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**Geoff Sproson tells the story:
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What's all this about climate change?



Regular contributor Liz Knowles reviews what actions the UK government has taken after declaring a "climate change emergency" in May 2019.

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Have your say 'cluster' or 'open countryside'?



Every resident of the Parish will have the opportunity to make their views known on the key issue of the Planning Status of your area, whether to remain in 'cluster' status or to instead become 'open countryside'.

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Notes from THE EDITOR



Audrey Pugh, the Treasurer of the SDN for many years, has decided to step down from the voluntary position as the task becomes more complex and time consuming following our continued success and expansion. Audrey now intends to spend more time enjoying her holidays and her life. We at the SDN extend our heartfelt thanks for all the time and hard work Audrey has put in over the years to help keep our local newsletter afloat. Thanks Audrey, you should be very proud of your contribution to the success of the SDN. Robert Currie of Snailbeach has agreed to take on the role as our new Treasurer and we look forward to working with him in the future. It was interesting reading the quote in this month's piece from Judith Rice (page 15) about the recent retiree who had found that the U3A had 'filled a gap'. It's well known that it takes around 2 years for the average person to adjust psychologically to retirement as people tend to define themselves in terms of what they do, or did, in life. We often hear people describing themselves as a 'retired bus driver' or a 'retired teacher' etc.

I retired as a concert lighting designer some six years ago and felt a huge gap in my life for a while after decades of travelling the world with rock bands. Though I loved (and still do!) the rural tranquility of my new life in Snailbeach, I didn't know quite how to 'be me' anymore. I was always being introduced as "The man that used to...". I hated it. Fortunately I got involved with the SDN, with no background whatsoever in publishing or editing, and taught myself (with a little help from my friends) how to put a newsletter together. Once again I define myself in terms of what I do now, but not what I did, and my former career in the entertainment industry is but a distant memory, thankfully! Retirement gives us a golden opportunity to redefine ourselves and continue to move forward with our lives.

Articles about and references to climate change will continue to appear within the pages of the SDN. I make no apology for this. I believe climate change is the biggest issue in the world today and can no longer be ignored by our governments who at best appear to be giving it no more than lip service and at worst are actually claiming it is not happening at all, that it is merely 'fake news' or 'fake science'. As I write this, the biggest climate change protest the world has ever seen is taking place in over 150 countries all around the planet. These protests have been organised by tens of thousands of school children and it is these angry school children who are demanding that governments act now in a meaningful way. It is these children, our children, who will suffer in the not too distant future if governments do not take the issue of climate change more seriously. Sadly, it appears that industrial growth, greed and financial gain still take precedence over our children's futures. What a mad world this is.

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NEWSBRIEF

Help us find the good Samaritan

On Friday 30th August Marie and Colin Edwards celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a blessing and a renewal of vows conducted by Rev Pam at St Luke's church, followed by light refreshments in Snailbeach village hall.

Unfortunately one of their guests had a nasty fall between the hall and the church and had to be admitted to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. A very kind lady, who may have been driving a small red Nissan, stopped, picked him up and brought him to the church. Marie and Colin's daughter and granddaughter met them at the gate but did not know the lady. Marie and Colin would dearly like to thank the lady, so if anyone has heard of this incident on the grapevine, or indeed if the lady is reading this herself, do please let Marie and Colin know so that they can express their gratitude to this good Samaritan in person.

Marie and Colin can be contacted on 01743 791508.

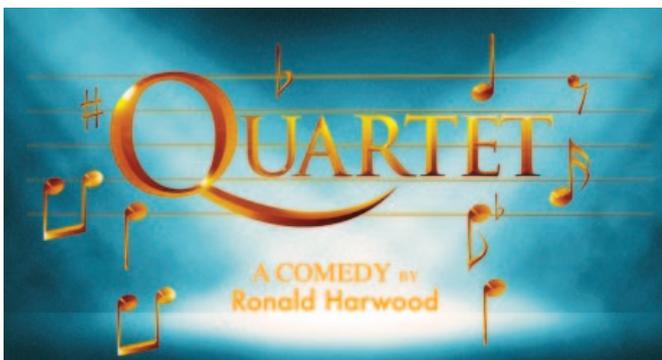
St. Luke's wedding flowers success.

Joan Evans writes to thank all the visitors who came on that lovely sunny day, 25th August, to view the wedding flowers at St. Luke's, Snailbeach. Donations and the lottery competition amounted to £66.50.

15 was the lucky ball won by Sharon Davies.

'Quartet' in Shrewsbury

Robert Currie, our resident Snailbeach thespian, tells us that 'Quartet' a play by Ronald Harwood is being presented by Abbey Foregate (Shrewsbury URC) Drama Group on Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th, Friday 8th, and Saturday 9th of November 2019 at 7:30pm in St Nicholas Hall, English Bridge, Shrewsbury.



The play tells the story of Cecily, Reggie and Wilfred who are residents in a home for retired opera singers. Each year, on 10th October, there is

a concert to celebrate Verdi's birthday. Jean, who used to be married to Reggie, arrives at the home and disrupts their equilibrium. She still acts like a diva and refuses to sing. But the show must go on...

Robert plays Wilfred, who he describes as, "A character who is somewhat ruder than I generally am (I think)."

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The URC Church Office - 01743 368932

or Robert Currie - 01743 790123.

Prices (including refreshments): £9 Adults, £8 Senior Citizens, £4 Under 16s.

More village hall drama!

The village hall has been busy in recent summer months as, yet again, a versatile rehearsal space. After the sell out success of Lovelee Production's **Atlantic Ladies**, comes **Shrewsbury's Finest Hour**. Chris Eldon Lee's latest comic play charts the events of the summer of 1969 when Shrewsbury challenged the mighty Germans in the TV game show '**It's a Knockout**'.

It's a song and dance spectacular with your favourite 60's songs and a wry look at events of that year.



Local musicians Rob Davies, Sal Tonge, Brian Carrington and Les Parker are tuning up here for the show which goes on stage at **Theatre Severn** – Wednesday 2nd to Saturday 5th October. Tickets from www.theatresevern.co.uk

Return of the Village Halls' Quiz

The season opens this year in Snailbeach on Friday 4th October. The team will be made up from Jenny Alldridge, Jerry Hughes, Ray Harper and possibly Susan Bates.

The next quiz will be held on Friday 1st November and the team members will be Jenny Alldridge, Dave Fitzhugh, Julian Bromhead and Susan Bates, but we have not been told where this will take place as we go to press.

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What's all this about Climate Change?

A passionate and personal review from
Liz Knowles
of Pontesbury

On the 1st May 2019 the UK government agreed a motion declaring a Climate Emergency.

Now nearly six months later, what actions have been taken to protect us all from this emergency? The alarm has been raised, imminent danger to the planet and all creatures that live on it, including humans, has been acknowledged. In a recent poll 85% of people asked said they were concerned about this issue.

Surely something must be happening?

The government's own Committee on Climate Change (CCC) recently issued a report – condemning government inaction! The committee said the UK's climate crisis ramshackle preparations were being run like Dad's Army, leaving the population at real risk, and also that funding for tackling problems resulting from global heating has been cut.

"There are no areas where government is planning properly," said Chris Stark, the CCC's chief executive.

The CCC had reported in 2018 that 25 emissions cutting policies were vital. Only one of these policies has been delivered in full.

Theresa May declared we would have a legally binding target to end climate emissions by 2050. So far we have missed all the targets set towards this goal, and we are not on track to reach the goals set for the coming years either.

Tree planting rates have missed yearly targets every year since 2013.

A fifth of homes in the near future will be prone to overheating, yet nothing has been done to prepare the houses being built now for our changing climate.

Over the past 10 years the government has *cut* subsidies for renewable energy sources and low emission cars. Instead it has frozen fossil fuel duty, dropped plans for zero-carbon homes and eradicated feed-in tariffs for low-carbon power generation.

Dr. Doug Parr, chief scientist from Greenpeace UK observed on the CCC's report,

"It paints the government as a sleeper who's woken up, seen the house is on fire, raised the alarm, and then gone straight back to sleep."

Myles Allen, professor of geosystem science, Oxford University:

"It's too easy to lose the big picture in complicated to-do lists. Stopping climate change is astonishingly simple: we need to stop dumping carbon into the atmosphere."

Governments exist to keep us safe. We give them power to do this. If they do not, this social contract is broken and they must be challenged. Our government is failing in its duty to protect us.

The unexpected consequences of climate change...

Some comments from Patrick Marks

By now, most people are familiar with the immediate effects of our atmosphere's rising temperature; sea ice is disappearing, wildlife species are becoming extinct, and weather events are getting more extreme. But the atmosphere plays a role in nearly every planetary process there is and as a result climate change has some complex effects that you may not even realise exist. In fact some might even seem impossible — but they're frighteningly real.

For example, in the coming decades, disease outbreaks could change in two ways: diseases we get from animals may proliferate, and diseases we thought were long dead may return.

The warm temperatures and greater rainfall lead to booming populations of disease-carrying animals like mosquitoes that can spread malaria. Meanwhile, bacteria and viruses lying dormant in the permafrost are waking up. In 2016, a 12-year-old boy in Siberia died of anthrax believed to have come from a century-old reindeer carcass that thawed in a heat wave. The fear is that there's more where that came from; corpses of people who died of smallpox and other historic diseases could resurface from beneath the permafrost to infect the living.

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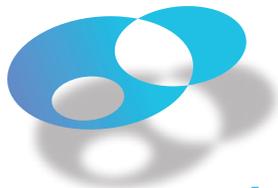
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- During a speech in Warsaw, Jimmy Carter mistakenly announced he wanted to have sex with the Polish people.
- *Trumpadoir* is Irish for 'loudmouth'.
- Denmark taxes new cars at 150%.
- Picasso liked to shoot blanks at people who bored him.
- In 2017, Frankfurt police found a car belonging to a 76-year-old man who had forgotten where he parked it 20 years earlier.
- The king of the Isle of Man from 1112 to 1143 was Olaf the Titbit.
- Applause is forbidden inside the Houses of Parliament.
- A group of penguins on land is called a 'waddle'.
- In 2004, a boat in Texas capsized because everyone ran to one side to look at a nudist beach.
- 70% of all the birds on Earth are farmed poultry.
- Due to climate change, Sweden's Lake of the Pine Trees is now surrounded by birch trees.
- A *philodox* is someone who loves their own opinion.
- More than half of all species on Earth are moving their habitats due to climate change.

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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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Ever met people like this.....?

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**Chairman's report
from
Ray Harper**

It is strange that the British weather will always cause a problem. We have held events at the Village Hall when it has been cold, wet and miserable all day, no wonder nobody wanted to leave their nice warm homes, we thought. This August we held our Car Boot and Table Top Sale on one of the hottest Bank Holiday weekends in living memory and realised that the masses had left the village heading for the coast or at least some beer garden. Why can't we hit the reasonable middle ground? However, although it would have been nice to have had a larger footfall, the day went well. Reports from stallholders suggest they achieved some success. Most importantly, in addition to the pitch fees collected, the volunteer bakers and caterers were able to raise a considerable contribution towards the upkeep of the Hall. Thank you to all who sold their goods and to those who gave up their eggs, flour and time.

As far as the Village Hall is concerned, we have moved into the new season. The "summer", when a number of regular users take a break, is over and the Hall is back in full swing being utilised almost on a daily basis. The way a community asset should be used by the community.

It seems very early but we have to plan ahead so we are now looking towards Christmas. We will be holding our Christmas Fayre on 30th November and we are discussing dates in December for the annual carol singing with the band. I foresee plenty of mulled wine and mince pies to come. Prior to that, our Annual General Meeting is to be held on 6th November. All are welcome to attend and we will particularly welcome those who would like to join "the committee". While all posts will be up for election, it is not essential to hold a post to be a committee member. During the coming year, as well as maintaining the existing facilities, we hope to be raising funds for the improvement of the Hall (some very interesting ideas have been suggested) and for further additions for the Play Area. Fresh faces, new ideas and particularly enthusiasm are as important as anything else. Feel free to contact any of the existing committee if you want more information.

How many Prima Donnas does it take to change a lightbulb?

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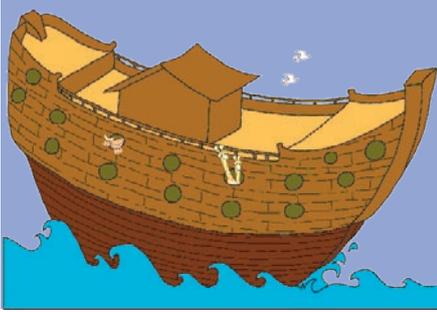
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"OK," Noah said, trembling with fear and fumbling with the plans, "I'm your man."

"Six months and it starts to rain," thundered the Lord. "You better have my ark completed or learn to swim for a long, long time!"

Six months passed, the sky began to cloud up, and the rain began to fall in torrents. The Lord looked down and saw Noah sitting in his garden, weeping, and there was no ark.

"Noah!" shouted the Lord, "where is My ark?" A lightning bolt crashed into the ground right beside Noah.

"Lord, please forgive me!" begged Noah. "I did my best, but there were some big problems. First, I had to get planning permission for the ark's construction, but your plans did not meet their specifications. So, I had to hire a planning consultancy firm to redo the plans, only to get into a long argument with them about whether to include the fire officer's requirements."

"My neighbours objected, claiming that I was ignoring planning regulations in a residential area by attempting to build the ark in my front garden, so I had to get a material contravention from the planning appeals board."

"Then, I had a big problem getting enough wood

for the ark, because there was a ban on cutting down trees to save the barn owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists and the wildlife organisations that I needed the wood to save the owls, but they wouldn't let me catch them, so no owls."

"Next, I started gathering up the animals but got injunctioned by an animal rights group that objected to me taking along only two of each kind."

"Just when the case got dismissed, Shropshire Council notified me that I couldn't complete the ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of a Supreme Being."

"Then, the Institute of Engineers wanted a map of the proposed flood plan. I sent them a globe!"

"Right now, I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Equal Opportunities Commission over how many minorities I'm supposed to hire."

"HMRC have seized all my assets claiming that I am trying to leave the country without my tax affairs being in order, and I just got a notice from the local authority that I owe some kind of water use tax. Really, I don't think I can finish the ark in less than five years."

With that, the sky cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow arched across the sky.

Noah looked up and smiled. "You mean you are not going to destroy the world?" he asked hopefully.

"No," said the Lord, "your governments already have."



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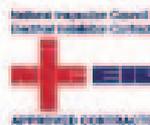


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If so the Cloud could be for you. The Cloud has other names Icloud, Google Drive, Dropbox, Flipbox, Skydrive, Microsoft Azure are just a few. The Cloud is a name used to define an area of the internet where users can store or save files which is password protected and can be accessed by only you from anywhere in the world (well maybe not China) and any device, your own, at work or a public service in a library or hotel. Each of these "Clouds" offer an amount of storage space free and then charge if you need more. They behave just like the files and directory spaces on your computer; you can copy and paste or drag and drop.



Ipad or Iphone users will find the Icloud is already set up for you. Those of you who have signed up to Google, will find Google Drive in their options panel. As always the best advice is don't dive in but test the waters with a few unimportant files or pictures. Try posting them to the cloud and accessing them on a different device until you feel comfortable. As you get quite a chunk of free space try a few versions to see which suits you best. If you use Spotify for your music, you are already using the Cloud. If your smart phone like mine has limited memory, moving photos onto the Cloud means you can still share them with family and friends without clogging up your phone.



"COMPUTER VIRUS"

And lastly a hint for secure passwords that aren't all the same.

- Choose a short code word, letters and numbers are best – e.g. ClOud
 - Add a punctuation mark e.g. ?
 - Now choose some set of objects that interest you e.g. Dog breeds
 - Pick a dog whose initial letter matches that of the website e.g. Poodle for Paypal
 - Your password becomes ClOud?Poodle
- You use the same code word and punctuation but different breeds of dog for different web sites
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Am I getting a bit geeky? – comments to the editor please. (Only if they're in code...Ed.)

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Mr. Quips Corner

- Thanks for explaining the word 'many' to me, it means a lot.
- I just found out I'm colour blind. The diagnosis came completely out of the purple.
- They say St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland. I wonder if he could do that for Parliament?
- I have never understood why women love cats. Cats are independent, they don't listen, they don't come in when you call, they like to stay out all night, and when they're home they like to be left alone and sleep. In other words, every quality that women hate in a man, they love in a cat.
- R.I.P boiled water. You will be mist.
- I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.
- Diet Day #1 - I removed all the fattening food from my house. It was delicious.
- My job is secure. No one else wants it.

I wish I'd said that...

- He knows nothing and thinks he knows everything. That points clearly to a political career - *George Bernard Shaw*.
- Women are like elephants to me: nice to look at, but I wouldn't want to own one - *W. C. Fields*.
- Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humour to console him for what he is - *Francis Bacon*.
- Some folks seem to have descended from the chimpanzee later than others - *Kin Hubbard*.
- The difficulty with marriage is that we fall in love with a personality, but must live with a character - *Peter De Vries*.
- Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment - *Buddha*
- Men who have a pierced ear are better prepared for marriage - they've experienced pain and bought jewelry - *Rita Rudner*.
- Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well - *Josh Billings*.



The Youth Club for Seniors from Judith Rice

The University of the Third Age does sound something like a wacky cult although some members call it the Youth Club for seniors. Nevertheless, it has certainly motivated and inspired many thousands of us since it was established in the UK back in 1983. Its many converts call it U3A - a learning organisation for people who are either retired, or semi-retired. There are over 700 local U3As in the UK, each run by volunteers. They all draw on the skills and experience of their own members to create interest groups ranging from bridge and pétanque, to astronomy and gardening.

Whilst adult education courses have been cut back, the U3A revolution has been quietly growing with more than 200,000 members nationwide. Its success is proof, if any was really needed, that just because you're retired, it doesn't mean you're over the hill. PRVU3A your local U3A in Pontesbury and Rea Valley has no age limit and costs only £15 for a whole year to be a member, attend any of our 30 Interest Groups and other benefits of membership.

A member recently shared, "When my wife and I retired we felt a bit empty, despite the fact that we'd been looking forward to it. It was not that we wanted to continue working, but when you retire, suddenly there is a lot of time to fill and the last thing we wanted to do was sit back and do nothing. We hadn't heard of U3A before someone mentioned it so we decided to join. It's been one of the best things we've ever done." Most people find out about U3A by word of mouth. Interest Groups meet in people's houses, in pubs, the library or village halls. More information can be found on our website: <https://u3apontesburyreavalley.org.uk/index.htm> No internet? Please ring **01743 792790** for a chat.



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- 1) Phil asks his friend Stan when his birthday is. Stan replies, "I was 32 the day before yesterday, and next year I'll be 35." When is Stan's birthday, and how is his response even possible?
- 2) In the "Strange" family, each daughter has the same number of brothers as she has sisters. Each son has twice as many sisters as he has brothers. How many sons and daughters are in the family?
- 3) What is the next letter in the following sequence? **M A M J J A S O**
- 4) This is a most unusual paragraph. How quickly can you find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so ordinary you'd think nothing was wrong with it and in fact, nothing is wrong with it. It is unusual though. Why? Study it, think about it, and you may find out. If you work at it for a bit it will dawn on you. So jump to it and try your skill at figuring it out. Good luck!
- 5) What is the product of the following series? $(X-A) \times (X-B) \times (X-C) \times (X-D) \dots (X-Z)$
- 6) Which word from Group B belongs with the words from Group A and why?
A) PAPER, BLAST, BANK, BOX
B) JUICE, BAG, CRADLE, CARPET
- 7) There are two books standing side by side on a shelf, each consisting of exactly 100 pages. The book on the left is upside-down. If you add the page number at the extreme left-hand side of the left-hand book to the page number at the extreme right-hand side of the right-hand book, what is the total?
- 8) A tree doubled in height each year until it reached its maximum height over the course of ten years. How many years did it take for the tree to reach half its maximum height?
- 9) While on safari in the wild jungles of Djibouti, Professor Quantum woke one morning and felt something in the pocket of his shorts. It had a head and a tail, but no legs. When Quantum got up he could feel it move inside his pocket. Quantum, however, showed little concern and went about his morning rituals. Why such a casual attitude?
- 10) There is a seven letter word in the English language that contains eight words without rearranging any of its letters. The words contained therein must be of at least two letters in length. What is this word and the eight words found within it?

Answers on page 40



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from
Sara Pearce
Community
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Eastridge mountain bike wild trails update

Forestry England staff met with the Eastridge Trail Partnership in late July to tackle the issue of wild trails, raised at the public meeting in May, particularly in relation to those that came in to contact with the pipe track.

Eastridge Trail Partnership have committed to removing all but one of the wild trails that exit on to or ride over the pipe track. Forestry England has agreed that retaining one track to allow riders to cut back off the red route to reach Snailbeach village hall car park will help to prevent future desire lines being created.

The retained track will be about halfway along the pipe track and modified to ensure that riders have to slow right down in order to join the pipe track. Eastridge Trail Partnership will communicate to local riders about the plans and are confident that the new path will be respected.

Other wild trails and features on the site were investigated and plans for closure or modifications agreed, with work by Eastridge Trail Partnership planned to start in the autumn. The group will prioritise work that will benefit the general public and reduce potential conflict with walkers.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the new **Forestry England Community Ranger Sara Pearce** on **0300 067 6977/ sara.pearce@forestryengland.uk** or get in touch with **Eastridge Trail Partnership** via **Facebook**.

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from The Library Owl



I have recently discovered the pleasure of listening to audio books. I came across the BBC Sounds selection quite by accident and listened to **Sweet Sorrow**, the new book by David Nicholls. It was only an abridged version, so if anything has made me want to read the book in full, I will be adding my name to the waiting list for the library copy. A few days later, reading a copy of **Good House Keeping**,

downloaded to my phone courtesy of the library subscription to **Pressreader**, there was an interview with David Nicholls. He was encouraged to read by his parents and 'hung around the library three or four nights a week' spending most of his teenage years there. Another similar coincidence, we are about the same age!

I have now downloaded the **cloudlibrary** App to my phone and Kindlefire to discover 250 E-Audiobooks. It was very easy to do, so why not try it out!

Rhyme Time will be 17th October at 2.30pm.

Events are publicised around the villages and on the FoPL Facebook page *Use Pontesbury Library*.

Were you at the Climate Strike?

from **Alyson Small, The Bog**

Adults and children assembled in The Square, Shrewsbury on a sunny morning on 20th September with placards and banners supporting School Climate Action and Extinction Rebellion to press our politicians into positive and urgent action on climate change. There were speeches from students at Shrewsbury College and Shrewsbury School, rousing singing and chanting and a march up Pride Hill. Further speeches from Friends of the Earth and others buoyed up the crowd into chanting their demands for climate action.



Crowds assembled at Pride Hill

Councils declaring a climate emergency now need to change words into deeds. There was opposition to the North-West Road scheme, an out-of-date solution that does not solve our 21st century carbon emission problem. I hope our local villages can contribute to increasing the awareness of the climate change issues we all face. We need to work together to bring about change for ourselves and our children.



a very special birthday present

by Geoff Sproson



In 1999 a gangly five year old arrived at Stiperstones. He had been used to living with the best bred families in England, enjoying the hustle and bustle of Newmarket. He was brought here to live with an older companion and to begin with he was poorly treated, frequently kicked and bitten, but as they say things could only get better.

Bevier was a racehorse, a bay gelding, sired by the Derby winner Nashwan and the grandson of Mr Prospector, the most influential stallion of his day in the United States.

Bevier's career had started hopefully, winning his third race as a three year old at Yarmouth and running in front of the Queen at Royal Ascot. Initially trained by Charlie Britain, Bev never fulfilled his early potential, moving yards to

Mrs Cecil and then Bill Jarvis. He proved difficult to train and was quickly retired. Now homeless Carol Michael brought him to the Stiperstones Inn where John 'The Shop' Sproson gave him shelter along with his other ex-racehorse, Sooty

Sooty had been more successful in his day, winning in France and England and to begin with set about putting Bev in his place with hooves

and teeth. Bev would not be denied and the pair soon became inseparable stable mates.

John rode both horses across the hills, but would also run with the horses free behind him. This unusual way of training 'highly strung' thoroughbreds soon gained unexpected media coverage. Tony Francis of ITV's "Heart of the Country" took his cameras up the Dingle and a full page spread in the Racing Post highlighted John's individual training methods.



John on Bevier

By the age of nine Bev was nothing like the skittish, nervous colt who was considered unfit to race. Every spring his coat bloomed and he became stronger and stronger. John sought and was given permission to race him again.

Officially trained by Trevor Wall at Acton Scott, John's pride and joy was given two warm up races at Salisbury and

Beverley. Then came the Coup de Dunstall Park.

On a cold February afternoon, the day after John's 60th birthday, the Stiperstones Rat Pack descended on the Wolverhampton racecourse. We had received our instructions from the mastermind of the operation and clutching fistfuls of fivers and tenners we nonchalantly hung around the unsuspecting bookies.



Bevier winning at Wolverhampton

Later John was to ride Bev himself in a Ludlow charity race. Bev by then had taken a dislike to the goings on of a racecourse. He bit and kicked as he was saddled, threw John off as they went to the start and had to be held by trainer Trevor Wall. As the flag went down Bev took off with John hanging on and passed the stands in the lead. Somehow John gained enough control to guide his mount around the tight Ludlow bends, Bev fell back but just to show everyone he still had that sparkle, he ran on again in the straight to finish third.

When Bev's price hit 50/1 the game was on and we all rushed to put on our bets before the odds shortened.

Nine furlongs on the all-weather surface with Neil Chalmers in the saddle, we watched as Bev settled in at the rear of the field of 12. Into the straight and there was still plenty of ground to make up. Bev was getting closer to the leaders but it seemed too late. The front two passed the post together; the long wait for the photo finish. Over the Tannoy came, "First number 5, Bevier".

John in commando jacket with Bevier



John could be seen charging down the steps of the stands in his commando jacket wildly waving his race card in the air.

The day was lost in champagne and fifty pound notes. For months afterwards the bookies would look at John and shake their heads, "Bevier!"

This was to be Bev's finest hour. He raced many more times on the flat and over hurdles but never gave John another birthday present.



John riding Bevier to 3rd place at Ludlow

Bev is now a stately gentleman of 25. He can still be seen at the pub or at the Roundhill. He still looks wonderful every spring and hopefully remembers his misbehaving at the racecourse, his overtaking the master's horse when out hunting (not the thing to do) his kicking in of Stuart's garage door, his many night time escapes with Sooty onto Neil's lawn but most of all that special day at Wolverhampton.



Bevier with trainer Trevor Wall

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Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

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Education and school funding

I have, since first elected in 2005, campaigned for fairer funding for rural schools, and have achieved some success – with changes to the national funding formula to include some provisions for the additional cost rural areas face.

But we have such a patchwork of small rural schools in South Shropshire that they will always benefit from increased funding given low pupil numbers. So I was very pleased the Prime Minister announced plans to ensure every secondary school receives at least £5,000 per pupil, and every primary school at least £3,750 next year – putting primary schools on the path to receiving at least £4,000 per pupil the following year. There is also £700 million extra for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in 2020/21, to help ensure every child can access the education support they need.

This is part of an overall package in which schools in England will receive a significant cash boost, with over £14bn invested in primary and secondary schools between now and 2022/23. This will bring the schools budget to £52.2bn in 2022/23.

We are fortunate that most of our schools in South Shropshire continue to perform very well. I have been visiting schools around the constituency in recent months, with particular focus on those who improved significantly their Key Stage 2 or Key Stage 3 results, to see where best practice can be learned from.

Further education and sixth form colleges are also set for a £400m boost in funding, of particular help to Ludlow College. This is the single biggest annual uplift since 2010, with specific funding to help colleges deliver expensive but crucial subjects like engineering, which lead to higher wages and, ultimately, a more productive economy.

I am also very pleased that the Government is enacting Jeremy Hunt's plan to increase the starting salaries for teachers. Subject to the School Teachers' Review Body process, the government plans to increase teachers' starting salaries by up to £6,000 - with the aim of reaching £30,000 by 2022-23. This would make starting salaries for teachers amongst the most competitive in the graduate labour market, encouraging more people into the profession.

The Teacher's Pension Scheme is also one of the most generous on offer, and from last month, the government is fully funding increased contributions into the scheme, so that school leaders can focus as much of their resources as possible on the front line. It means teachers will get an employer contribution of 23.6% on top of their salary towards their pension every year to ensure the scheme is fully funded.

These steps are welcome, and taken together will help build on the record of improving educational standards since 2010. As at March 2019, 85 per cent of schools have been judged good or outstanding by Ofsted, compared to just 68 per cent in August 2010. So things are moving in the right direction. But this new funding will help us go even further in ensuring every child has the best possible start in life.

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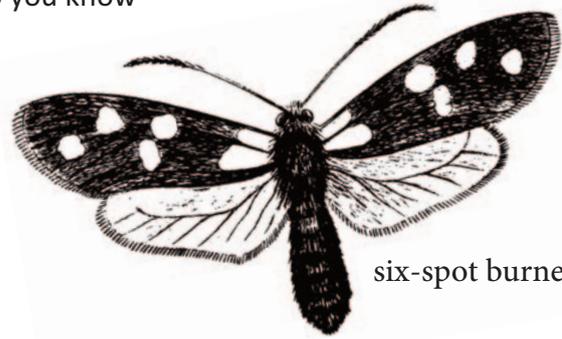


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By the time this gets into the newsletter we will probably have had our moth and bat evening (Friday, 27th September), and depending upon the weather will hopefully have seen lots of nocturnal creatures.

The first question we usually get about moths is how do you know if it's a moth or a butterfly? Which is more difficult to answer than you might think. Although most moths fly by night and butterflies by day, there are plenty of day-flying moths like the forester moth that we find flitting around in the grasslands on the edge of the hill. Butterflies generally have clubbed antennae and moths do not, however there are exceptions such as the six-spot burnet moth which is often seen in the Stiperstones hay meadows.



six-spot burnet

Another question we hear is why do they fly at night? Well, apart from those mentioned above that don't fly at night, the reason is generally to avoid predation. Moths and their caterpillars are in a constant battle to avoid being eaten, and have developed a whole range of strategies to better their chances of survival. Flying at night to avoid being eaten by birds is one of those strategies, some moths even fly in the winter when there are fewer predators around and rely upon late flowering plants like ivy as a nectar source. Many flowers have adapted to these nocturnal pollinators and produce their scent, or open up their flowers at night. White flowers such as the greater butterfly orchid are almost luminescent in the moonlight to attract pollinating moths.

Another strategy for avoiding predation is through camouflage or mimicry and moths and their caterpillars are masters at blending into the surroundings. Some like the angle shades moth look just like an autumn leaf, the Chinese character moth looks like a bird dropping and the buff-tip mimics a broken birch twig. Quite a few have a surprise in store, like the yellow underwing, which is a dull brown moth when at rest but as soon as it is disturbed it flashes its bright hindwings which can startle and confuse a would-be predator.

Moths are incredibly important not only as pollinators of plants, but also in the food chain. They are relied upon by a whole range of wildlife including birds, bats, spiders, frogs and hedgehogs. A single brood of blue tits can devour up to 10,000 moth caterpillars, plucked from the underside of tree leaves. Many of our summer migrant birds, like the pied flycatcher, time their arrival for the peak in abundance of moth caterpillars.



So it is very worrying to know that over the last 40 years we have seen a decline in numbers of our larger moths in Britain of 28%, with some species which were once common showing a 99% decline.

The good news is that you can help attract moths to your garden by planting native plants such as foxgloves, primrose, mullein and thyme or cultivated plants like verbascum, honeysuckle, nicotine plant, sweet rocket, buddleia and wall flowers.

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The Young Adults and Little People's Page

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

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Why do bees have sticky hair?

Because they use honey combs!

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between us, something smells!

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Sick

By Shel Silverstein

"I cannot go to school today,"
Said little Peggy Ann McKay.
"I have the measles and the mumps,
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.
My mouth is wet, my throat is dry,
I'm going blind in my right eye.
My tonsils are as big as rocks,
I've counted sixteen chicken pox
And there's one more--that's
seventeen,
And don't you think my face looks
green?
My leg is cut--my eyes are blue--
It might be instamatic flu.
I cough and sneeze and gasp and
choke,
I'm sure that my left leg is broke--
My hip hurts when I move my chin,
My belly button's caving in,
My back is wrenched, my ankle's
sprained,
My 'pendix pains each time it rains.
My nose is cold, my toes are numb.
I have a sliver in my thumb.
My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,
I hardly whisper when I speak.
My tongue is filling up my mouth,
I think my hair is falling out.
My elbow's bent, my spine ain't
straight,
My temperature is one-o-eight.
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,
There is a hole inside my ear.
I have a hangnail, and my heart is--
what?
What's that? What's that you say?
You say today is. . .Saturday?
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Heather Kidd's Report

Child care funding in our border area.

There are differences between the Child Care support funding for parents in England are different from those in Wales. However, it is frankly stupid that those living in Shropshire but working in nearby Welshpool or Newtown cannot use some of their hours close where they work.

I have contacted the Minister for Education, the Montgomeryshire Welsh Assembly member and local Powys County Councillors in a bid to resolve this problem. Now Council officers in both Shropshire and Powys are finally talking to each other to try and find a way through this. The hourly provision in England will still continue to be better than that in Wales but I hope by next month parents in Chirbury and Worthen Division but

working in Wales will be able to use their funding near their place of work.

Roads

I was particularly annoyed by a recent press release by Shropshire Council which seem to suggest that Shropshire was getting another £7m to spend on roads. This is old money awarded last year and already spent! If you look in the list of roads published in the Shropshire Star they include stretches like the Leigh Road which were done months ago!

Heather

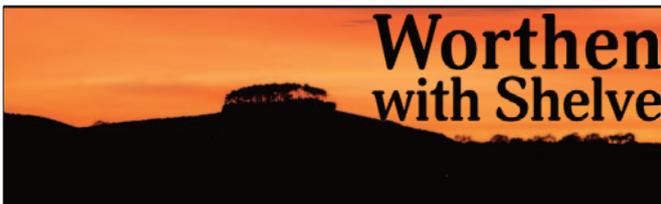
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CLUSTER CONSULTATION

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 and information 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.

Something perhaps you didn't know climate change could do

Bumpier Flights!

If you're not a frequent flyer, this might not seem so bad — more air turbulence just means a few spilled drinks and a few more minutes with the seatbelt sign illuminated, perhaps. But turbulence is a very big deal for air travel as a whole, injuring hundreds of passengers and costing airlines tens of millions of dollars in damage every year. Air turbulence is an effect of jet streams, which are fast-flowing air currents high in the atmosphere that affect weather patterns by pushing air masses around. A 2013 study published in the journal Nature Climate Change concluded that as the atmosphere warms, jet streams will move faster, and that will make the atmosphere more susceptible to turbulence. A 2007 study bears that out; turbulence has increased by 40 to 90 percent since the 1950s.

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PONTESBURY GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Show, 24 August

Again we had another successful show; the quality was as high as ever and it was good to see some new people entering, and winning. Next year's show will be held on Saturday 28 August, so if you did, or didn't, enter this year and would like to do so next year then put the date in your diary. If you are inspired to enter next year but have never entered a show before and would like some helpful advice then just ask at the Trading Post; we still have some of last year's schedules available and they will give useful information.

Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Evening Meal will be on 4th December, at 7.30pm. The menu is on display at the Trading Post and you can make a booking there on Saturday mornings.

Winter Closure

Don't forget that the Trading Post closes for winter after the last Saturday in October, so if there is anything that you need to get you over the winter months, like multi-purpose compost for over-wintering pots, or mulch to dig in to improve your soil, then call in on Saturday mornings before we close. We still have a stock of Pongarmulch soil improver, and bags of farmyard manure, which can be dug in this autumn to improve the soil for next year's growing season. **We will open again on Saturday 1 February 2020.**

Winners of the trophies were:

Best Exhibit, Flower Section	Betton Lakelin Cup
Julie Owen	
Most Points, Flower Section	Baker Yates Cup
Julie Owen	
Best Exhibit, English Rose	Bromley Powell Cup
Myfanwy Stelfox-Manley	
Best Exhibit, one Fuschia	The Holyoak Cup
Chris Neil	
Best Exhibit Petite Arrangement	Joan Jones Cup
Marjorie Stanyer	
Best Exhibit, Floral Art Section	Grenfell Medall
Marjorie Stanyer	
Most Points, Floral Art Section	David & Ann Cup
Marjorie Stanyer	
Best Exhibit, Vegetable Section	Bill Stephens Cup
Julie Owen	
Best Vegetable Exhibit	N.V.S. Medal
Julie Owen	
Most Points, Vegetable Section	Bennett Cup
Dave Perry	
Most Points, Flower and Veg Sections	Barnett Cup
Dave Perry	
Best Exhibit, Fruit Section	Jack Newnes Cup
Alan Owen	
Most Points, Cookery Section	The Committee Award
Margaret Marsh	
Best Exhibit, Handicraft Section	The Hignett Award
Leigh Howard	
Most Points, Needlework	The Jean Swann Cup
Leigh Howard	
Best Exhibit Item made from wood	The Shropshire Woodcarvers' Club Perpetual Trophy
Phil Cross	
Best Exhibit, Painting or Sketch	E & J Simpson Perpetual Trophy
Chloe Calder	
Most Points (over 9)	E Simpson Cup
Madeleine Livsey & Rosie Whicker	
Chairman's Award	Challinor Cup
Margaret Mitton	

THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN



Week 1

...feed acid loving shrubs...

Feed acid loving shrubs such as rhododendrons, camelias and azaleas if they are showing signs of yellowing leaves and not looking healthy and lush. Clear any weeds around them and fork a layer of leaf-mould and well-rotted manure or ericaceous compost into the top few inches of soil.

Week 2

...use your imagination...

With less maintenance work to be done, now is an ideal time to look critically at the bare skeleton of your garden and plan the introduction of new plants or features to enjoy next year. Bring new life to an old tree by planting clematis at its base to grow undisturbed through the branches.

Week 3

...collect falling leaves...

As well as making ideal compost, fallen leaves can also protect tender plants such as kniphofia and agapanthus which need a little extra protection during sever winters. Place a 15 cm (6 in) layer around the base of the plants, leaving the tops uncovered if they are still green.

Week 4

...make leaf mold...

Collect fallen leaves and if there are too many for your compost bin, put them in plastic garden sacks. Fork holes into the sides and put them somewhere out of sight. In a years time the action of the weather will have turned the leaves into rich leaf-mold to top dress the beds.

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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
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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
Bishops Castle	10:00	Llan Turn	14:49
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Date	Haberley St Mary	Hope Holy Trinity	Minsterley Holy Trinity	Shelve All Saints	Snailbeach St Luke
1st Sunday 6th October Trinity 16 Green			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Harvest Service Ian Williams (Reader)	3.00pm Harvest Service Revd Pam
2nd Sunday 13th October Trinity 17 Green	No 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer service (due to 3pm service at Hereford Cathedral)	10.30am Harvest Holy Communion Service (Note change of time) Revd Pam	10.30am Harvest All Age Worship Ian Williams (Reader) (Revd Giles at St George's Pontesbury) 3.00pm Hereford Cathedral Dennis Owen receiving the Order of St Ethelbert (all welcome)		
3rd Sunday 20th October Trinity 18 Green			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	
Thursday 24th October			7.30pm 'All Souls' Service of Thanksgiving in Remembrance Revd Giles / Revd Pam		
4th Sunday 27th October Trinity 19 Green	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Pam (Revd Giles at Ford)	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Pam (Revd Giles at Great Wollaston)	5.00pm Common Worship Evening Prayer Revd Giles		

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October 2019

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All candidates are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings which are held on the last Monday of each month.

This notice is dated the 19th day of September 2019

Sarah-Jane Smith, Clerk to the Council

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Kids Football Training

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

Answers to PUZZLES & POSERS from page 17

1) Stan's birthday is December 31. Today is January 1, which means that the day before yesterday (December 30) Stan was 32 years old, and turned 33 yesterday (December 31). This year, Stan will turn 34 on December 31, so next year he will turn 35.
2) There are four daughters and three sons.
3) The next letter is N for November.
4) The letter E (the most common letter in the English language), does not appear in rein, her, here, ere.
5) Zero. Since one of the numbers in the series will be (X-X), which is zero, the entire product will result in an answer of zero, because anything multiplied by zero equals zero.
6) BAG because all of these words can begin with the word 'sand'.
7) Two.
8) Nine years.
9) It was only a coin.
10) Therein (the clue was in the question): the, there, he, in, rein, her, here, ere.

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
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Funeral Tea	£32.50	£20.00
Hire of hall with catering facilities	£40.00	£25.00
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