

# THE RIPPLE

May 2022

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## PARISH SERVICES

### SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Holy Communion

11:00am Parish Communion weekly

6:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Holy Communion According to the  
Book of Common Prayer

6:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Informal Service

4:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Explore Together service  
Messy Church – **Currently “At Home”**

**WEEKDAYS:** 9:30am Holy Communion - Thursday

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## Rector’s Ramblings

A life-long puzzle...

I wonder if your household has been caught up in the recent craze of ‘wordle’? Wordling (if such a word exists) has very much taken off in the Rectory. Phrases such ‘wordled in two today’, might well be the peak of my husband’s day or ‘only just got it in six, clearly not awake yet’ have become common parlance. For those of you who have evaded the obsession so far, it’s a bit like that game of mastermind you might have played with a child where the aim is to guess the colours of the pegs hidden at the top of the board by your opponent, only in wordle, you’re guessing a five-letter word in six tries.

This web-based word game was created and developed by Welsh software engineer Josh Wardle and owned and published by The New York Times Company since this year. Fortunately for productivity levels, there’s only one wordle issued every day with all players attempting to guess the same word, and so the obsession is kept well in check. There are, of course, many things that we solve a letter or number at a time. Some of you might be daily crossword or sudoku solvers, and know the joy of plugging away at a new puzzle in the paper each day.

It struck me recently that Easter, although technically a letter too long of course, is itself rather like a wordle. Somehow, another year has passed and here we are again trying to make sense of a great mystery. Having another shot at it. Guessing at what makes up its meaning. Using our previous experiences and our knowledge to try and understand it. Coming at it each year from a slightly different angle, sometimes feeling that we ‘get it in one’ and it all makes sense. Other times wondering if we understand it at all. And so it is with life.

Each of us wakes up and tries again each and every day. Some days the sense of where we’re going and how we ought to get there is clear, on other days it’s all a bit of a mystery and we just have to hope that tomorrow is that bit easier. Sometimes, we notice things we haven’t seen before and we feel that progress has been made that will help us not just today but in the long run. Always there is the very real chance that we will be utterly surprised by something completely unexpected. It’s reassuring, to me anyway, to know that faith and life don’t always have to make sense. In my teenage years the Vicar in our church at the time once taught me that some things are a divine mystery, and he was on to something or as St Paul put it – ‘now we see through a glass darkly.’ It’s meant to be a life-long puzzle with which we can engage and question and struggle because we know that someone far greater than us is holding it all in love. So I leave you with a poem that, although about neither a wordle nor Easter, reminds us that some things aren’t meant to be understood and the greatest of these is love.

It’s nonsense, says reason.  
It is what is, says love.  
It’s a disaster, says logic.  
It’s nothing but pain, says fear.  
It’s hopeless, says common sense.  
It is what it is, says love.  
It’s ridiculous, says pride.  
It’s foolhardy, says prudence.  
It’s impossible, says experience.  
It is what it is, says love.

**Erich Fried**

translated by Jean Bollkaemper

Every Blessing

Suzan



# May 2022

## DIARY

**1 – 2** 10:30am – 5:00pm Save the Children Whittington Open Gardens and Plant Sale; further details on page 8

### **1 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

11:00am Parish Communion  
6:30pm Holy Communion According to the Book of Common Prayer

### **2 BANK HOLIDAY**

**3** 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

**5** 9:30am Holy Communion

### **8 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

11:00am Parish Communion  
12:00noon Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council in church

**10** 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

**11** 7:00pm Whittington WI meets in the Community Centre

**12** 9:30am Holy Communion

### **15 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**4** 11:00am Parish Communion  
6:30pm Informal Service

**16** **LAST DAY** for magazine material for the June edition of the “Ripple” all material to Anne Ward, Manor Garden, 5 Boot Street, Whittington – eaw4@btinternet.com

**17** 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

6:30pm Annual Parish Meeting in the Senior Citizens’ Hall; all are welcome to attend

**19** 9:30am Holy Communion

9:30am Coach begins pick up at Rosehill for Whittington Senior Citizens to Chester; further details on page 9

6:00 – 6:45pm Concert 1 of Whittington Music Festival  
7:45 – 9:45pm Concert 2 of Whittington Music Festival

**20** 6:00 – 6:45pm Concert 3 of Whittington Music Festival  
7:45 – 9:45pm Concert 4 of Whittington Music Festival

**21** 2:00-4:00pm Public Masterclass with Festival musicians  
5:00 – 5:45pm Concert 5 of Whittington Music Festival  
Including repertoire of the Masterclass participants  
7:45 – 9:45pm Concert 6 of Whittington Music Festival

### **22 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00am Holy Communion  
11:00am Parish Communion

3:30-4:50pm Concert 7 of Whittington Music Festival

**24** 12:00 noon Whittington Senior Citizens monthly lunch at the White Lion; further details on page 9

2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

### **26 ASCENSION DAY**

9:30am Holy Communion

**27** Whittington Church of England Breaks for the Half Term Holiday

28 10:00am Combined Derwen College Sponsored Walk/Fun  
Run and Summer Fete; further details on page 24

29 **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

11:00am Parish Communion

**Extracts from the Parish Registers  
for the month of March 2022**



**HOLY BAPTISM**

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Charlie Arthur Freddie Jones  
of Fitzalan Close



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Rector and Trustees of the Friends of St John the Baptist acknowledge the following donations:

Donation of £124 Anon  
Donation of £107 Anon  
Donation of £250 Anon  
Donation of £100 given by the Family and Friends of Molly Wynne  
in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Donation of £100 from Family and Friends in memory of Janet Barlow

**SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING**

There is to be a service of thanksgiving for the life of May Griffiths at Gobowen Parish Church on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 12:30pm, followed by interment of ashes. If you plan to go, please could you let her son Robin know, to give the family some idea of numbers for the refreshments afterwards. Robin’s telephone number is: 01691 662483.

90 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1932 London’s Piccadilly Circus was lit with electrical lighting for the first time. The road junction is now world famous for its neon lighting and video advertising displays.

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again. – Anon

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May** in church after the main morning service, and during the meeting we shall elect:-

**Two Churchwardens**

**Four people to serve on the Parochial Church Council for three years;  
Two people to serve for two years; and Three people to serve on the  
Deanery Synod Council for three years**

We shall also elect Sidespersons, if you are already one, and wish to remain in office, you will do so automatically; if you are not a Sidesperson, or reader, and would like to be one please speak to one of the Churchwardens.

This would also be an ideal opportunity to offer your services as an occasional lesson reader or someone interested in leading our intercessions.

This is a chance to review all the activities of the church over the last year and look forward to the future.

**Suzan**

**LENT SOUP LUNCHESES**



These happy social occasions raised £377.70 for church funds; how lovely that life does seem to be getting back on track at last. Grateful thanks go to all those who opened their homes to us all or provided for the lunch held in the Senior Citizens’ Hall. It is always a delight to sample the various soups on offer, often something new, but delicious, alongside the cheese and biscuits. Thank you also for all the raffle prizes that were given and congratulations to all the winning ticket holders.

**The Churchwardens**

**Found** – *On the church noticeboard:* Contact lens found in church. See vicar. If you can.

**The cost of petrol** – Here is a sobering thought: petrol selling at 1.649p per litre in the UK is equivalent to £7.50 a gallon!

**SAVE THE CHILDREN**

**TWO OPEN GARDENS & PLANT SALE**

By Barbara Molesworth & Friends

**SUN 1<sup>st</sup> and MON 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

**10:30am – 5:00pm**



Reg. Charity no: 213890

**GABLECROFT, CHURCH STREET SY11 4DT:** Old walled garden, ancient Sequoia, colourful planting, a wilding, ‘tucked in’ shepherd’s hut and restored Victorian conservatory.

(Refreshments available here)

and



**GARDEN CROFT, DAISY LANE, SY11 4EA:** Vegetable beds, small arboretum, perennials. ‘Layer planting’ for insect and bird sustainability. Presentation by Isabelle on bee-friendly plants.

(Plant Sale here)



+ on Sunday Music by Scottish Bagpiper Andy

+ on Monday Haslington Folk Group



**Entrance by donation covers both gardens  
All proceeds to Save the Children**

**Dogs on lead welcome**

**Contact: 01691 650711 for more information**

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**



Whittington Music Festival



**“TRANSCENDING BORDERS”**

**19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2022**

**7 CONCERTS IN 4 DAYS**

**15 INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS  
incl MARK PADMORE, tenor**



**TICKETS NOW ON SALE**

<https://www.whittingtonmusicfestival.org.uk/booking-information>

Tickets will be available on the door – subject to space

**WHITTINGTON SENIOR CITIZENS  
Over 50’s Club – Recycled Teenagers**

It had been proposed that the senior citizens plant two or three shrubs for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. It was also decided to plant them in the raised bed at the rear of hall and to dedicate to the memory of Mr Philip Morris. Philip had nurtured the bed over many years, planting various vegetables to be distributed amongst members. The shrubs, a mature acacia and camelia were planted at the end of March during a Thursday coffee morning. On the same occasion we celebrated the diamond anniversary of Janet and Rex, who provided a lovely cake, and Prosecco to drink; congratulations Janet and Rex.



The next monthly lunch at the White Lion will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Please call me on 662236 if you would like to join us, or if you are a regular but not able to attend. The cost is £10 for main course, dessert and tea or coffee; vegetarian options are available.

Please do join us on any Thursday morning for coffee or tea from 10:00am and usually start drifting away from 11:30am. We have recently been offering toast and marmalade or jam as well as biscuits. The cost has been just £1 for many years and we are now increasing it to £1.50, which also includes a raffle ticket.

The weekly Monday afternoon Whist sessions commence at 2:00pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May thanks to Liz Corrin, and in addition the monthly Whist Drive begins on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7:30pm thanks to Carol and Derek Pope;

The Rugby Club at Park Hall has been booked for our Christmas Lunch on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The outings planned for this summer are:

- 19<sup>th</sup> May** 9:30am Coach makes first pick-up at Rosehill for a trip to Chester, including a boat trip, and the Grosvenor Garden Centre on the way home. £20 per person depending on response (non members are welcome to join us £25)
- 4<sup>th</sup> June** An afternoon tea to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. Please let me know if you have any memorabilia from 1952/3 for a display
- 21<sup>st</sup> June** Visit to the Tweed Mill followed by a stop in Betwys-y-Coed or somewhere on the coast, £20 per person depending on response (non members are welcome to join us £25)
- 12<sup>th</sup> July** A trip to Liverpool, incorporating a cruise on the Mersey Ferry
- October** Harvest Lunch
- 26<sup>th</sup> November** Coffee and Mince Pie morning
- 6<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Tea
- 13<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Lunch at the Rugby Club, Park Hall

**Gillian Roberts, Secretary 01691 662236**

A day without a smile is like a day without sunshine!  
And a day without sunshine is like night.

**PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND**

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**WITH LIVE BAND AND CALLER**

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**



7:00 – 11:00pm



**In the Senior Citizens Hall  
Ploughman's supper included**

**BAR AVAILABLE**

Tickets £12.50 Concessions £10  
children under 12 free

Tickets from **Julie** (671994),  
**Margery** (681036) or **Gillian** (653813)

All proceeds to Whittington Parish Church  
for much needed repair work

## Whittington Together Community Group

Whittington Together was formed in 2015 with the aim of bringing all the Whittington Organisations together to benefit our community. After a 2-year break due to Covid we are now back up and running and have been working on two projects, which may be of interest to you.

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE – QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE BIG LUNCH**

Working with Whittington Castle we are arranging a street party, but it will be in the grounds of the Castle.



**The event takes place between 12 noon – 4:00pm**

The idea is to bring along your picnic, picnic tables and chairs and join in one big celebration to mark 70 years of our Queen’s magnificent reign. Refreshments and pre-booked picnic packs will be available from the Castle Tea-Room.

### **MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – WHITTINGTON TOGETHER FIFTH VILLAGE FETE**

Whittington Together is gearing up for our fifth Village Fete which will take place on August Bank Holiday Monday in the grounds of Whittington Castle.

Like previous fetes, admission will be free but we will be asking for donations for car parking at our designated car parks.

We cordially invite the people of Whittington, and beyond, to join us for what has proved to be an enjoyable old-fashioned family day out.

More information about our events can be found on our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/Whittingtontogogether](https://www.facebook.com/Whittingtontogogether)

You can also follow what is going on in Whittington on this page.

If you require further information, please feel free to contact me.

Regards  
**Ian Johnson – 07917025003**  
**Chairman Whittington Together**

## Packed lunches are back in style



With food prices soaring, who needs a bought sandwich or salad? They can cost nearly £8 a day from LEON or Pret or other food outlets. Instead, it seems we are investing in plastic food containers (John Lewis reports sales are up 64% on last year) and taking our own lunches to work. As one cookery blogger explains, “You can’t reduce your council tax, but you can make little savings on everyday meals, which add up to a significant difference.”

“It’s ‘cool’ these days to take a packed lunch to the office,” says Suzanne Mulholland, author of *The Batch Lady: Shop Once. Cook Once. Eat Well All Week*. “Being organised and prepared is seen as a good thing.” As for coffee, consider this: buying a £3 cappuccino every day adds up to £1,095 a year. Far cheaper to fill a flask at home.

### **Knit a corgi for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**



Thousands of people across the country are buying in light brown and white wool just now, in order to knit up a corgi in honour of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. It is a fun way in which anyone with knitting needles can get involved in the coming celebrations. Just google ‘knitting patterns for corgis’, you will find a wide variety of free patterns on offer. Knitted corgis could help decorate house windows, local shops and churches as the big day approaches.

### **CALLING ALL WHIST PLAYERS**



**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May** will see the restart of the Whist at **2:00pm** in the Senior Citizens’ Hall. An ideal opportunity to reacquaint yourself with this very old card game if you have not played for a while, or indeed would like to learn how to play it; a small band of enthusiastic players will welcome you and help you. It costs just £1 to participate.

You can then follow this up in June when the Monthly Whist Drive will begin on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June** at **7:30pm** in the Senior Citizens’ Hall. The admission cost will be £2 and include tea or coffee and a biscuit; there will

also be a raffle. The money raised from both of these will go towards the maintenance costs of the Senior Citizens' Hall.

**NB:** If Bridge is more your game, then this has restarted, but moved to Welsh Frankton Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons, starting 2:00pm.

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**Not expecting this** – The young minister took his wife to the Maternity Hospital and was told it would be a long labour. So, he agreed to ring at lunchtime for news. But when he phoned, he dialled the wrong number and got the County Cricket Ground. He said: "I brought my wife to your place early this morning. Is there any news?" He was surprised to be told: "Yes, there are seven out and the last two were ducks."



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The Bowling Green was officially opened last month following winter maintenance which included installing a new metal fence around the green, erecting new entrance gates and painting the shelters. A big vote of thanks to Ed Williams

and especially to Mel Morris for ensuring the green is in such excellent condition for the start of the season. The first league game was a home victory for the Veterans on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April whilst other Oswestry leagues games started in the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**MAY home fixtures (start 7:00 pm) are as follows:-**

“A” Team (Capt.- Aled Davies) Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Chirk AAA “A”  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Llanymynech

“B” Team (Capt.- Jacqui Whitley) Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Ruabon.  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – George

“C” Team (Capt.- Ed Williams) Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Llangollen B

“D” Team (Capt.- Jamie Ward) Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Crifftins B  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Llanrhaeadr D

“E” Team (Capt.- Colin Bain) Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Church D  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Llanfyllin

“Vets” Team (Capt.- Colin Bain) Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Llangynog B.  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Weston Croft.

Vets start at 1:00pm; spectators are always welcome to attend all matches.

Car Boot sales are now being held again at the Club as follows:-

Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – 9:00am – 1:00pm

Junior cricket will re-commence at the Club for All Stars / Dynamos on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 5:30pm – 8:30pm with coaching being undertaken by a qualified ECB coach. It is hoped that further Ladies cricket practice and matches will be played during the season.

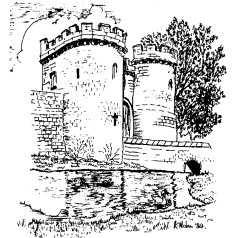
If anyone would like to become either an associate or playing member please contact Ian Chalmers – email: [ianwenachalmers@hotmail.com](mailto:ianwenachalmers@hotmail.com)

**Mike Brunt**

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**MAY at Whittington Castle**

**From May the Castle will be open 7 days a week  
from 9:00am till 5:00pm.**

If you are doing the walking bus to school check-out possible earlier opening.



**30<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> May 10:00am-4:00pm the 85<sup>eme</sup> Re-enactment Group** will be present for

a Napoleonic performance. Napoleon has lost the Battle of Waterloo and is on the run; he has set up camp at Whittington Castle and is under siege from the Allied Forces. A weekend of living history camps, muskets, cannons and fun for all the family. £5 adult and £2 child suggested entrance donation.

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month All Day Craft Group** – Bring your craft with you, or even just a book, and enjoy working in company.

**Coming up:**

**5<sup>th</sup> June 12:00noon – 4:00pm Whittington Jubilee Street Party**  
**7:00pm A Midsummer Night’s Dream** performance by the



Festival Players. Prebooked Adults **£14**, on the day £16; Pre-booked Concessions **£12**, on the day £14. Please bring your own chair, and blanket, if necessary. Tickets will be available online from [crbo.co.uk/msnd](http://crbo.co.uk/msnd) or in person from the castle.

**2<sup>nd</sup> July 7:00pm Great Expectations** by Hotbuckle Theatre. Adults £15, Concessions £13, Groups of 4 £48. Tickets will be available online via: Great Expectations at Whittington Castle or in person from the castle. Bring your own chair please and picnic if desired.

**3<sup>rd</sup> July 10:00am-4:00pm Plant Hunters Fair** Browse the stalls and speak to the expert growers as you look for the unusual.

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2:00pm Alice in Wonderland** presented by the Folksy Theatre, to include live music and puppetry. Price TBA

The Swan Watch camera is in operation – view via the website

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**Answers to April's Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS:** 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

**DOWN:** 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

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**Dem Bones, dem bones**

It has been said that the body of any organisation is made up of four types of bones....

There are the Wishbones – who spend their time wishing someone else would do something about the problem under discussion....

There are the Jawbones – who spend their time talking about the problem.

There are the Knucklebones – who spend their time knocking everything that everyone has already done or would like to do.

Finally, there are the Backbones who quietly come along, get under the load, and carry it!

Which type of bone are you?

**AN AFTERNOON IN THE MAY GARDEN**

1. Practise regular weeding for early sown or planted vegetables, such as lettuce, carrots, broad beans and peas.
2. Now is the time to sow runner beans, French beans, courgettes, cucumbers and squashes under the protection of frames or in a greenhouse, ready for planting out at the end of the month.

**FLOWER OF THE MONTH: ROSA QUEEN ELIZABETH**

This lovely pink scented variety will be budding-up, ready to flower for The Queen's Jubilee. This hardy and vigorous climber like all grandifloras is one of the taller modern varieties, reaching heights between 4 – 6 feet generally, with the potential to grow up to 10 feet if pruned lightly.



**TREE OF THE MONTH: BLACK WORCESTER PEAR**

This iconic tree is also a member of the rose plant family producing an abundance of white blossom in April, followed by large russet-skinned fruits which ripen in November and keep until January. Cooked when mature they are sweet and flavoursome.

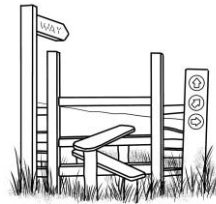
The tree was first mentioned in records dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century, but is thought to have been brought here by the Romans. As a long keeping fruit it was an important part of the winter diet until root-crops were introduced. In 1415, at the Battle of Agincourt, Worcester bowmen carried banners depicting a pear tree with its white blossom. In 1575 Queen Elizabeth 1, on a late autumn visit to Worcester, rode in through a gateway framed by a tree laden with the black skinned fruit of the pear. It had been specially transplanted there from a local farm to honour her visit. So impressed was she with the appearance of the tree, and the flavour of the fruit, that she decreed that in future the Worcester City Coat of Arms should bear “three pears sable” which is still there to this day. A fruit fit for a Queen.



**A note for this present day:** If you have planted a new tree, or shrub, don't forget to water it regularly through the summer.

## COUNTRYSIDE CODE

A new Countryside Code was launched on the 1<sup>st</sup> April last year by Natural England and Natural Resources Wales to help people enjoy countryside in a safe and respectful way. The first Countryside Code booklet was published in 1951 and this update has been shaped by a huge response to an online survey, which sought views on best practices for visiting the countryside and protecting the natural environment. It has been described as providing a refreshed tone of voice, creating a guide for the public rather than a list of rules whilst recognising the significant health and wellbeing benefits of spending time in nature.



Before you get out of your car, remember that country roads are much narrower and twisty, so drive more slowly. Slow down or stop for horses, walkers and livestock when driving, or cycling; cyclists must give way to walkers and horse riders on bridleways. You could even leave your vehicle at home, and use public transport instead. Take extra care when a right of way crosses a railway line and make use of any instructions to help you cross safely. If you are walking on a public highway walk facing oncoming traffic particularly when there is no pavement.

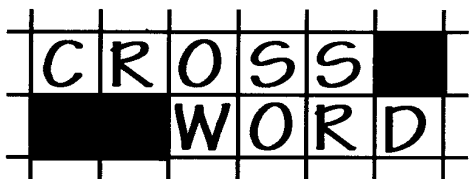
Changes include advice to greet fellow visitors; clearer rules to underline the importance of clearing away your rubbish – it is a criminal offence to drop litter or dump rubbish. To take home dog poo if there are no public waste bins, keeping your pet on a lead, or in sight, and away from animals. A farmer can shoot a dog that is attacking or chasing livestock and they may not be liable to compensate the dog's owner. However, let your dog off the lead if you feel threatened by livestock or horses; do not risk getting hurt protecting your dog. Releasing your dog will make it easier for you both to reach safety.

Stay on footpaths, even if they are muddy, to protect crops and wildlife. Use gates, stiles or gaps in field boundaries where you can; climbing over boundaries can cause damage and put livestock at risk. It reminds us to consider those living and working in the countryside, to leave gates and property as you find them; not to block access to gateways or driveways when parking. To remember that your actions can affect people's lives and livelihoods. Co-operate for example when farmers are moving or gathering

animals and make sure the last one in your group knows how to leave the gates. Farmers close gates to keep animals in or leave them open to give access to food and water. Do not interfere with farm machinery; give wild animals, livestock and horses plenty of space, their behaviour can be unpredictable, especially when they have their young and you could get hurt. If you think an animal is in distress, try to alert the farmer, and, of course, do not feed any livestock or wild animal as it may cause them harm. It also provides advice on how to seek permissions to certain outdoor activities, such as camping, freshwater swimming or fishing.

Get to know the signs and symbols of the countryside when out walking. These different coloured arrows show the legal and recorded rights of way for different user groups. A yellow arrow indicates a footpath, a recorded right of way for walkers and mobility aide users. A blue arrow marks a bridleway, a recorded right of way for walkers, mobility aid users, horse-riders and cyclists. A purple arrow indicates a restricted byway, a recorded right of way for all of the previous plus horsedrawn vehicles only A red arrow indicates access for all users including motorised vehicles. An acorn symbols marks a National Trail, created for walking, with horse-riding and cycling possible on some trails. It marks 16 long distance routes in England and Wales including the England Coast Path. A round brown symbol with a person walking over hills marks an area of open access, you can explore away from paths; this includes many areas of mountain, moorland, heath, down, coastal margin or registered common land. Finally there may be a local sign on a post or gate indicating a permissive path; here you should follow the advice on the sign as the landowner has voluntarily provided access to these paths and chooses who can use them; some open access areas are also made available in the same way.

If you are a keen walker were you aware that the 2000 Countryside and Right of Way Act set out an ambitious target to record every public path in England and Wales by 2026? Any pre-1949 paths and rights of way not officially recorded by this date will be 'extinguished'. As Ellie Harrison, one of the co-presenters of Countryfile wrote last year: "With money spent and lost on the project with backlogs of applications on council desks, rather than set a ticking clock on determined individuals to sleuth historic records and faint clues in the landscape for the thousands of miles of missing paths, it would make more sense to ditch the artificial deadline and return to an ever-evolving map, one that allows time for rediscovering old routes, for unused paths to diminish and brand new ones to open".



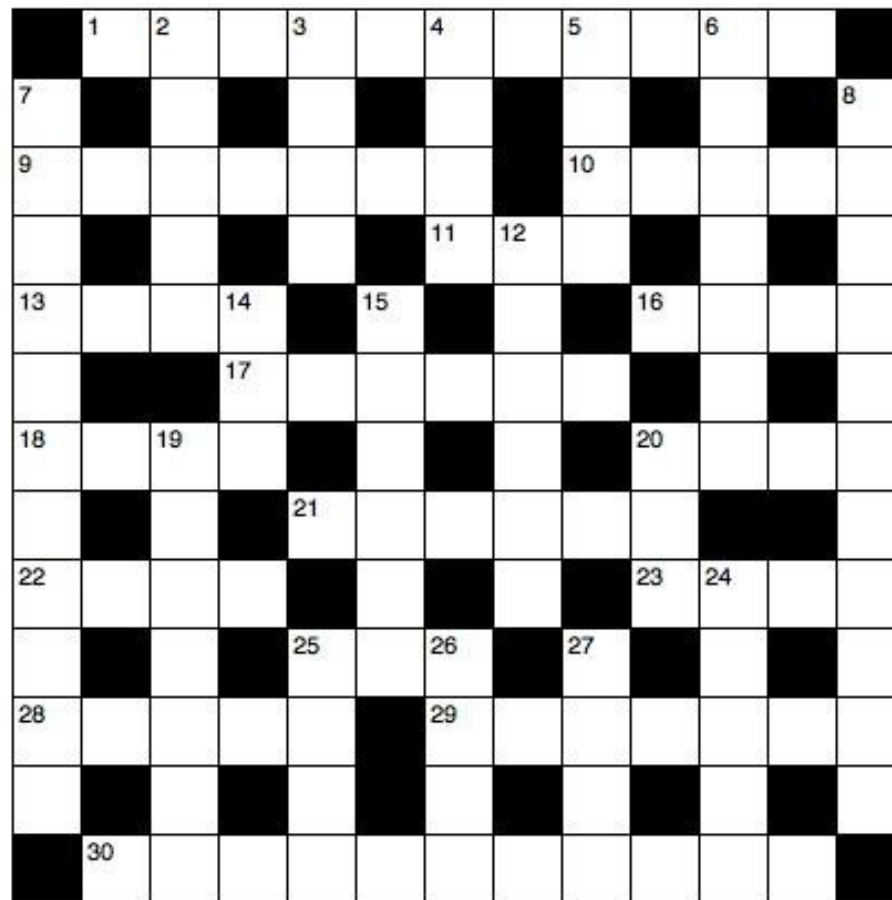
**Across:**

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)
- 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom
- 13 Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4) (Matthew 27:51)(3)
- 16 'Anyone,then,who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins'
- 17 Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50)(6) (James 4:17)(2,2)
- 18 Burden(Luke11:46)(4)
- 20 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12)(4)
- 21 Sign(Luke23:38)(6)
- 22 'After that,Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5)(4)
- 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23)(4)
- 25 Has(anag.)(3)
- 28 'This is the account of Shem,Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1)(5)
- 29 'I will...make them drunk,so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39)(4,3)
- 30 Paul said of him,'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16)(11)

**Down:**

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46)(5)
- 3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20)(4)
- 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel'
- 5 Slip (anag.) (4) (Luke 2:13)(4)
- 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17)(3,4)
- 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- 8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10)
- 12 Acquire(2Timothy2:10) (6) (11)
- 14 Container cover (Numbers19:15)(3)

- 15 'He...became obedient to death,even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8)
- 19 Refrain(1Peter2:11)(7) (1,5)
- 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke7:38)(3)
- 24 One who worships Brahma,Vishnu or Shiva(5)
- 25 'Give to everyone who—you'(Luke6:30)(4)
- 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills;where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
- 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2)(4)



**Mistake** – A mistake is proof that someone was at least trying to accomplish something.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

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### Longest overdue library book has been returned – 313 years late

If you have ever been late in returning a library book, take heart: the 1704 copy of *The Faith and Practice of a Church of England Man* was recently handed back to Sheffield Cathedral. A handwritten inscription inside reads: “This Book belongs to ye Lending Library in Sheffield Church 1709.” It left the library just over 300 years ago.

Sheffield Cathedral’s Reverend Canon Keith Farrow said that the family of a deceased woman who lived locally had asked in her will for it to be returned. “Now its come back home. It’s a joy to have this little jewel back in the cathedral.”

With overdue fines of 50p a day, librarians could have charged the family more than £54,000 for the book — which itself is worth about £300. The canon joked: “We might have got a new roof or something.”

### ~~~~~ On the perils of the church picnic

The Rectory  
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren



A Spring parish picnic is always a good idea – although you must bear some details in mind. First, whatever date you choose will turn out to be the wettest of the year. English picnics are invariably eaten under umbrellas while wearing Wellingtons and the sort of determinedly cheerful look that defies anyone to admit they would rather be home in front of the fire.

Second, no matter how early in the year, wasps will emerge from hibernation in huge numbers, and terrorise Mrs Hornby with the picnic baskets. And thirdly, someone will bring along their (hungry) dog. Last time Colonel Psmith’s spaniel outdid herself: she leapt up, head butted a piece of Madeira cake out of Mrs Hornbirdle’s hand - and ate the lot – before even a crumb could touch the ground. A good piece of field work, that.

Half-way through the afternoon, some over-excited member of the party will decide to arrange a game of rounders. (Mr Poppinjay tried this one year, as in his youth he had been athletic. Fortunately, the ambulance got there quickly, and the ankle healed well.) Then the mothers who join in will

completely ignore the ball sailing past them, while they discuss some burning topic of Mothers' Union gossip.

In the meantime, the young choir members, who were the reason for arranging the game in the first place, will have drifted off to the lake to throw stones at the ducks while no one is looking.

For our annual picnic, I use my own car, making sure it is so full of clerical robes and church magazines that no one else can fit in. Throughout the day, I keep returning to it to make sure no one has broken in to steal the Communion wine – and taking the opportunity to catch up on the cricket scores. By the middle of the afternoon, I usually remember that some urgent duty, such as blessing a traction engine, demands my departure.

The rest of the party, by now soaked, cold and knowing the coach to take them home is still several hours off, only wish they had such demanding work to tear them away.

**Your loving uncle,  
Eustace**

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**Super Saturday Fun for All  
Derwen College Sponsored Walk and Summer Fete  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May**



The popular Derwen College sponsored 10k Walk and Fun Run returns even bigger and better after two years absence due to the coronavirus pandemic. Organisers of the event are excited to be welcoming visitors to the College campus in Gobowen for what will be a fun-packed event for the whole family to enjoy. All funds raised from the event will be used to support people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who work, study and live at Derwen.

For the first time ever, this year's walk will be combined with the Derwen College Summer Fete, with both events taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> May from 10:00am. As well as a great 10k sponsored walk and fun run, which starts and finishes at the college, there will also be a summer fete taking place at

the campus. Entertainment will include a bouncy castle, lots of games and activities, and a food and craft fair featuring some of the best local artisans.

The College will be showcasing its own food, and for the occasion will be selling over 10 flavours of homemade Derwen ice-cream. Also on sale will be special edition jams and chutneys to mark the Queen's Jubilee.



Derwen College fundraiser Anna Evans said: "We are absolutely delighted to welcome supporters, students and the whole community back to our ever-popular Sponsored Walk and Fun Run. To celebrate our return, the event is going to be bigger and better than ever before. We have combined our two favourite events – the sponsored walk and Summer Fete – to create a Super Saturday with something for everyone. We're hoping to see a record number of walkers and runners signing up, as well as lots of shoppers and visitors coming along to enjoy the fun. Ultimately, we also hope to raise lots of money for our Derwen College Charity."

More information about this event is available via the Derwen College website at [www.derwen.ac.uk](http://www.derwen.ac.uk) or by calling us on 01691 661234.

**Eluned Watson**

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**John Rutter pens new work after Ukraine invasion**

John Rutter, the composer, has written a new choral work in response to the invasion of Ukraine. Funds raised from 'A Prayer for Ukraine', are going to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine appeal. Rutter explained: "How can a composer respond to a global tragedy? ...The first thing I wanted to do was write music that would respond in my own way. I went to a late-night service in my old college chapel where they sang a setting of a lovely Ukrainian prayer, so having encountered the Ukrainian text, on Thursday I wrote my own music. I hope the meaning of the text will resonate in people's hearts." The words of the piece, which are originally in Ukrainian, translate into English as: "Good Lord protect the Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith, and hope. Amen." He added: "I hope it speaks in terms which reach out to the Ukrainian people in their hour of need."

Download for free by putting – A Ukrainian Prayer/John Rutter in the search engine and complete the form; you are welcome to duplicate it for the sole use of your own choir.



## Out and about on the roads? Remember the NEW Highway Code

When did you last read the Highway Code? Various ‘fundamental’ changes were recently made which will surely affect you. For example, there is a new hierarchy of road users, where drivers now have new responsibilities to watch out for people who are walking, cycling, or riding a horse. Another example is that cyclists are now advised to cycle in the *centre* of

lanes in slower-moving traffic.

Finally, do you even know how best to open your car door? According to the Highway Code, you should use your hand on the opposite side to the door you are opening; for example, use your left hand to open a door on your right-hand side. This will make you turn your head to look over your shoulder. You are then more likely to avoid causing injury to cyclists or motorcyclists passing you on the road, or to people on the pavement. Read all about the new rules at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

### ~~~~~ Where is the best place to get engaged?

Proposing marriage to someone these days needs more preparation than you might expect. Forget about just going down on bended knee and hoping for the best. Instead, you need to think location, location, location.



A recent survey found that a fifth of Gen Z (born 1987-2012) and Millennial (born 1981-1896) young people say they would be far more likely to accept a proposal while in an exotic place. Popular choices range from sunset beaches in Greece, whale watching in Iceland, and helicopter rides in the Grand Canyon.

Would you like to share your story with our readers? Let me know!

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**Staying** – A church pew-sheet reported that Mr and Mrs Brown had left for a ten-day motor trip, and that their two young daughters were starving with relations during their absence.

Aspire to inspire before you expire. – Anon

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### MOROCCAN MEATLOAF (serves 4)

- 800 g (1 lb 12oz) Good quality beef mince
- 50 g (1¾ oz) breadcrumbs
- 1 onion, chopped finely
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 2 tsp ground coriander
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp chilli flakes
- ½ tsp dried fennel, chopped finely
- 1 lemon, zest only
- 1 tbs honey
- 100 g (3½ oz) pitted green olives
- 75 g (2¾ oz) dried apricots, chopped
- 75 g (2¾ oz) pistachios, chopped
- Olive oil
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper, to taste

Pre-heat oven 180° C, 350° F, Gas Mark 4

Put the mince in a large bowl and break it up with a fork.

Add the breadcrumbs, onion, eggs, cumin, coriander, cinnamon, chilli flakes, fennel, the lemon zest and the honey, with a teaspoon of salt and pepper to taste. Mix everything well.

Set aside a few of the olives, chopped apricots and pistachios, and mix the rest with the mince.

Oil a 900 g (2 lb) loaf tin, the press in the mince mixture, rounding the top gently.

Slice the olives and press these into the top with the leftover apricots and pistachios to decorate.

Drizzle the top of the meatloaf with a little olive oil. Bake for 1 hour 10 minutes on the middle shelf until piping hot in the middle – test with a skewer.

Leave to settle for 15 minutes, then lift out the meatloaf and garnish with any extra nuts.

Slice thickly then serve with couscous or tabbouleh, your favourite hummus and salad.

An Arab Sheik was admitted to hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arises as the gentleman had a rare type of blood. It couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out. Finally, a Scotsman was located who had a similar blood type and he willingly donated his blood for the Arab.

After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman, as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds and a large sum of money. Then a few days later the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. So, his doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card & a box of Quality Street chocolates. The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He phoned the Arab and asked him: "I thought you would be generous again and that you would give me a BMW, diamonds and more money... But you only gave me a thank-you card and a box of Quality Street."

To this the Arab replied: "Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in ma veins."

**Whittington Parish Council News,  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 Meeting**

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Vanessa Bromley.

**KEY ITEMS: Babbinswood Festival** – Festival Directors spoke about the festival which started in 2016 in North Wales. It provides a platform for upcoming artists and money has been raised for charity through the events. The organisers lost their site in Wales so Babbinswood Farm was approached and agreed as the new location. A TENS, Temporary Events Notice Licence, has been agreed for 499 people, and currently in the process of applying for a premises licence. The TENS licence has approved a 3:00am finish on Friday and Saturday and midnight on Sunday, but this may be reduced by the premises licence; all local residents will be notified. The fields are being rented, so issues with the festival are to be directed to the festival organisers. Discounted day tickets will be available for people living in the local vicinity. They are looking at running a one- way system on the

site so people leave a different way to where they enter. **RESOLVED** to note the information.

**Community Speedwatch:** Representatives from Community Speedwatch explained how they are still struggling to recruit new volunteers and peoples generally understanding what they do. They shared data with councillors which demonstrates some of the high speeds that are recorded when they are out monitoring and reported that overgrowth on hedges and bushes obscured several speed signs. Council agreed that an article go on Facebook and in the Ripple sharing the figures and recorded high speeds, particularly at school drop off and pick up times; this is also being raised with the school. Councillor Charmley to follow up with Shropshire Council about cutting back the bushes obscuring the signs. Over 9 occasions between 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – 18<sup>th</sup> March out of 129 Cars, 20 were doing over 40 mph through the village, and the highest speed was 47 mph. The area where most of these incidents were observed was at the junction of Penybryn Avenue and Ellesmere Road.

Pavements through the village were reported to be rough, uneven and full of potholes, making it difficult for wheelchair users; this will be reported to Shropshire Council via 'Fix my Street'.

The Council were updated on the installation of broadband in the Senior Citizens' Hall. Councillor Johnson had spoken to BT and they have stated that they cannot deliver high-speed internet into the building, as there has not been a line into the building before. This is not to say that, once installed, it won't be possible, but when taking out the contract initially it would have to be a lower grade connection. Plusnet have said the same as BT, but their monthly charges are less at £18 + VAT for a lower grade. But if it is suitable for high-speed broadband it would be upgraded to £22 per month (based on a 24 month contract). An EE hub was brought along to the meeting but that was not getting any connection. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to inform the Senior Citizens' Hall Trustees that the Parish Council are happy to cover the cost of Plusnet broadband, which will initially be a lower grade line, but with a view to hopefully upgrading to superfast. Hall Trustees are responsible for taking out the contract and the Parish Council will then issue a grant.

**Planning Applications:** a) To note recent planning decisions published by Shropshire Council **I. Reference:** 21/05525/FUL (validated 24/11/2021)

**Address:** Maestermyn Marina Ltd, Welsh Frankton SY11 4NU **Proposal:** Erection of a commercial building (canal boat workshop) **Decision:** Grant Permission. The Clerk reported that this is currently being followed up with planning because the Parish Council's comment is missing off the portal and the Development Management report states no public comments submitted, which is incorrect.

**II. Reference:** 21/06019/FUL (validated: 04/01/2022) **Address:** Henlle Farm, Hindford, SY11 4NL **Proposal:** Erection of slurry store and all associated works. **Decision:** Refuse

**III. Reference:** 22/00256/FUL (validated: 27/01/2022) **Address:** 3 Fitzgwarine Drive, SY11 4NZ **Proposal:** Erection of single storey side and rear extension. **Decision:** Grant Permission

**b) Reference:** 22/01328/TCA **Proposed tree works:** To remove 1no. Fir tree within the Whittington Conservation Area **Address:** 5 Malthouse Close, SY11 4NA. The Parish Council have no comments to make on the application.

**Whittington Police Report:** The following report for incidents in the village for February 2022 was provided by the PCSO: 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Sexual Offence; 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Theft; 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Assault.

#### **Your Local Police Officer and Community Support Officers Contact**

**Numbers:** Local Police Officer: - PC 3718 Kate Le'Clere – 07870219518  
Police Community Support Officers: - PCSO 6412 Dave Hughes – 07870219190; and PCSO 40279 Pete Roberts – 07870219019

**About your Team:** Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live. Officers will come to people when they need them and provide a high-quality service however you contact them – in person (on the street, at community bases and at partners and communities together [PACT] meetings), on the phone or online.

**Get in touch - ☎101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

✉ [oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

🌐 [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)



@Oscops - Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

In the event of a Police emergency call 999 for urgent attention; or ring 101 for non-emergency calls. The Police mobile numbers above will only be answered if the Officer is on duty. If your call is not answered please leave your name, number and a brief message; officers will respond at their earliest convenience when next on duty.

**Play Areas:** Councillors considered the designs and quotes which have been split into 2 projects following a site meeting that took place on 7<sup>th</sup> March. **Project 1** – Replacement of the old rope climber, with a new up down climber with 1.5m high slide for 4-11 years of age, and safer surfacing. Also the addition of a seesaw at the front of the play area for 2-6 year olds with grass-mat surfacing; including post inspection by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, the removal of old equipment, onsite welfare unit and fencing. **Project 2** – Maintenance and improvement works to enhance the space while the contractors are on site. This includes: The possible inclusion of a Tango Swing with a wet-pour surfacing; the removal of the old spring-rider and re-siting of the existing one next to the seesaw to make room for the Tango Swing; new grass-mats; new surfacing under the overhead glider with wet-pour surfacing; new handle on the glider and new fixtures and fittings for the single point swing. It was noted that feedback from the community on these proposals has been excellent and it was RESOLVED to approve the quotes for both projects. Funding will be allocated as follows: £9,980 – National Lottery Community Grant; £8,000 – to be taken from Earmarked Reserves for Play Area Improvements and Maintenance; and the remaining funds required to be taken out of the 2021 Neighbourhood Funds allocation held in Earmarked Reserves.

**Next meeting:** – This will be face-to-face meetings on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Senior Citizens' Hall with limited space for members of the public wishing to attend. **The Annual Parish Meeting** will be on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May Time 6:30pm** – all are welcome. Future meeting dates were agreed and will be published on the Parish Council website.

The Agendas for forthcoming meetings are available 3 clear days before the meeting, either on the Parish Council Website or the two Parish Noticeboards, one in Park Hall and one outside the School. The full minutes (in draft form) can be read on line two days after each meeting, <https://whittingtonpc.com>, or via a copy from the Clerk Amy Jones. Tel: 01691 829571 email: [clerk@whittingtonpc.com](mailto:clerk@whittingtonpc.com)

**Jill Whitby**



## THE SHROPSHIRE UNION CANAL – THE “SHROPPIE”

What we know today as the Shropshire Union Canal system did not have this title until 1846 when various canal systems were amalgamated and run by the Shropshire Union Railways and Canals Company, later to be bought out by the London North Western Railway Company.

First to be built was the Chester Canal between Chester and Nantwich begun in 1772; twenty-one years later in 1793, the length from Ellesmere Port to Chester was added, under the supervision of engineer Thomas Telford. He master-minded this contour canal, so called because the line of the canal follows the natural contours of the land.

The Montgomeryshire Canal was begun in 1794 and went from the Newtown Basin to Ellesmere via Queenshead and Frankton; it was used primarily for the carriage of lime for agricultural use.

The current Llangollen Canal began life as the Ellesmere Canal in 1797, being constructed by the Ellesmere Canal Company under the direction of Thomas Telford. It was to be built from a connection with the Montgomery Canal at Frankton, to Whitchurch, but the difficulties of the route meant that it had only reached Tilstone Park by 1804. The problem was crossing Whixall Moss, and in order to do this the water level of the Moss had to be lowered by between 5 – 6 feet and the canal built across on a floating bed. Continued peat extraction has caused constant subsidence problems and up to the 1960s British Waterways employed a Moss gang to continuously raise the canal banks to maintain the free board; this has now been superseded by underpinning with steel piling. A branch was started towards Prees Higher Heath but by 1806 this had only got as far as Quinta Brook where lime kilns were being built. The intention had been to use it for the movement of lime again along with coal to fire the lime kilns.

An extension from Trevor to Chester was planned to link Liverpool and Bristol by canal and the construction of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct was constructed in 1805 by Telford as part of the big scheme, but efforts to extend north from Newtown came to nothing. The link from Tilstone to Hurlston was completed in March 1805, by which time the Middlewich Arm had been completed to connect the Chester Canal to the Trent and Mersey Canal, thus linking up canal traffic from Wales via Whixall and



making the canal system profitable. In 1813 the Ellesmere and Chester Canal Companies merged and became the Ellesmere and Chester Canal Company.

Then as the railway network grew fewer goods were transported on the canals; the Weston branch, which joins the Montgomery Canal south of Welsh Frankton was breached in 1917 and the line closed 3 years later because it was uneconomical to repair, leaving only a short length as far as Hordley in operation. The Shropshire Union Canal Society was established in 1966 and in 1987 an Act of Parliament was passed allowing for the full restoration of the Montgomery Canal to begin – the first Act for the reopening of a waterway.

In all the network of canals connected Shropshire with Staffordshire and Cheshire along with the canal system of the West Midlands at Wolverhampton and with the River Mersey and Manchester Ship Canal at Ellesmere Port making the Shropshire Union part of an important circular and rural holiday route called the Four Counties Ring. Its main line was the last trunk narrow canal route to be built in England, being completed in 1835, and was the last major civil engineering accomplishment of Thomas Telford.



*...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...*

## WHITTINGTON ORGANISATIONS

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**TREASURER:** grahamhumphreys63@gmail.com Tel:622385

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Tel: 07870280747

### WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:

Amy Jones (Clerk to the Council) Tel: 829571  
Held the fourth Tuesday in the month – clerk@whittingtonpc.com  
http://www.whittingtonpc.com

**WHITTINGTON YOUTH CLUB:** (Facebook page: Whittington Youth). Meets Thursday evening 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Senior Citizens' Hall; entry fee £2. Activities for 10-16-year-olds supervised by qualified youth workers and activity coaches from The New Saints FC Foundation Ltd. Telephone 01691 889791 or email: info@tnsfcfoundation.org.uk

**FRIENDS OF WHITTINGTON CEMETERY:** Working parties are held throughout the year – we are always grateful for any help  
Sally Leppanen Tel: 658163 Mob: 07835338032 sally@leppanen.co.uk  
Mike Brunt Tel: 01691 661874 or Mob: 07855772527

### BAPTISM SECRETARY:

Mrs Margery Mellor, 10 Boot Street, Whittington Tel:681036  
e.mail: i.mellor@tiscali.co.uk 35

## WHITTINGTON ORGANISATIONS

### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:**

Second Wednesday in the month in the Community Centre

Secretary: Mrs Sandy Forde

Tel:654610

### **WHITTINGTON CASTLE PRESERVATION TRUST:**

Chairman: Jonjo Evans

Tel:671300

Castle Manager: Ms Kimberley Powell

Tel:662500

**BELL RINGING:** Details from Brian Rothera

Tel:657778

### **BROWNIES, GUIDES:**

6:00-7:15pm Thursday except in school holidays in the Community Centre

Brown Owl: Mrs D. Gough, 2 Newnes Barns, Ellesmere

Tel:624390

### **BEAVER, CUBS & SCOUT INFORMATION:**

Up-to-date contact details not available; information would be greatly appreciated

### **WHITTINGTON UNDER FIVES GROUP:**

Sessional and extended hours Carer and Toddler Sessions

Leaders: Dawn and Mandy

Tel:670127

Meet in the Community Centre 9:00am – 3:00pm

### **SENIOR CITIZENS:**

Monday Whist Drive, Thursday Coffee Morning

All meetings in the Senior Citizens Hall

Secretary: Mrs Gillian Roberts, 4 Western Avenue

Tel:662236

### **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE:**

The Mobile Library will stop in the cul-de-sac by the Three Trees/White Lion on alternate Tuesdays between 2:55pm – 3:55pm.

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**MESSY CHURCH:** <https://m.facebook.com/stjohnthebaptistwhittington/>

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