany bunch of crazy people centred around the Stipestones Inn are bringing the acclaimed award winning comedian Kevin Tomlinson to Snailbeach village hall. Fresh from a sell out world tour of Canada, America, New Zealand and Hong Kong, this wonderful comedy show explores all those moments in life when we are *On the Edge*. Falling in love, leaving home, getting a job, bungee jumping, you name it, this show explores it. Essentially an improvised comedy *On the Edge!* garnered 5 star reviews at the Edinburgh Festival and received a standing ovation on its last night. Since then, it has been seen at over 350 venues across the UK and has had sell out performances all over the world.

Created by and starring Kevin Tomlinson (winner



Kevin Tomlinson as 'Fred'

of the Sunday Times Playwright Award) and Abi Hood (ITV's 'The Bill'), **KEPOW!** are now considered one of the UK's leading touring theatre companies (and one of the funniest). Their shows are suitable for all ages, from 7 to 107 years old. American company Warner Bros have recently bought the internet rights to *On the Edge* and the BBC are now looking at turning it into a TV show. Kevin Tomlinson is now recognised as one of the UK's leading comic improvisers.

Tickets for the show on Sunday, 10th November (doors at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start) are £5 and can be purchased at the Stiperstones Inn, or call 01743 791327 to book in advance.

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from our local weather man  
**Noel Evans**

## Rain storm on 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2019



pic:Heather Kidd

Flood water on the Pennerley BOAT

Once again Pennerley was the wettest place in the UK recording 1.5 inches of rain in just one hour, giving a 24hr total of over 2 inches. The Pottery car park was turned into a lake for the second time over the last four

months. Rainfall intensities have certainly increased this year with the ground being perpetually water logged, particularly from late summer onwards. This has partly been caused by the back ends of some unprecedented hurricanes in the Caribbean. The Jet streams also play a big part in the amount of low-pressure systems that hit the UK. The Jet stream has to bend only a small amount to allow the low-pressure weather systems from the Atlantic to sweep in one after the other or to allow the cold air to come down from the Arctic. On the end of the scale it can also allow hot air to come in from off the continent to give us warmer weather or even a heatwave. There is also another factor that accounts for the UK's unsettled weather, that is that the UK sits underneath the collision of three main air currents, one that comes of the Atlantic, a second that comes off the Continent and a third that comes down from the Arctic. It is the convergence of these three air currents that causes a lot of our erratic weather. We could argue that it gives us an interesting variety of different weather, although the seemingly endless unsettled weather does get on your nerves!

## Earthquake Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Earthquakes shook Shropshire on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, where the largest one hit Bishops Castle registering a magnitude of 2.3, which was recorded by the British Geological Survey (BGS). Other areas around Shropshire also felt it, especially those who live in the SY5 and SY6

postcode areas.

There seem to have been a number of earthquakes this year in the UK, one in Cornwall on the 09<sup>th</sup> August, two in Surrey, one on the 27<sup>th</sup> February and the other on 15<sup>th</sup> April, and one near Melton Mowbray on 03<sup>rd</sup> October. Is this a side affect of oil drilling or fracking? The government and energy companies say no, but one does have to wonder if it is causing some kind of movement of the fault lines or other deep ground disturbances.

One thing is for sure, we do need to be more aware of the delicate balance of the world's natural pattern of cycles.

## Doug Boulter - Fundraiser of the Year

Snailbeach resident Doug, 80, has won the Shropshire Star Fundraiser of the Year award. Doug has raised over £100,000 for charities over the past decade, including the Lingen Davies Cancer Care Fund, Midland Air Ambulance, and the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital in Gobowen. Well done Doug and thank you!

The SDN planned to interview Doug and publish a feature about his charity fundraising work but Doug declined, telling us that he "didn't want a fuss making". That it so Doug!

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- A group of pandas is called an ‘embarrassment’.
- 26 tons of clothing are abandoned each year at the start line of the Boston Marathon.
- Donald Trump is the first US president in 168 years not to have a pet in the White House.
- At the time of the French Revolution, only half the population of France spoke French and only 1 in 8 could speak it well.
- A *cumlin* is Scots for a pet cat that decides to go and live with new owners.
- Palmerston Atoll in the South Pacific has a population of 60, all of whom speak with a Gloucestershire accent.
- Climate change is causing ancient mummies to turn into black slime.
- During the Second World War, Foyle’s bookshop bomb-proofed itself by covering the roof with copies of *Mein Kampf*.
- According to her last wishes, Elizabeth Taylor arrived late for her own funeral.
- The first Glastonbury festival tickets cost £1 and came with a free bottle of milk.
- Titivillus was a demon blamed by medieval monks for spelling mistakes.
- *Sisu* is Finnish for ‘indomitable courage and persistence in the face of adversity’

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	6			4		5		
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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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**Chairman's report  
from  
Ray Harper**

When Snailbeach hosted the Shropshire Village Quiz League in October it was, I am reliably informed, the first time for five years. There was a considerable amount of preparation prior to the event and with catering for 50 plus and providing markers and runners etc the band of volunteers was fully occupied for the evening. Our Kitchen Elves again shone and provided everyone with sandwiches and cakes, tea and coffee (although most teams appeared to arrive carrying their own drinks). The cakes went down particularly well and I overheard several requests for recipes. Thank you to all who helped.

While the evening was successful and raised funds for the running of the hall, it again highlighted that the workload falls on the shoulders of a relatively small group. None of them complain and in fact some actually enjoy it, but we would like to welcome additional people who would be happy to help the community and keep the village hall a vibrant venue for those family parties, one off shows and the regular users. With this in mind I remind you the Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting will be held 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm; come along and find out what you can do to help. It is not necessary to be an officer or even a committee member to bring something to the party, look at how much Anita Evans accomplished over the last year for the play area. Moving on, don't forget the Christmas Fayre is to take place 30<sup>th</sup> November and it has now been confirmed that the brass band will be playing seasonal music and carols between 3.00 and 4.30pm on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Those who attended the performance last November by Sarah McQuaid will be pleased to hear that our esteemed editor, wearing his other hat, is arranging a repeat in the New Year, further details to follow. If you missed it last time you won't want to do so again.

**Snailbeach Methodist Church**

Snailbeach Methodist Church members and friends wish to thank the Rev. Shalome Cooper for arranging the flower service in memory of loved ones laid in the church yard. This proved to be very successful with a good company attending with flowers being blessed before dressing the flowers on the graves. With light refreshments afterwards and a retiring collection, together with generous donations for the upkeep of the grave yard fund, a total of £150 was raised. Grateful thanks to all.

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# extinction rebellion

from Liz Knowles

For two weeks during October, Extinction Rebellion UK staged non-violent direct actions and protests in London to bring attention to the

Climate Crisis and what is *not* happening to combat it.

I went down for a couple of days to join in with others from Shrewsbury, the Marches, Wales, XR farmers, and Bristol. Other groups from around the UK were also there of course, including the Scots.

But what were we all rebelling for, and how was it done? Everyone joining in was asked to follow a basic agreement:

- To show respect to everyone, to each other, the public, to the government and to the police.
- To engage in no violence of any kind, physical or verbal.
- To be accountable for our own actions.
- To not bring alcohol or illegal drugs.

The Rebellion was re-stating Extinction Rebellion's three demands.

- For the government to TELL THE TRUTH to us about the Climate Crisis and communicate the urgency for change. (Parliament has declared an emergency but the government has not).
- For the government to ACT NOW to halt biodiversity loss and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025. (2050 is already probably too late.)
- For the government to create and be led by a Citizens Assembly on climate and ecological justice.



Rebels in Trafalgar Square

(For more information on all this see [www.rebellion.earth](http://www.rebellion.earth))

The highlight for me was a protest outside the BBC building in central London. The Welsh and Marches group blocked the entrance, held banners, waved flags and demanded that the BBC tell the truth about the climate crisis. (the BBC says it doesn't want to worry people!). An alternative breakfast show was hosted outside, discussing various ways to combat the crisis, because plenty can be done and *it's not too late* if we get on with it now.



The police were there too, and all was peaceful. Then the Red Rebels, a silent symbolic mime act, turned up!

We sang, we chanted, we applauded the police. Then the Samba band arrived and we all boogied

(except the police!).

George Orwell sports an XR flag outside BBC London. I suspect he would have approved! The quote next to him on the wall states "*If liberty means anything at all it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.*"

We were people



from all walks of life, all ages, all faiths or none. All decisions were made as a group, democratically and with respect for everyone's opinions. People supported and cared for each other. It was a glimpse of a society we could all have if we could just muster the determination to do so.

The youngest Rebel I met was three and a half. I hope we all made a bit of difference to making a world in which he will find joy, peace and security.

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If you are in the car your sat nav may help with the garage, though I have found the search feature often difficult to use. GPS devices can give you great maps but they don't know where the chocolate bars are! Most smart phones are equipped with a GPS receiver, that's how they know your location. Smart phones or laptops with 3, 4 or 5G connections can give you great mapping support.

Google maps is probably the most widely used, some phones already have the app but you have to download, but don't worry it's free. Open Google maps and enter the place you want to see or choose 'my location' for the map around you. The 'sandwich' or 'layers' symbol lets you choose how to view the map, the satellite option gives you a 'what you see is what there is' view. Use two fingers to squeeze or expand the view. To find how to get to your chosen destination select directions and then you can select from car, public transport, bike or walk. Select 'star' and you will get a visual or audio description. If there is traffic congestion on your journey, the app will offer a choice of routes showing the relative time differences, this is updated continuously so you can avoid those motorway jams. The app needs data to get started and then uses a relatively small amount of data as you travel. For longer journeys switch off and on as required.

Apple have their own app and alternatives include *Mapquest* and *Citymaps*. If you can't be liberated from your Facebook friends an app called *Waze* apparently tracks them as well - I have no friends so I haven't tried it.

If you are not happy using your data our good friends at Wiki have provided a free map service covering most of the world. The *Openstreetmap* project provides free data to be used by other apps. I like *maps.me*; it allows me to plan routes

and also to track my route, telling me my distance covered and my average pace - great for all you *Fitbit* fanatics, good for cyclists as well. For all those who prefer your sofa to the open road Google maps may still be worth a look. I have just been on a virtual journey to Central Park Zoo in New York. Using satellite view I could see the route to Heathrow, the runway layout, views of England and Ireland as I flew across them, the Atlantic, Iceland, Greenland, JFK airport and finally saw how to get to the zoo by public transport.

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- Money isn't everything but it sure keeps you in touch with your children.
- So apparently RSVP'ing back to a wedding invite 'maybe next time' isn't the correct response.
- Never tell a woman that her place is in the kitchen. That's where the knives are kept.
- Education is important but other stuff is more important.
- If I ever need a heart transplant, I'd want my ex's. It's never been used.
- People who write "u" instead of "you". What do you do with all the time you save?
- Life is all about perspective. The sinking of the Titanic was a miracle to the lobsters in the ship's kitchen.

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

- He must have had a magnificent build before his stomach went in for a career of its own. - *Margaret Halsey*
- He'd make a lovely corpse. - *Charles Dickens*
- Her only flair is in her nostrils. - *Pauline Kael*
- She got her good looks from her father. He's a plastic surgeon. - *Groucho Marx*
- A woman will lie about anything, just to stay in practice. - *Phillip Marlowe*
- A woman's mind is cleaner than a man's. She changes it more often. - *Oliver Herford*
- He has Van Gogh's ear for music. - *Billy Wilder*
- He knew everything about literature except how to enjoy it. - *Joseph Heller*
- He knows nothing and thinks he knows everything. That points clearly to a political career. - *George Bernard Shaw*
- He knows so little and knows it so fluently. - *Ellen Glasgow*
- If all the girls who attended the Harvard-Yale game were laid end to end, I wouldn't be surprised. - *Dorothy Parker*
- He had delusions of adequacy. - *Walter Kerr*



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from Judith Rice

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Why?

2) Complete the two words using the letters of  
the following once only.

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3) What number should replace the question  
mark?

5 15 9

6 16 8

4 ? 9

4) Solve the following cryptograms using the  
same letter substitutions for each word.

Clue: Battery powered

ZBZHMKVUWH NLTZ,

HLTZKL,

CVKMLEBZ KLGWV

BLUMZKU

OTVSZ LBLKT

5) Which of the following words does not belong  
with the others and why?

Father

Aunt

Sister

Cousin

Mother

Uncle

6) There is an ancient invention still used in some  
parts of the world today that allows people to  
see through walls. What is it?

7) Barney Dribble fell asleep after dinner one  
night. When he awoke he realized that he would  
have to rush in order to make last orders at the  
Stiperstones Inn. He grabbed a t-shirt and put it  
on inside-out, with his left arm in the right  
sleeve. Where is the label?

8) Can you translate the following?

YYURYYUBICURYY4ME

9) A man and a boy who are walking together  
step out with their right feet first. The boy walks  
three paces while the man walks two. When will  
they both put their left feet forward together?

10) King Tut died 120 years after King Eros was  
born. Their combined ages when they died was  
100 years. King Eros died in the year 40 B.C. In  
what year was King Tut born?

Answers on page 40



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Go organic! That's the theme this month. We have a collection of books on organic living from gardening and composting to cooking and natural beauty. All books on display may be borrowed in the usual way.

The FoPLs November event is 'Wild: Life and Landscape', a talk by Ben Osborne. To compliment this we will be gathering a collection of books on the Antarctic and wildlife.

Keep an eye out for posters round the village and local social media for details of our move to the Pavilion on Hall Bank, but we're still by Mary Webb School for November.

## QUIZ TIME with Jenny Alldridge

The first quiz of this season was held here at Snailbeach on Friday 4 October. The food was amazing. Thanks to all concerned; well done!

The team consisted of, in addition to myself, Jerry Hughes, Ray Harper and Reuben Alldridge. In the end Susan Bates was too busy getting ready for the Apple Day at Hope on 5 October to take part, but her place was taken by Reuben who, although somewhat under the weather, was here preparing to take part in the Longmynd Hike on Saturday night. Out of 540 to start the race Reuben ended in eighth place.

Back to the quiz. We got 50 points out of 72. Radbrook Green A, who were allowed back in the quiz after a year's compulsory retirement, had 64. Radbrook Green B also had 50.

We expect the team for November's quiz to be Jenny Alldridge, Dave Fitzhugh, Julian Bromhead and Susan Bates. This is due to take place at Picklescott on Friday 1 November.

### **Additional information:-**

<b>Friday 6 December</b>	<b>Stapleton</b>
<b>Friday 10 January</b>	<b>Cruckton</b>
<b>Friday 7 February</b>	<b>Hope</b>
<b>Friday 6 March</b>	<b>Minsterley</b>
<b>Friday 3 April</b>	<b>final night - venue tbc - possible Rushbury</b>



from  
**Sara Pearce**  
Community  
Ranger

### **Fly tipping and firewood**

Thank you to the Snailbeach community for keeping an eye on your local wood. We rely on our neighbours to help keep us informed when illegal and inappropriate activities are happening in the wood

Fly tipping is sadly something that we have to deal with on a regular basis and every now and then we also have to contend with people helping themselves to healthy growing trees. With the help of West Mercia Police, the incident of the tree being removed in the Eastridge wood recently has now been resolved. Collecting firewood is not permitted.

However, fly tipping remains an issue in Eastridge and across other woodlands in the Marches area. Several spots at Eastridge have been identified where someone has been dumping garden waste. Fly tipping is illegal and punishable with a maximum £50,000 fine from the Environment Agency. Quite often it is contractors dumping other people's household or garden waste, so make sure you find out where they plan to take your waste and check that they have the relevant permits.

If you see someone dumping waste, try and get photos as this really helps when following up the incident, then contact Forestry England on 0300 067 6977 or [marchesforest@forestryengland.uk](mailto:marchesforest@forestryengland.uk)

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12th November - Wrexham Museum & Church

29th November - Chester Christmas Market

6th December - Hereford Cathedral and Christmas Market

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# STIPERSTONES 5 IN 10 CHALLENGE

**Claire Corfield**

Secretary, Friends of Stiperstones School

28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 saw the first Stiperstones 5 in 10, a fundraising challenge event organised by Friends of Stiperstones School. We were reasonably lucky with the weather in comparison to the storms that both preceded and followed the event. Just shy of 70 participants took part on the day which



Challenges on the school field

pic: Claire Corfield

involved a 10km cross country run with 5 challenges on the school field en route. First they scaled the climbing wall followed by an abseil down the other side before tunnelling under a cargo net. After the first half of the run they came back to do the water traverse, which was particularly good entertainment for the spectators, and then on to the gruelling pull up Jacobs Ladder onto the ridge and returning via Perkins Beach dingle. The final obstacle was another climb up the wall ending with the “Leap of Faith”, jumping off the top to ring the bell before being safely lowered to the ground. It was never intended to be a race though it was clear some runners were seriously up for the challenge! All finishers were awarded a very special engraved slate medal in their goodie bag.

Donna Owen abseils the climbing wall



pic: Claire Corfield

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pic: Claire Corfield

Carol McMillan doing her best Boris impression

Will Corfield leaping for the bell



pic: Claire Corfield

There was a tea and cake stall with some amazing cakes supplied by school parents/grandparents and our friends from Norbury school. There was also a barbeque and a craft tent where children could make cards and have their face painted. Participants had the opportunity to have a sports massage if they wished. After the race the climbing wall was opened for “pay and play” and lots of the children (and adults) had their chance to have a go. Carol McMillan was very brave in conquering

her fears by climbing the wall and doing the leap of faith (I think I heard her say to the instructor, “You’ll have to give me a shove”). Some of the comedy highlights were Graham Chidley taking the first dunking of the day on the water traverse after choosing to attempt the hardest single rope option and a certain cheeky spaniel running off with a whole link of sausages from the BBQ tent - very funny!

It is hoped that (all things permitting) the event will become an annual occurrence as every participant we asked said they’d be keen to do it again next year. Looking around, I would say around a quarter of the runners were local with others travelling from Welshpool, Shrewsbury, Eccleshall and as far a field as Swansea and even Canada (though I’ve also counted them as locals too)! Some of those had not visited the area before and are impressed by our beautiful villages, one family said they now plan to return for a holiday.

On behalf of FoSS I’d like to thank each and every person who helped make this successful event possible. Thank you to the runners for their patience and constructive feedback on our first event. Thank you to those who helped on the day and in the run up, your time is such a precious thing. Thank you to the landowners and to people and companies who generously donated money, prizes, services or goods. An extra special thank you must go to Stu and Rach from Creative Outdoors based at the Old School Campsite near Shelve who set up the event and took on the bulk of organising and their generosity with staffing and insuring the event. Over £2000 was raised and this will be spent enhancing the learning experiences of our children.

Graham Chidley about to take a dunking



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# SNAILBEACH WHITE STARS

Jordan Knill reports

## Norbury 0-4 Snailbeach White Stars

**SUMMARY:** A solid start to the season away at local rivals who were full of youthful exuberance. Went in 4-0 up at half time after hitting the post a further 3 times in the first half. Kingsley Brown scored on his competitive debut whilst the two Craig's, Griffiths and Harris, scored two beauts. Gaz Turner kept the clean sheet intact second half with a penalty save. A good day at the office.

### GOAL SCORERS:

Kingsley BROWN  
 Craig GRIFFITHS  
 Craig HARRIS  
 Adam DAVIES

### TEAM:

**GK:** Gaz TURNER  
**DEF:** Ben MILLINGTON, Owen MORRIS, Manny WILLIAMS  
**MID:** Craig HARRIS, Kyle PURSLOW, Kingsley BROWN, Craig GRIFFITHS, Sam JONES  
**ATT:** Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES  
**SUBS:** Calum BENNETT, Matty PINCHES, Josh WILLIAMS, Ollie DAVIES

## Snailbeach White Stars 4-2 Beacon

**SUMMARY:** A gutsy performance against a quality side. Free flowing football at a premium today, but the lads dug deep to scrap their way to a deserved win. Had chances to put the game beyond doubt on a few occasions but claimed the three points nonetheless. Strong squad to pick from with quality players to come back into the fold.

### GOAL SCORERS:

Marcus ASHLEY (2)  
 Adam DAVIES (2)

### TEAM:

**GK:** Gaz TURNER  
**DEF:** Ben MILLINGTON, Owen MORRIS, Manny WILLIAMS  
**MID:** Sam JONES, Kyle PURSLOW, Kingsley BROWN, Jamie HYNE, Calum BENNETT  
**ATT:** Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES ©  
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## Snailbeach White Stars 3-3 Cruckton Rovers

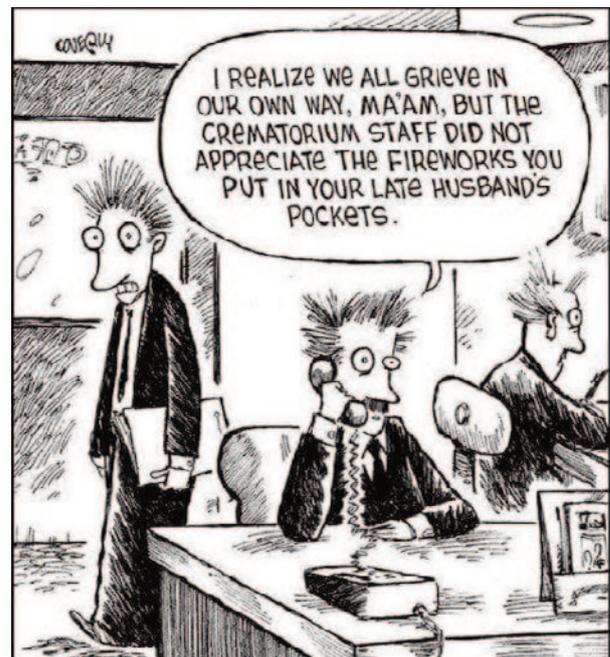
**SUMMARY:** Despite the conditions we played out a match of the highest quality against a team that we had enjoyed two competitive games with last season. The visitors boasted players from Haughmond and Oswestry Town in their line up but we took a 2-0 lead thanks to two great goals by Calum Bennett and Adam Davies. They pulled level before an own goal put us back in front at 3-2, only for a late penalty to deny us 3 points. Not our best performance but under the circumstances it's probably a point gained against a side who'll be challenging for the league title come the end of the season.

### GOAL SCORERS:

Adam DAVIES  
 Calum BENNETT  
 OWN GOAL

### TEAM:

**GK:** Gaz TURNER  
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# Letter from Westminster

## November 2019

Last month Extinction Rebellion climate change protestors attempted to shut down parts of the capital due to perceived inaction from the government around climate change. So as a passionate believer in preserving our environment and as a member of the Environmental Audit Committee, I have been examining what the government is doing – but also what more it can do to tackle climate change.

I was helped in this task last month by release of new figures, showing in July, August and September, the UK generated more energy from renewable sources than from fossil fuels. This is the first-ever quarter where renewables outpaced fossil fuels since the UK's first public electricity generating station opened in 1882.

This shows the rate of change currently taking place in this country through technology. Our renewable capacity has quadrupled since 2010 and the UK has the largest installed offshore wind capacity in the world thanks to our sustained investment in this crucial technology – soon to be boosted from the next round of auctions from the Crown Estate to establish new off shore wind farms. The latest round of new wind farms will deliver clean electricity developed at effectively zero subsidy, as the cost of wind power comes down significantly.

Since 2010, the UK has been by far the most successful major economy at reducing CO2 emissions: 50% more than any other G20 country. But it is clear the government does not intend to rest on its laurels – there is much more we can achieve.

I am keen to play my part, and spoke last month in a Commons debate on net zero emissions in the House of Commons. I have recently met NFU leaders, and local NFU members here in Shropshire, to learn what more the farming sector intends to do to combat greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon capture and storage through

changing land use, while retaining a productive viable British farming industry. The NFU have endorsed an ambitious plan to ensure farming reaches net zero by 2040, which as a farmer myself, I fully support.

Technology and productivity will play a key role. For example, UK dairy cattle numbers are now around 1 million, down from 2 million 20 years ago, producing 30% more milk yield. So greater productivity, from fewer cattle, but also looking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The UN's Food & Agriculture Organisation estimate there are some 278 million dairy cattle worldwide. If they were all as productive as the UK, it would take only 70 million cows to produce the same amount of milk. So agritech can make a huge difference – with specialist feed additions reducing methane emissions, or precision fertiliser applications that increase yields with fewer chemicals.

In showing we can reduce emissions while feeding the growing global population and growing our economy we can show developing nations, where the battle against climate change needs to be won, that clean growth is possible. Leading by example is also why the UK committed, as one of Boris Johnson's first acts as PM, to double to £11.6bn the UK's contribution to the International Climate Fund.

I have been engaging with local groups concerned about climate change, and later this month am helping organise a public meeting on Climate Crisis – Time is Now. This event will be on 28th November at Craven Arms Community Centre from 6-9pm, and I encourage people to register to attend, (details of which will be available on my website [www.philipdunne.com](http://www.philipdunne.com) near the time) to learn more about climate change, to raise your concerns and discuss how you can get involved in helping your local community make a difference.

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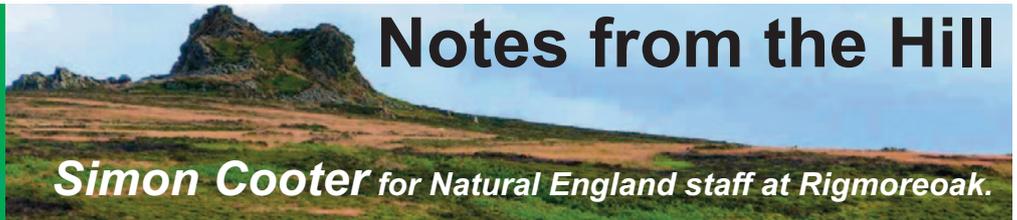
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## Notes from the Hill

*Simon Cooter for Natural England staff at Rigmore oak.*

So it would seem that we have finally realised that the world is experiencing unprecedented loss of wildlife and that we are in an official Environmental and Climate Emergency. This is not something new, but something that conservationists have been warning about for decades. The recent State of Nature report highlights the decline, with 41% of our species in Britain showing a moderate or strong decrease in abundance over the last 50 years, and that's only since the 1970s when there already had been a vast loss of habitats following the Second World War. The report tells us that today 15% of the species in Britain are under threat from extinction.

However all is not lost, and there is a lot of work being done locally to try and halt the decline that we have seen across the Shropshire Hills. The focus is on working with farmers to take positive action to adopt wildlife friendly farming, action to restore habitats like wetlands and heathlands and to increase the amount of woodland in our countryside.

Conservation organisations like the National Trust are working with farmers in the area to work up plans that will look at how farms can contribute and benefit from a healthy landscape. The Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Natural England are restoring land along the Stiperstones ridge, such as at Windy Corner where thanks to the generous donations of the public we have met our target and hopefully will soon be acquiring another extension to the National Nature Reserve (a huge thankyou to all that so generously contributed to our second appeal). The National Trust have also recently been able to acquire an important addition to the Long Mynd at Fir Tree Farm.

In addition to this, smaller community led projects are actively making a difference protecting curlews, monitoring pine martens, managing hay meadows and verges, putting up nest boxes, researching bats, the list goes on. Recently the new Middle Marches Community Land Trust has set up, with the aim to protect, restore and enhance the environment through the stewardship of land by local people, for more information see their exciting new website ([www.middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk](http://www.middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk)).

The Environment and Climate Emergency is not just for governments and conservation organisations to act upon, we can all do our bit, and over the next year I will be highlighting some of the many opportunities there are for local action. We are always after more volunteers to join our friendly group on the Stiperstones, if anyone has time to spare on a Wednesday or Thursday our volunteers come out with us on a variety of management and survey tasks meeting twice a month. For more information contact Cassy at:

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Our Christmas wreath making event at Blakemoorgate cottages is on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> December this year. In order to ensure that we have enough materials, mulled wine and mince pies we have a booking system this year, so you can book a timed session. Have a look at our Facebook page for the link or contact us on [stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk).



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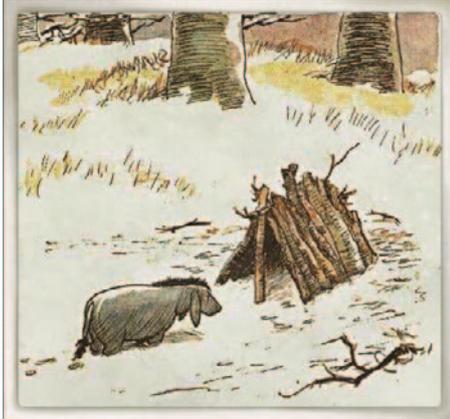
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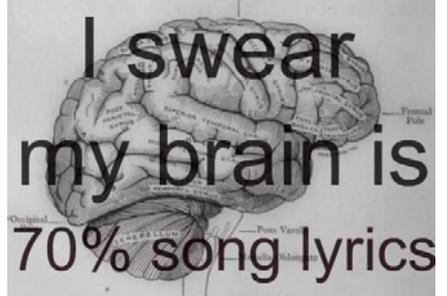
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# The Young Adults and Little People's Page

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



"It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's house. Inside the house was Eeyore. "Hello Eeyore," said Pooh. "Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet" said Eeyore, in a glum sounding voice.



"We just thought we'd check on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay." Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all.

Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time with someone who is sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all, would you now?"

Pooh looked and Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling sad, or alone, or not much fun to be around at all. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

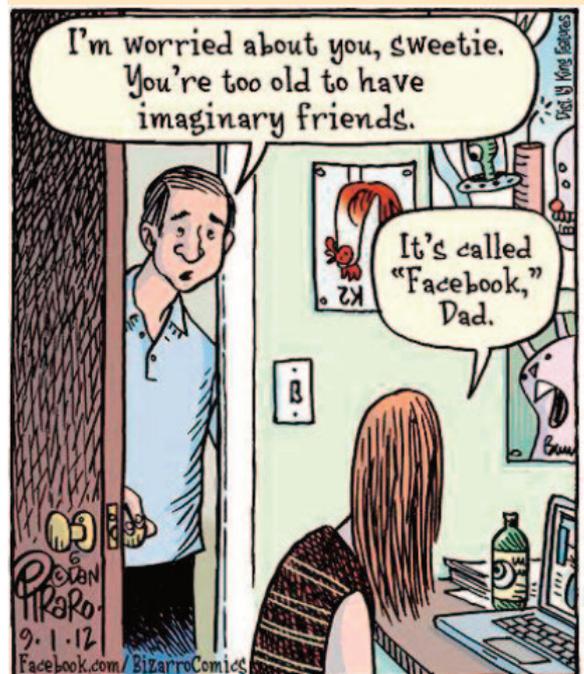
"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

Because Pooh and Piglet were there.

No more; no less."

by AA Milne

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## Heather Kidd's Report

### Shropshire Council Library Consultation

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### Parish Councils

Both Worthen and Shelve and Chirbury Parish Councils have put significant sums aside to fund road safety improvements in their respective parishes. We need Shropshire Council's agreement to proceed. However, we are currently waiting for the Council's contractors - WSP- to draw up plans for many of these agreed schemes. I will continue to press for action by Shropshire to deliver on this.

Heather

### Heather Kidd

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## SNAILBEACH WI

### Our programme for the rest of this year:

November 14<sup>th</sup>    Swifts Bakery – Family History of Baking NB 7pm start  
December 12<sup>th</sup>    Entertainment Evening

Next year Snailbeach WI will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary so it is a very special year for us. Our programme for the year is almost complete and will be published shortly. As always it will be varied, aiming to cover a variety of tastes and interests. We are also planning some extra special 'little extras' to celebrate our half century so it's a great year to come and join us.

Recently we have supported Operation Sabre and our members are to be thanked and commended for donating over 20 bags, plus a car boot full of toiletries, toys and trinkets. These items will now be on their way to childrens and old peoples homes in Romania.

**On 30<sup>th</sup> November at Hope Village Hall we are holding a craft workshop from 10am until 3pm when we will be making green hearts and bunting, having a go at torn paper collage, and painting and decorating pebbles and stones! This is an open event so anyone is welcome to drop in for any amount of time – bring your own sewing machine if you have one, tea and coffee will be provided, bring your own lunch if staying all day. It would be a marvellous opportunity to come and meet us informally and have a go at making something at the same time, so we look forward to seeing you.**

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 [kane655@btinternet.com](mailto:kane655@btinternet.com).

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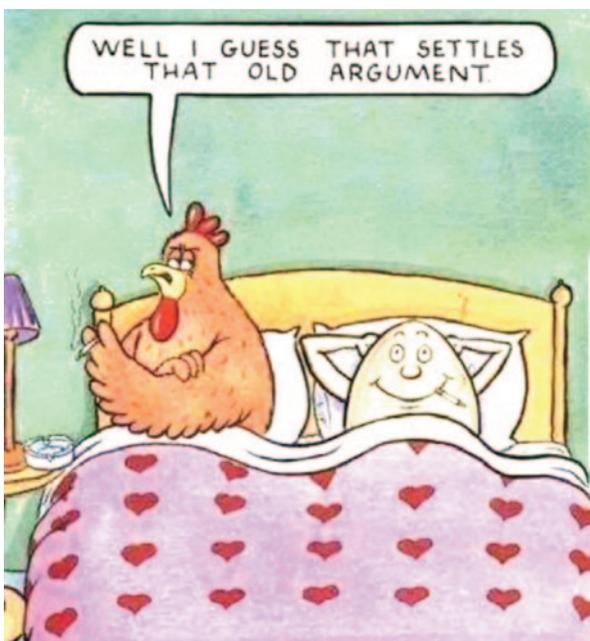
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The Trading Post is now closed for winter and we will open again on Saturday 1 February 2020. There is no reason why gardening has to stop at this time of year; there are leaves to gather – remove them from your lawn but leave them on the flower beds for the worms to take into the soil. If you use your lawn mower to gather fallen leaves it will also shred them up so that they break down quicker in your compost. Similarly, if you have hedge clippings, and greenish prunings from your shrubs, then laying them out on the lawn and gathering them up with the mower will also shred them up in order to speed up the decomposition in your compost bin. If you have some well rotted compost already then you can be spreading that on the flower beds, and digging it into your vegetable beds, so that next year's plants have some nice, enriched soil to be growing in.

### Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Evening Meal will be on 4 December, at 7.30pm at The Horseshoe. The menu has been on display at the Trading Post and if you haven't yet made a booking there then you can still book by ringing Rob or Joyce on 791901, or e-mailing [robedixon@btopenworld.com](mailto:robedixon@btopenworld.com). You can pick up a menu at The Horseshoe, but you still need to book with Rob and/or Joyce.



## THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN



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### Week 2

*...forward planning...*

Dig new beds to be freshly planted, working in some well rotted manure or compost. This is best done before winter rain and snow make the soil too heavy to work with. Send for seed catalogues and make a note of interesting new varieties. Order seeds and plan next year's planting schemes in good time.

### Week 3

*...winter is on its way...*

Continue the autumn clear-up and ensure lawns and ponds are free of fallen leaves. Plant out winter bedding and tulip bulbs for next year's spring display. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent them from becoming waterlogged and insulate them to prevent the risk of frost damage.

### Week 4

*...plant up tubs and containers for winter colour...*

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## The Methodist Church Snailbeach Methodist Chapel Services November

November 3rd 2:45 Revd. MacNeill Cooper  
 November 10th 2:45 Mrs. Pearson  
**Remembrance Sunday**  
 November 17th 2:45 Mr. Morris  
 November 24th 10:30 Revd. MacNeill Cooper

All chapels in the Rea Valley will be gathering at this service and all are welcomed.

## Up coming events

**Celtic Wheel of the Year**  
 November 1st, 7pm

**Stiperstones Methodist Chapel.**

Come celebrate the Celtic turning of the wheel of the year as we mark the time moving from 'pasture to barn' and what that might mean in our everyday lives in this ancient Hebridean Celtic Christian tradition. Open to all spiritualities and seekers.

## Stiperstones Group C of E Service rota September 2019



### Note about Minsterley Holy Trinity:

All services will be held at St Luke Snailbeach from 2nd September to 28th February during Church refurbishment or until further notice.

Date	Haberley St Mary	Hope Holy Trinity	Minsterley Holy Trinity	Shelve All Saints	Snailbeach St Luke
1st Sunday 3rd November All Saints Day Gold/White			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Ian Williams (Reader)	
2nd Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday Red	5.00pm Evening Prayer with Act of Remembrance Revd Giles	9.00am Remembrance Service Revd Giles	10.50am Act of Remembrance at Minsterley War Memorial Ian Williams Reader followed by short Remembrance Service at 11.30am in St Luke's Church (Revd Giles leading 10.15am Remembrance Service at St George's Pontesbury)		11.30am Joint Remembrance Service with Holy Trinity Minsterley in St Luke's Ian Williams Reader
3rd Sunday 17th November 2nd Sunday before Advent Green			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	
4th Sunday 24th November Christ the King White	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Pam	5.00pm Common Worship Evening Prayer Revd Giles		

## Waste Collection Schedule

## Useful Numbers

November 2019				December
Tues 5th	Tues 12th	Tues 19th	Tues 26th	Tues 3rd
Green	Black	Green	Black	Green

Shrewsbury Hospital  
01743 261 000

Forestry England  
Sara Pearce  
0300 067 6977

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

### 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**



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> August 2019 – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Hope	
Criminal damage	Box used to store eggs for sale damaged	Bentlawnt	
Threats to kill and harassment		Shelve	
Harassment		Aston Rogers	
Breach of restraining order		Worthen	
Theft in dwelling	Paperwork stolen	Chirbury	Suspect identified
Threats to kill		Plox Green	
Criminal damage	Wooden fence posts damaged	Worthen	Injured party involved in dispute with neighbour. Enquiries on going
Assault X2		Rowley	

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.

# 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

## Pub Quiz

The Stiperstones Inn  
Last Monday of every month  
£5 per team of up to 6 per team  
Cash prize!

## Answers to PUZZLES & POSERS from page 17

**1** B - OVER. All the words can be prefixed by the word PASS to make new words.  
**2** GAUNTLET, DAINIER  
**3** 12. The number in the second column equals the first number multiplied by the third number and then divided by 3.  
**4** ELECTRONIC GAME,  
CAMERA, PORTABLE RADIO,  
LANTERN, SMOKE ALARM,  
REMOTE CONTROL,  
FLASHLIGHT  
**5** Cousin does not belong since all the others refer to a specific sex.  
**6** Windows.  
**7** Outside back.  
**8** Too wise you are,  
Too wise you be;  
I see you are,  
Too wise for me.  
**9** Never. Every second cycle their right feet will go forward together, but never their left.  
**10** King Tut was born in 20 B.C. There were 120 years between the birth of King Eros and the death of King Tut, but since their ages amounted to only 100 years, there must have been 20 years when neither existed. This would be the period between the death of King Eros, 40 B.C., and the birth of King Tut, 20 B.C.

## 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	£32.50	£20.00
Children's Party	£32.50	£20.00
Funeral Tea	£32.50	£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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