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Notes from THE EDITOR



It is with regret that I must announce my intention to resign as the editor/publisher of the SDN as soon as a new and suitable candidate can be found to take on this role.

Ideally this would be within the next few weeks, but if need be I will carry on until the final edition of our advertising year is completed in July 2020 so that we can guarantee fulfilling our obligations to our advertisers.

I will, of course, give all the necessary support needed during the handover to the new editor which would include training in the use of the software we use for the layout and publishing. A knowledge of Microsoft Word and/or Publisher would make this transition relatively easy.

I have been involved with the SDN for around six years now, firstly as a regular contributor, then as a guest editor, then as the full time editor and finally as editor/publisher.

I have thoroughly enjoyed putting together the SDN each month; trying to make each month better and more polished than the one before and making it as attractive as possible to both our readers and advertisers.

However, changes to my personal health and my domestic circumstances mean that I can no longer dedicate the time and energy that the SDN demands and deserves.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported me and the SDN over these last few years: our trusty band of locals who make sure the SDN is delivered to your door each month, our advertisers who support us and provide us with the majority of the funds we need to cover our printing and running costs, the individuals who make donations over the year that top up our advertising revenue and allow us to splash out on a bit of colour every now and again and, of course, you our readers without whom this newsletter would be pointless. Thank you all for your encouragement, support and kind words over these last few years.

Welcome to the Roaring '20's!

A new decade dawns with new opportunities for us all to move forward and make changes in the way we conduct ourselves on this planet, together with massive challenges that will force us to change the very way we live. Surely no sane person can now believe the Donald Trump mantra that climate change is just a "Chinese hoax"? The evidence is smacking us in the face on a daily basis; whether it be fires in Australia, floods in Indonesia, melting ice caps and glaciers, and constant world wide freak weather events. But it's not just our climate change that we have to address, is it? We must also tackle our disgusting plastic waste problem - in fact all our waste problems. We are slowly but surely choking ourselves to death with our own waste.

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NEWSBRIEF



FROM THE CHURCH OF
ST. LUKE, SNAILBEACH

Create? Do something practical? Socialise? An invite from the Shropshire Woodcarvers.

On **Saturday February 8th** the **Shropshire Woodcarvers** are having an open meeting to give you the chance to not only see what woodcarving is about but also to have a go. A chance to leave with your very own carving! Wood, tools, guidance, tea and biscuits all provided. Also on display will be a range of work produced by the group who will be on hand to answer questions and offer encouragement.



Ann Guilder working on her first carving

Why not come along and at least have a look in the workshops at **Mary Webb School** from **11.00 am to 4.00pm**. You will be more than welcome. It is a hobby that can be carried out at home with minimum tools as well as in the workshop. It is a hobby that provides satisfaction,

stimulation, relaxation and a distraction from other concerns. Woodcarving offers the opportunity to be creative with wood in many different ways yet does not necessarily require the skills and artistic talents that many perceive as necessary, though the opportunity to utilise such talents is also there.

No previous experience is needed. Currently the group has members ranging from 11 to, well the more mature, with a roughly fifty - fifty gender split.

If you wish to find out more about the group you can also visit our website at www.shropshirewoodcarvers.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you there ... including all those who have visited us at shows and said they would like to have a go.

On Saturday, 30th November 2019 the Christmas Fair was held in Snailbeach Village Hall. St. Luke had a table selling jams, cakes, and Christmas goodies. The fair was well attended and we thank everyone who came to speak to us and buy various items.

The Memory Tree was erected for families to remember their loved ones and a total of £353 was raised for St. Luke's for which we are extremely grateful. The Memory tree was then moved to the church for the Christmas period and a further £50 was raised.

Good wishes to everyone for 2020. Thank you all.
Joan Evans

Stiperstones Carol Singers

I would like to extend a massive thank-you to the residents of the Stiperstones for their generous donations during our carol singing evening. With a few donations prior to our evening, and some after, we raised a total £270.00, for which I have sent a cheque onto the Severn Hospice. Special thanks to Malcolm & Lorna, Mary, John C, Elspeth & John and Malcolm & Doreen for their kind hospitality which was very greatly received.

We all had a lovely night and we will see you all next year to do it all again.

Wendy Whitelaw and carol singers

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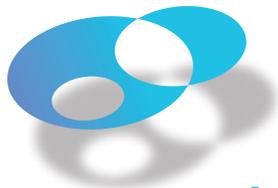
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bawdy	bat-fowling	baggage
beslubbering	beef-witted	barnacle
bootless	beetle-headed	bladder
churlish	boil-brained	boar-pig
cockered	dapper-clawed	bugbear
clouted	clay-brained	bum-bailey
craven	common-kissing	canker-blossom
currish	crook-pated	clack-dish
dankish	dismal-dreaming	clotpole
paunchy	ill-breeding	lout
pribbling	ill-nurtured	maggot-pie
puking	knotty-pated	malt-worm
puny	milk-livered	mammet
qualling	motley-minded	measle
rank	onion-eyed	minnow
reeky	plume-plucked	miscreant
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- The way tree tops avoid touching each other as they grow is called 'crown shyness'.
- France has short-story vending machines.
- The first meeting of the War Propaganda Bureau was attended by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Thomas Hardy, Rudyard Kipling and H. G. Wells.
- *Vranyo* is Russian for lying even when everyone knows what you're doing.
- If human eyes were in the same proportion as cat's eyes, they'd be eight inches across.
- There are galaxies called the Cartwheel, the Tadpole, the Cigar, the Sunflower, and the Sombrero.
- Wasps can be deterred by hanging up a paper bag, which they mistake for an enemy nest.
- *The Simpsons* predicted Donald Trump would become president 16 years before he was elected.
- Bacteria can penetrate six layers of loo paper.
- Rats can tread water for three days and survive being flushed down the lavatory.
- By buying bidets instead of using toilet paper, Americans could save 15 million trees a year.
- There are two places in Australia called Dismal Swamp.

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After the 'very hard' ones over Christmas, here are a couple of just 'hard ones'. Even my wife complained that the 'very hard' ones were too hard! And she likes them hard...

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Chairman's report from Ray Harper

We finished off 2019 with a very successful Christmas Fayre (with funds raised for the village hall and plenty of sales for the stallholders) and then shortly afterwards an enjoyable afternoon with the band and seasonal music. So we now enter 2020, clearly a year for good vision. However, perversely we do so with a cloud on the horizon. Margaret Price has regretfully asked to be relieved of the commitment of booking secretary as unforeseen events now require her to spend more time with her family. We would like to thank Margaret for the many years of service and wish her and her family all the very best.

In the interim Maria Marks has stepped in and will deal with the bookings in the short term. It is not ideal for Maria as she is already the treasurer. Therefore we wish to find a replacement as soon as possible, so if anyone out there can assist please let me (or any other committee member) know post haste. The role consists basically of taking bookings (mainly by telephone or E-mail if preferred), advising prospective hirers of the costs, ensuring booking forms are completed and liaising with Maria (re charging) and Caroline (re cleaning). Ideally it should be someone who lives fairly near to the village hall or can get there relatively easily for the provision of keys on the occasions when hirers are not regular users.

Our next committee meeting will take place next month and it is intended that we will discuss improvements to the Village Hall. I cannot prejudge the outcome but can inform you that suggestions for an improved entrance and provision of all-inclusive toilet facilities are, among others, on the agenda. At this stage I expect that, while we can determine what we wish to see in the future, we will need to arrange in order of preference/desirability then start fund raising in earnest to achieve our goals. Any help will always be welcome.

In the meantime as always there is a growing list of things to maintain, repair or replace and we will need to organise a working party soon but at the moment the weather will not allow us to do much (as I write this the rain is falling in torrents and the forecast is for worse to come). As soon as we can we will get on with necessary jobs.

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from Patrick Marks

Add laundry to the laundry list of human activities that harm our environment. Every time you wash your clothes, thousands of tiny particles of plastic called microplastics are released from the fabric and find their way into waterways and out to the ocean. Now, new research published in *Environmental Science and Technology* sheds light on why these fibres shed — and how we can cut down on that laundry-day pollution. Like many problems that impact our environment, the contributing factors are complicated, as are the solutions.

The plastics that have captured headlines and spawned legislation are shopping bags and drinking straws, but most of the plastic found in



the ocean is so small — less than 5 millimetres — that you can't even see it with the naked eye. Microplastics come from a variety of sources and products. They used to be in body scrubs, hand sanitizers, and toothpaste for sale in the U.K., but thanks to legislation, a ban on the manufacture and sales of products containing microbeads is now in place.

But our clothes are a big contributor. More than a third of microplastics found in the ocean originated from clothing. Synthetic materials like polyester, nylon, and acrylic give clothes their stretch and breathability and account for nearly 60 percent of the materials used in clothes worldwide. They're also forms of plastic. Potentially hundreds of thousands of these fibres enter our water supply after a single load of laundry. It was previously thought that the washing machine's agitation — how fast the drum spins, how long it pauses, and how often it changes direction — was the most important factor when it came to how many fibres were shed from the clothes. But the latest study from scientists at Newcastle University found it's actually the volume of water used during a wash

cycle that affects shedding levels. In fact, the team found that the delicate cycle did the most harm: 800,000 more fibres were shed during a delicate wash than a standard cycle.

So how do these puny particles make their way from your washing machine to the big blue sea? Most machines either don't have filters or have filters that aren't fine enough to catch plastic microfibrils. The debris goes out with the wastewater and makes its way to a treatment plant. Filters there will catch most microplastics, but a portion will continue on to rivers and eventually end up in even the deepest depths of the ocean.

Knowing that synthetic materials are here to stay, materials company **PrimaLoft** is working on making them biodegradable. The company shredded and melted down end-of-life plastic bottles and added a simple sugar to the resulting fibres, which led microbes in the ocean and in landfills to feed on them. Standard polyester fibres degrade by only 1 percent after 500 days whereas **PrimaLoft's** biodegradable textile decomposed by 85 percent in the same amount of time.

But it's better to stop microplastics from reaching the ocean in the first place rather than trying to minimize their harm once they get there. There are two approaches to this: Creating textiles that shed fewer fibres and upgrading filtration technology to trap the particles earlier. A filter in development by a team at the University of Exeter traps about 75 percent of particles and breaks them down using genetically modified enzymes. While individual-level changes add up and help our pollution problems, it ultimately takes larger change on the corporate and manufacturing level to really make a dent.

So next time your dirty laundry starts stacking up, take heart in knowing that you're helping the environment by doing fewer loads. And when laundry day does come around, skip the delicate cycle. The oceans will thank you.

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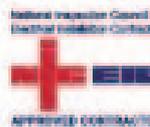


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2) **"Headspace"** or **"Calm"** are meditation apps that let you chill out for a while and ease a bit of that daily stress. Sink into a summer meadow or laze by a tropical shore. 7 day free trials then about £30 per year.

3) **"Strides"** is a habit tracker. You set lower limits for good deeds like drinking water or saying I love you and set upper limits for bad habits like drinking coffee or playing computer games. Strides keeps your scores. If you have Siri you can tell him to log your habits.

4) **"StandUp!"** reminds you to take a break, move around a bit, stretch those legs and shoulders, get off that sofa.

5) **"Yummly"** If you are looking for something

new and tasty but still keeping to that healthy new diet, this could be the one for you. Recipes, shopping lists and an allergy checker.

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7) **"Daily Random Facts"** zillions of factoids to impress family and friends with your knowledge. (Rather too many adverts for other apps unless you go premium.)

Always remember to abide by safe practice when downloading apps. You can usually check out a lot about the app online before actually downloading it. Most apps are free but the people who design them need to make money. Some offer 'in app' purchases that help you play a game or reach a goal, others have a basic version for free and then entice you into a premium version with more bells and whistles while some apps just rely on adverts to generate their income. Its kinda nice to click on a few adverts to generate some income for your friendly neighbourhood app designer.

Have a safe online year

Sammy

BOYFRIEND V HUSBAND COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0. What I have noticed is a slowdown in the performance of the Flower and Jewellery applications, which had operated flawlessly under the Boyfriend 5.0 system. In addition, Husband 1.0 un-installed many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.9, but installed undesirable programs such as Sport 7.3, Soccer 3.2 and Tennis 4.1. Conversation 8.0 also no longer runs and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. I've tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do?

Yours faithfully, *Desperate Susan*

Reply from Tech Support:

Dear Desperate Susan,

First, keep in mind that Boyfriend 5.0 was an entertainment package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Try to enter the command C:/I THOUGHT YOU LOVED ME and install Tears 6.2.

Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications: Guilt 3.3 and Flowers 7.5. But remember, overuse can cause Husband 1.0 to default to such background applications as Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please remember that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will create Snoring Loudly.WAV files. DO NOT install Mother-In-Law 1.0 or reinstall another Boyfriend program. These are not supported applications and will crash Husband 1.0. It could also potentially cause Husband 1.0 to default to the program: Girlfriend 9.2, which runs in the background and has been known to introduce viruses into the Operating System. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have a limited memory and can't learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to enhance his system performance. I personally recommend Home Cooking 3.0 and Single Malt Scotch 4.5. Finally consider applications such as Lingerie 6.9 (which has been credited with improved performance of his hardware).

Good Luck, *Tech Support*

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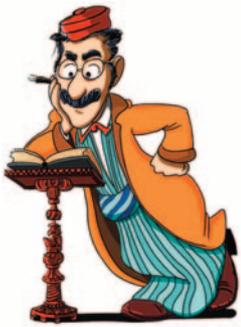
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- Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
- "No, thanks. I'm a vegetarian." is a fun thing to say when someone hands you their baby.
- Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have.
- My wife was furious at me for kicking dropped ice cubes under the refrigerator. But now it's just water under the fridge.
- My wife sent her photograph to the Lonely Hearts Club. They sent it back saying they weren't that lonely.
- My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.
- What is the thinnest book in the world? "What Men Know About Women"
- I do try to be empathetic and put myself in other people's shoes... but I have big feet.
- I used to do magic in a Chinese restaurant only problem is an hour later everyone wanted to see it again!

I wish I'd said that...

- In America, only the successful writer is important, in France all writers are important, in England no writer is important, and in Australia you have to explain what a writer is. *Geoffrey Cottrell*
- Had double chins all the way down to his stomach. *Mark Twain*
- He's a trellis for varicose veins. *Wilson Mizner*
- His face was filled with broken commandments. *John Masefield*
- His smile is like the silver plate on a coffin. *John Philpot Curran*
- Is that a beard, or are you eating a muskrat? *Dr. Gonzo*
- She spends her day powdering her face till she looks like a bled pig. *Margot Asquith*
- She wears her clothes as if they were thrown on with a pitchfork. *Jonathan Swift*
- Why don't you get a haircut? You look like a chrysanthemum. *P. G. Wodehouse*
- You look into his eyes, and you get the feeling someone else is driving. *David Letterman*
- A gentleman is one who never hurts anyone's feelings unintentionally. *Oscar Wilde*



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from Judith Rice

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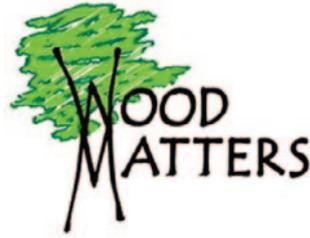
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The prudent shop keeper

A tale of chocolate

A story from an anonymous source.
You may recognise the shop!

There was once a prudent shop keeper in a small village high in the hills. He was also the landlord of the local inn and he was known to have a keen eye for a bargain.

One year just after Christmas while out buying goods for his shop, he came across some boxes of Christmas chocolate decorations, the kind you hang on your Christmas tree. "These are nice" thought the thrifty shop keeper, "I could buy them and put them away to sell next Christmas". There were many boxes of the chocolates, all wrapped in brightly coloured foil and contained in cardboard boxes. The thrifty shop keeper purchased the lot and took them back to his shop with glee.

Being short of storage space, he found a small room in the inn which was never used. So, he put all the boxes of chocolates in the room and locked the door.

For months the thrifty shop keeper forgot all about the chocolates. Until just before the next Christmas when he began to put out all the Christmas decorations in the shop. It was then the thrifty shop keeper remembered the chocolate decorations, so up he went and unlocked the door and went in.

The boxes stood where he had left them but when he opened them, they were empty! Just the colourful foil wrappers remained. The evidence was there for all to see, little teeth marks in the wrappers and foot prints in the dust. A family of mice had eaten every last chocolate and all the profit the prudent shop keeper had wished to make.

The moral of this tale:

Chocolate is too good to store.

If you are going to buy it, eat it!

"Chocolate is cheaper
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PUZZLES & POSERS

You find yourself playing a game with your friend.

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If two cards have the same face value, then Red outranks Blue, which outranks Orange, which outranks Green, again except for the Green Jack, which outranks everything.

Here's how the game is played: you are dealt one card face up, and your friend is dealt one card face down. Your friend then makes some true statements, and you must work out who has the higher card, you or your friend. It's that simple!

Round 1:

You are dealt the Green Ace and your friend makes three statements:

1. My card is higher than any Queen.
2. Knowing this, if my card is more likely to beat yours, then my card is Blue. Otherwise it isn't.
3. Given all of the information you now know, if your card is more likely to beat mine, then my card is a King. Otherwise it isn't.

Who has the higher card, you or your friend?

Round 2:

You are dealt the Blue King and your friend makes three statements:

1. My card would beat a Green King.
2. Knowing this, if my card is more likely to be a Jack than a Queen, then my card is a King. Otherwise, it isn't.
3. Given all of the information you now know, if my card is more likely to beat yours than not, then my card is Red card. Otherwise, it isn't.

Who has the higher card, you or your friend?

Answers on page 40

"For, after all, how do we know that two and two make four? Or that the force of gravity works? Or that the past is unchangeable? If both the past and the external world exist only in the mind, and if the mind itself is controllable - what then?"

George Orwell, 1984



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NEWS FROM
PONTESBURY LIBRARY

from The Library Owl



The main task in the library for the next few weeks is continuing with the weeding and sorting ready to move. So, I thought I'd share a quote with you from a book I have just read. Chris Paling, after a career with the BBC, continues to write but also works in his local library. The diversity doesn't quite apply to Pontesbury, but I hope you'll get the sentiment and let you imagine which do apply.

"The library is an extension of A&E; at other times it's a hostel for the homeless; a psychiatric ward; a crime scene; a study hall; a place of safety; a boxing ring, a confessional booth; a theatre space; a venue for knitting and book groups; an information hub for people trying to find a long-lost relative or a job. On most days, the library is all of these."

There will be a craft activity for children during half term. Rhyme Time will on 20th February at 2.30pm.

There is still no date confirmed for the move to the new library, hopefully this will now be in March.



Happy new year from everyone at the Eastridge Trail Partnership! The busy festive riding period and recent bad weather have hampered some of our planned trail maintenance works, however this hasn't put off some of our more hardy local members who have been walking the trails dealing with some of the worst puddles and drainage issues we've seen for quite some time. Maintenance works have also been undertaken on the red graded trail "Milk Run" which is running better than ever! Before Christmas the Eastridge Trail Partnership met again with Forestry England and representatives from the local community to discuss options for new trails in the Snailbeach side to act as alternate routes to link up the existing mountain bike trails, and keep riders off paths that are mainly used for walking or horse riding. These plans are being developed over the next few months and hopefully these can take place in the spring. Keep an eye on the Facebook page for the next dig day and hopefully see you then!



SNAILBEACH WI

A new year and a new programme. We ended the year with a very entertaining evening with a local lady Sally Tonge for our first meeting; we tend to have a local speaker because we can never trust the weather. This year Mal Brown entertained us with his amazing array of musical instruments made entirely from scrap. There was lots of audience participation, interspersed with his funny monologues. February, our speaker will be Graham Fuller, a solicitor speaking to us about Power of Attorney and understanding the present care system. A subject that affects us all!

This year we are celebrating our 50th year of Snailbeach W I . The committee are working very hard to make it a memorable year and have planned lots of extra events, including walks, garden visits, a treasure hunt, a garden party and a curling evening. All of these will, more than likely, have a Golden theme. We are sure that this is going to be a year to remember. If you would like to join or rejoin our W I , you would be most welcome. We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at Snailbeach Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you wish to know more, please contact Joyce Graves on 01743 891901 or any committee member

John's Lights

Once again the Christmas lights that John Jones installs in his garden in Snailbeach each year dazzled and delighted all who passed his property. But not only did they enchant us during the Christmas period, they also attracted donations for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund to the tune of

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John would like to thank all those that made donations. Thanks John and well done to all you who contributed!

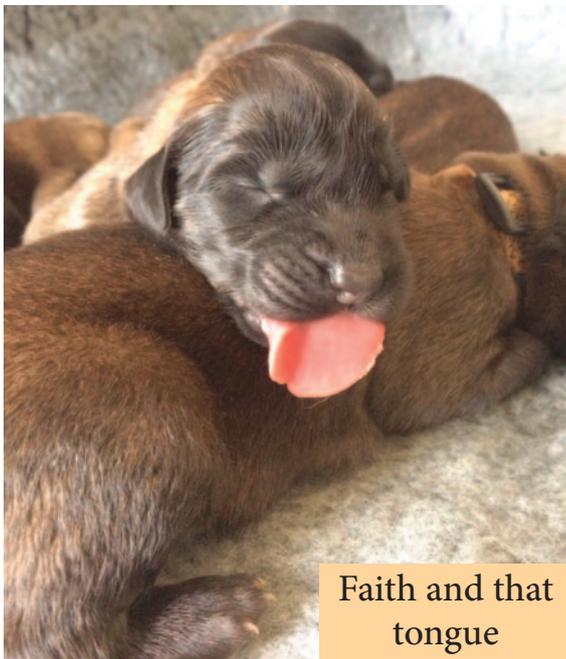
Faith's Story

by
Deb Gallimore

The brave story of a determined little Leonberger **Part 1**

Every one of my dogs has left their mark on me, changed me a bit and taught me a lot, and I hope it never stops. But here is the story of one of my Leonbergers, who has rendered me a gibbering wreck, a raving lunatic and a proud doggy mum, daily from the moment she drew breath.

Faith is one of a litter of 13, born on 25th July 2016. Clementine is a natural mother, gentle, attentive and patient even in the face of everything this story will tell. Faith was born, still in her bag, not too unusual, but she had a huge wonky tongue which would not fit in her mouth, and I thought she was dead. Far from it, she was very much alive; furiously seeking out the teat and proceeding to feed strongly...



Faith and that tongue

Or so it seemed; Faith lost weight from day one so hand rearing was the only way to ensure this little fighter would survive. Not an easy task, the huge tongue made getting a seal round her mum's teat impossible and this transferred to the various methods of hand feeding we tried. I'm sure there was more milk dripping from my elbows than she drank. Eventually we both got the hang of it, and best of all, despite the struggle, Faith gained weight and started to thrive. Four hourly feeds round the clock with essential access to her mum and littermates in between, saw her continue to grow and develop.

To add to this difficult start, Clementine developed Necrotic Mastitis when the pups were around 10 days old. A thing of nightmares, the sight of which I can only compare to a slasher horror movie. This meant that I was feeding the litter with Clementine in rotation, feeding six plus Faith myself while Clementine fed six.

Again, despite this added pressure little Faith continued to grow and develop. She was a bit smaller, a bit bonier maybe like a new-born lamb rather than a chunky pup. But she slept and was content in

between feeds, held her own in the litter and always nice and toasty. It must be said that at this point I never took it for granted that Faith would survive. I questioned myself daily, was I doing the right thing? Maybe there was something more serious underlying and I was simply keeping her alive for all the wrong reasons. What kept me going was the absolute determination of this little girl to survive. I could feel it flowing from her, and to be



Clementine feeding six of the twelve



Deb's mum, Eileen,
hand rearing Faith

honest I think she kept me going too, as anyone who has hand reared or supplemented a litter, even without the mastitis situation, will know; you do lose your mind a bit.

Once the pups were four weeks old weaning began. I am a committed raw feeder and wean all my pups onto a fine turkey mince with a little tree barks powder for the first week. The addition of some home-made bone broth was perfect for Faith and as usual this was a hit with all the pups especially Faith, who seemed to be much better at lapping and eating with the huge wonky tongue than she was at suckling. Although her siblings were faster, and I had to supervise her eating to ensure she had her share.

Soon after weaning began, Faith developed flaky and scabby skin in between her toes, and eventually her front dewclaws fell off. This happened over a period of a couple of weeks. It was a slightly insane looking mad woman (me) who turned up at the vets with a four-week-old whelp with a huge wonky tongue and scabby paws asking for a diagnosis. I was offered three possible causes.

Mites, (which I discounted as she was the only one with any

symptoms and had been in continuous contact with the litter).

A zinc deficiency (which the vet thought was unlikely as the zinc levels in her bitch milk substitute were fine).

A symptom of a congenital auto immune condition.

As a Coeliac myself I know that eating a good diet doesn't automatically mean that your body is absorbing that good diet properly; and as there was not much else I could do, I got some zinc tablets from the chemist and crumbled them into her food. I also applied Aloe Vera gel to her sore paws. As the days went on the scabby feet dried up and healed and as I said before her dew claws dropped out. They have since grown back good and strong albeit a little wonky.

Weaning continued from strength to strength and Faith was delighted to munch away on chewy strips of green tripe, chicken wings, carrots, all the same foods and environmental enrichments as her siblings. I had a waiting list of eager new puppy owners, some of whom had been waiting a very long time for Clementine to have a litter. Families began to visit and chose their pups at a little over five weeks. I remember a feeling of enormous pride looking down at them all chasing and tumbling and playing as puppies do and saying to myself, "I've done it, 13 puppies born; 13 puppies all weaned and thriving, even Faith". Oh my, how premature was that?

...to be continued.



Deb Gallimore has lived at Pennerley for 15 years with her husband and four kids. She has lived with and trained German Shepherds, Working Cocker Spaniels, Leonbergers, and a variety

of other dogs over the years from Pugs to Rottweilers She competed in Agility with her German Shepherds and qualified many moons ago as an Agility Club Instructor. She is also a full member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) and a provisional member of The Canine Training and Behaviour Society (TCBTS), both of whom have strict criteria for membership and code of conduct. At the end of last year, she gained a foundation degree in Canine Behaviour and Training from the University of Hull and Bishop Burton College.

She is also a proud member of the Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme and breeds some of her dogs following extremely high health and welfare standards.

This is the first of a series of six articles about the story of Faith.

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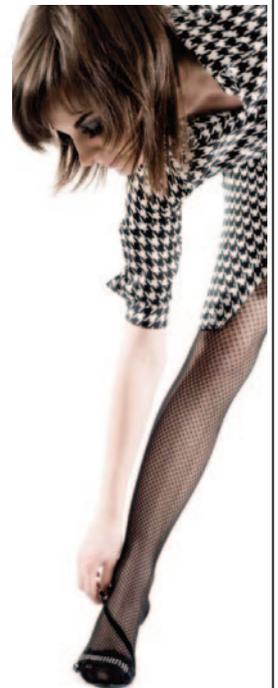
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Heather Kidd's Report

Severn Trent strike again.

Over the Christmas period Severn Trent closed the road again from Plox Green to

Stiperstones. They did this under their emergency powers to deal with a leak. They were only on site for a short period of time and the road was not actually closed. Local people could get through. The worse thing was that they then went away for several days waiting for the tarmac to fill the resulting hole. The signs were put up several times to underline the fact the road was closed. These signs were soon put down by, I believe local residents, as the diversion was unneeded and silly. I have complained again about their behaviour!

Stiperstones School Building.

The children from the school are now being educated at Norbury school but the building will continue to be used by them for outdoor education, the mother and toddler group and for

a monthly Community Café. It is hoped that we may also be able to allow other schools to use the building for outside education in the future. We do need to emphasise that Stiperstones School is the children and not the building and so it has not shut. The children are just being educated – together- on a different site.

The Mother and Toddler Group can now leave their toys and equipment set up from one week to the next. This is a really good use of the building and great for local mums to have a base.

The Community Café. The year 6 children will run this once a month so that the community can continue to work with the children. The first of these will be on 31st January 2020.

Heather

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DAWDLERS or DASHERS

Christmas 2019

Geoff Sproson reports

Despite a gloomy weather forecast, the annual Boxing Day Devil's Chair '**Dawdle or Dash**' once again attracted some of the UK's top fell runners. Rossendale pair Sam Tosh (2017 English Fell Running Champion) and Sophie Horrocks (Former Ben Nevis Race winner) both finished well clear of the opposition. Sam's winning time of 22.46 was well off the record but with slippery grass, mud and deep pools to contend with there were few personal bests this year.

For another year the juniors put in tremendous performances. Aunty Sylv's great niece Bethany Trow from Shrewsbury AC retained her under 12 title breaking her own record by over a minute and beating all her senior opposition bar the race winner. It is hard to put into words what an impressive performance this was; her time of 28 minutes was only 5 minutes behind the race winner and only a minute behind the first lady, who has won the prestigious Ben Nevis race. Local runners Amelia Williams and fireman Rob Evason both got home in under 30 minutes, with Amelia 3rd lady home and Rob's Dad David Evason sprinted in to be first runner over 70.

Rumours had been rife of a new superfit team of local ladies who were set to break all records, I guess we will have to wait for better weather. Over 300 brave souls started with 250 of the dashers or dawdlers completing the whole challenging course from the Stiperstones Inn to

the Devil's Chair and back.

More than £1000 was raised for the Severn Hospice and Lingen Davies appeals and organisers Geoff and John Sproson would like to especially thank all the helpers from the village who rallied together to cover for John and always make this one of the highlights of Shropshire's Christmas sporting calendar. All the results are online at www.sproson.com.



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Letter from Westminster

February 2020

Roads in South Shropshire

Last month, following the wet autumn and winter, I was struck by the unusual volume of complaints I have received from folk concerned – quite properly - about the very poor state of many roads across South Shropshire.

Having visited relatives over Christmas in other rural counties, I am convinced Shropshire's roads include some of the most pothole-ridden in the country. So I am clear urgent action is needed not just to prevent further deterioration and damage to vehicles – but also for durable improvements, with repairs which will last.

A report from the County Councils Network highlighted the significant disparity between urban and rural areas, in how much funding they have available to tackle potholes and road repairs. London Councils are able to spend 83% more than the West Midlands on road repairs.

I have taken this issue up with the Roads Minister – a task made easier by the Conservative Party manifesto pledge at the General Election to a flagship £2bn pothole fund over the next four years – as well as other key transport issues for South Shropshire. For example, I have also urged the Minister to ensure Shropshire is included in any future pilot of the Superbus Network – a scheme currently being piloted for the first time in Cornwall - to improve public transport in rural areas.

But on potholes, the government is both aware of the scale of the problem, and has committed to making funding available to local authorities – two key elements to delivering action on this issue. The last Pothole Fund was allocated 74% to rural shires, and I will press Ministers to allocate the resources in the same manner for this £2bn fund.

That isn't to say Shropshire has received no funding from central government to fix the state of our roads. In September last year Shropshire Council were awarded £7.3m, through which stretches of 46 of the county's roads were resurfaced, 25 of which were in South Shropshire. The government also provided over £1m in 2016/17, and over £1.3m in 2017/18 to improve our roads through the Pothole Action Fund. But I am making the case that the recent condition of Shropshire's roads is so poor, we need our next allocation sooner, rather than later.

Responsibility for maintaining local roads is split between Highways England and Shropshire Council, with funding from central government. So I also raised the issue of potholes with other Shropshire MPs at our regular meeting with Shropshire Council last month, to make clear we need further action from the Council through its highways contractor to rectify the problem and improve the condition of our roads. We can all play our part by reporting potholes we see to Shropshire Council - since there are over 3,100 miles of roads, cycle ways, and footpaths in Shropshire, which clearly cannot all be continuously inspected. You can do so online at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/highways-maintenance/pothole-maintenance-and-repair/>. We have seen colder Springs in recent years, including 2018's Beast from the East, which left us playing catch up in maintaining local roads. So this is an issue that does need urgent action, which I shall be pressing the government and Shropshire Council to deliver.

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There have been some exciting sightings in recent months of what are very likely to be pine martens in the Stiperstones area. These tree loving mammals, which are related to stoats and weasels, are generally confined to the north of the UK with their stronghold in the highlands of Scotland. They were once common in much of Britain, but almost entirely disappeared from England in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries due to trapping for pelts and persecution by gamekeepers. In 1988 they received full protection under the wildlife and countryside act. Even with protection they have not recolonised England and can only be found in small pockets of Wales and North East England.

In 2015 a small population of pine martens were surprisingly rediscovered in Shropshire and subsequent monitoring using camera traps has identified at least 10 individual animals. Different individuals can be recognised by the distinctive dark marks on their creamy white bibs, assuming that they pose properly for the camera.

So, keep your eyes open for a large dark bushy tailed mammal amongst the trees, and please let us know of any sightings, ideally with a grid reference. Although they are mostly nocturnal, they can sometimes be seen during the day particularly at dawn or dusk.

For more information on the Shropshire Wildlife Trust's pine marten project see the wildlife trust website, you can even adopt a pine marten.

Two facts that I find intriguing about pine martens are: that their diet in the summer is largely of berries - bilberry, blackberry and rowan berries - of which we have plenty on the Stiperstones, and that they prey upon grey squirrels which could go some way to controlling this invasive species.



Pine
marten

In Scotland pine martens can be regular visitors on bird tables, particularly where peanuts and raisins are left out, however as they are largely nocturnal, they could be visiting bird tables unknown to their owners.

Feeding birds must be the easiest way of benefitting wildlife, at this time of year, in and around your home, and although we have had a mild winter so far, there will undoubtedly be some cold weather this winter when feeding birds will help their survival. Recent research by the British Trust for Ornithology has shown that the British habit of feeding birds has had considerable positive benefits to garden birds. As a nation we spend 200-300 million on feeding birds in our gardens. The BTO research concludes that, over the last 40 years, garden bird populations and the variety of birds visiting gardens have increased and this is a direct result of feeding birds in the garden.

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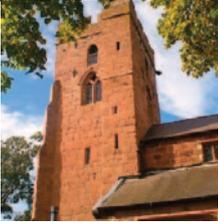
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BY ST. CURMUDGEON

I am the Churchwarden of a rural Church of England parish on the Welsh border. The Church is fairly large and dates back to the 13th Century.

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What is, perhaps, less well known is what this means on a day to day basis.

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I must help with fundraising - even if it means an abseil down the tower which left me with scars from an interaction with a gargyle.

And as for PCC meetings - all of the above come together which necessitates a welcome trip to the pub afterwards.

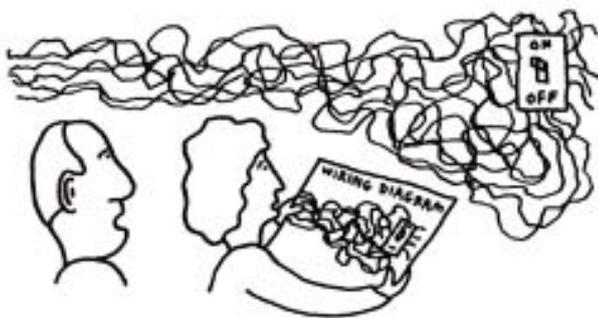
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Which sport has the biggest carbon footprint?

Although racing the world's fastest cars at racetracks all over the planet makes Formula 1 an obvious target when it comes to environmental issues, in fact the races themselves are a minor part of the sport's total emissions.



But F1 has been working hard to combat the image it has in some quarters as a profligate and irresponsible activity in the context of the environmental issues faced by the planet. For a start, the turbo-hybrid engines introduced in 2014 have provided revolutionary increases in efficiency. Of the 256,551 tonnes of carbon that F1 calculated it emitted as a sport in 2018, only 0.7% was from the cars themselves. By far the largest proportions were from logistics,

in terms of road, air and sea freight, at 45%, and personnel travel at 27.7%.

But these are issues that affect all major global sports: a football World Cup or an Olympics, while not as obvious a target, also has a significant environmental impact.

The carbon footprint of the 2010 Fifa World Cup was calculated at 2.8m tonnes - or 10 years' worth of Formula 1 seasons.

Last November Formula 1 announced a project to go carbon neutral by 2030, and plans are already afoot for the next generation of engines, scheduled to be introduced in 2025, to run on carbon-neutral synthetic fuels.

This is a new technology that has yet to be developed in a commercially viable form but the idea is to capture carbon from the atmosphere and turn it into a liquid fuel by combining it with hydrogen from water.

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A Happy New Year for the Planet? from Liz Knowles

On the face of it, Planet Earth has not had a good start to 2020.

It would be easy to succumb to gloom looking at the photos of Australia burning, Jakarta under water, the Amazon still on fire, to name just a few current global disasters. But I'm going to issue a challenge to anyone who reads this column to yes, face the awful truth about the mess we have made, but at the same time, to not let hope die. Isn't that's what responsible people do when they make mistakes, face up to them and try to put things right?

There are people all over the world who are working their socks off to make a difference and help stop this headlong rush to the cliff edge of ecological disaster. There are famous people like Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough of course, but also the unknown people who are making a difference around the globe and here in the UK rewilding parts of Britain (for example - rewildingbritain.org.uk), protecting endangered species and their habitats (for example the RSPB and the Wildlife Trusts).

All these organisations are rising to the challenge of the climate crisis, making plans for action, and producing ideas for how the future could look if we act now. For instance, The Wildlife Trusts Nature Recovery Network presents a vision for Britain in 2040 that could provide a healthier happier and greener society. As their document states, Britain's wild places are depleted, fragmented and fragile due to us tearing "great holes in the web of life that supports us." (shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk)

Of course we need to invest time, money, effort and political will to achieve this, but think how much brighter the future could look if we all work together. There are local groups too doing the same in our communities, involved in grassroots level action that will benefit all of us.

Also locally, Pontesbury Parish Council has recently declared a climate emergency and has stated that they wish to produce an action plan in the near future. So keep hoping, and join in with this movement if you can.

The Rea Valley Ecological Action Group was formed recently and meets regularly at the Horseshoes Pub, Pontesbury. Watch out for dates and times in the SDN. All welcome. Contact Liz at elizabethknowles1@gmail.com or on 01743 790698.

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Some dates for your diary:

- 3rd. March: Annual General Meeting, 7.30 pm in the Public Hall
- 14th. May: Spring into the Garden, 7.30 pm in the Public Hall
- 29th. August: Annual Show, 2.30 pm in the Public Hall

A reminder: subscriptions for 2020 are now due: £2, or £1 if you are retired.

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Upper Onny Wildlife Group Annual Public Meeting

The Upper Onny Wildlife Group (UOWG) is the longest-established of the twelve Community Wildlife Groups operating in Shropshire (see web-pages for all groups at www.shropscwgs.org.uk). UOWG members have been monitoring bird populations in the local area for 15 years, and the recorded decline in Curlew revealed by UOWG's data has contributed to the national interest in saving the remaining breeding Curlew. For other bird species, such as Dipper, Barn Owl and Pied Flycatcher, UOWG has nest-box schemes that have helped maintain local populations.

UOWG members also have an interest in plants and the active Plant Group arranges surveys and visits to sites with high plant diversity. These activities are reported at the UOWG Annual Public Meeting and this year there will also be a talk by Peter Carty (National Trust, Cardingmill Valley) - *Stepping Stones: a partnership project to restore wildlife* on the great news that almost £170,000 has been awarded for local conservation groups under the Stepping Stones project. The UOWG Annual Public Meeting is open to everyone with an interest in local wildlife and will be held on 17th February 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Barn, Church Lane, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5FD. Entrance is free and refreshments will be available.

THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN



Week 1

...early spring, time to mulch the borders...

Mulch the borders with a thick layer of compost or well-rotted manure to give nourishment through the coming year and aid water retention in the soil. In mild weather continue to plant deciduous trees and shrubs. Indoor bulbs that have finished flowering can be planted out in odd corners of the garden.

Week 2

...no time to linger...

Complete pruning of established trees and shrubs before bud-burst and mulch liberally with organic matter. Soft fruit will benefit from a dressing of well-rotted farmyard manure. Plant autumn-fruiting varieties of strawberries now so they will have time to establish during the summer.

Week 3

...give hedges a haircut...

Late February is an ideal time to cut back overgrown hedges before they start producing new growth during the spring. Thin, straggly hedges of hawthorn or privet will benefit from hard pruning now. Be brave: fresh new shoots will soon hide the bare branches and give your hedge a new lease of life.

Week 4

...plan for next spring...

This is an ideal time to visit flower shows and gardens to see new bulb varieties that you may want to plant yourself in the autumn. Remove faded flower heads from daffodils to prevent seed heads from forming. Don't remove the leaves; let them die back naturally so that the bulbs aren't weakened.

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Stiperstones Group – Service Rota February 2020

Date	Haberley St Mary	Hope Holy Trinity	Minsterley Holy Trinity	Shelve All Saints	Snailbeach St Luke
1st Sunday 2nd February Candlemas Gold/White			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Ian Williams (Reader)	
2nd Sunday 9th February 3rd Sunday before Lent Green	5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	10.30am All Age Worship Ian Williams (Reader)		
3rd Sunday 16th February 2nd Sunday before Lent Green			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	
4th Sunday 23rd February Sunday next before Lent Green	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles			
Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday Purple	7.30pm Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion Revd Giles				

Waste Collection Schedule

February 2020

March

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16th December 2019 – 14th January 2020

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Criminal damage	Sausage mixed with rat poison was placed outside of a property in order to attract the owners gun dogs.	Snailbeach	Small amount ingested by one of the dogs but thankfully no lasting damage. Local officers conducting targeted patrols in the area.
Assault		Worthen	
Criminal damage	Vehicle damaged on private land	Hyssington	Suspect identified
Assault	X2	Chirbury	

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

FLY-TIPPING

There has been an increase in fly-tipping around the area including locations such as farm gateways and lay-bys. Fly-tipping and littering can be a health hazard, not to mention an eyesore and if dumped on private land can cost the land owner a huge sum of money to remove. Shropshire Council investigate fly-tipping but if you witness persons fly-tipping at the time you can report it to West Mercia Police on 101, please try and obtain the offending vehicles registration.

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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
Stiperstones School

Ballroom Dancing

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

Snailbeach WI

Snailbeach Village Hall
2nd Thursday - 7.30pm

Fit Club

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

Kids Football Training

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

Answers to **PUZZLES & POSERS** from page 17

Round 1
Answer: Your friend.
You are dealt the Green Ace.
By #: your friend's card is higher than any Queen, so your friend can only have one of these cards: Red Ace, Blue Ace, Orange Ace, Red King, Blue King, Orange King, Green King, Green Jack.
By #: 4 of these 8 cards could beat your card, so your friend's card is not more likely to beat yours, so your friend's card is not blue. Leaving Red Ace, Orange Ace, Red King, Orange King, Green King, Green Jack.
By #: of the remaining 6 cards, your card can beat 3, so your card is not more likely to beat your friend's, so your friend's card is not a King. Leaving Red Ace, Orange Ace, Green Jack - all of which beat your card.
Round 2
Answer: You.
After #1 you know that you have the Blue King (BK) and your friend's card is higher than the Green King, so your friend can only have one of the following cards:
RA, RK, BA, OA, OK, GA, CJ.
Therefore by #2 their card is a King.
They are now left one of the following: RK, OK.
Of these two, 1 could beat your card, therefore by #3 their card is not Red.
So your friend must have the Orange King, which your card beats.

Snailbeach Village Hall Booking Fees

To book the Village Hall please contact **Maria Marks** on
01743 790 049

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
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