

# THE RIPPLE

June 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 – Exploring Faith

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

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## Rector’s Ramblings

It is finally here: the Jubilee we have all been waiting for: 70 years our Queen! I say all, perhaps not everyone is so keen on celebrating, and our sympathies must be with our more republican brothers and sisters who may find the next weekend quite a challenge. For her Silver Jubilee in 1977 the Sex Pistols released “God Save The Queen” which accused the monarchy of being a “fascist regime” and got to number 2 in the charts. For the Platinum Jubilee it is being rereleased, but lead singer Johnny Rotten said in an interview recently, that despite his anti-monarchist views he had actually always rather liked the Queen. It’s quite something when even your detractors who oppose everything you represent and stand for have to admit that you are really pretty good.

I have to agree with him, I think she’s done a marvellous job, and it’s not been easy. I wouldn’t swap jobs with her for the world, and I suspect most of us would have retired long ago and let someone else take the reigns (ho ho). Her sense of duty and self-sacrifice, alongside her sense of fun and independence are enduring qualities that have made her well suited to the role.

The bible contains some seemingly paradoxical views about monarchs. It starts out quite clear that Kings and Queens are a ‘Bad Idea’; because for the people of Israel God was their king, and had always put in place leaders for the people who came and went whilst his care and leadership was constant. God tells the people that monarchs are bad for the economy, taking the best men and women as servants, and needing so many resources for their palaces, and who can quickly become power crazed and oppressive. The people of Israel complained that they wanted one anyway, because all the other nations had them, and so God relents, giving them Saul. King Saul

starts off well, but quickly goes off the boil, so instead King David is anointed in his place. David was a fantastic King who led the people in the worship of God, but made several pretty big mistakes too. He promised that one of his descendants will one day rule just as he has, not just for a time, but for all eternity.

Predictably, his son Solomon also ends up leading the people astray, and from then on, with a few exceptions, all the Kings are scoundrels, and some of the Queens as well, until eventually the monarchy largely dies out during one of the exiles.

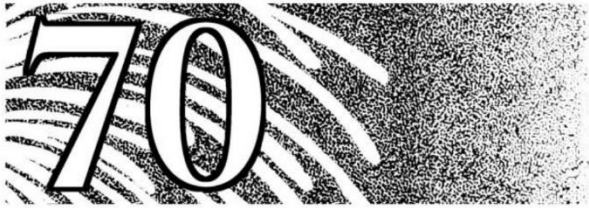
The prophecy however remained, and the people of Israel waited centuries for a King who would rule like David, born of David’s town, Bethlehem. A King who would serve the people, and not lord it over them. A King who is not just a king for a decade or even 70 years, but for all eternity, whose kingdom is unlike any earthly kingdom we know.

Our Queen has spoken about this King, her King, in these terms: “For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace...is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing...God sent his only son ‘to serve, not to be served...Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) – but a Saviour, with the power to forgive”

As we celebrate the platinum Jubilee, we give thanks for our Queen, for her service, but also for her faith, and her willingness to speak about her faith in Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.

God bless

Suzan



June  
2022

**DIARY**

1 7:00-9:30pm Alpha course continues in the Senior Citizens' Hall  
7:30pm Monthly Whist Drive in the Senior Citizens' Hall,  
£2.50 including light refreshments

2 **HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK  
HOLIDAY begins**

9:30am Holy Communion

3 7:00pm Ceilidh with live music, a caller and ploughman's  
supper in the Senior Citizens' Hall, Tickets £12,  
Concessions £10, Children under 12 free; further  
details on page 9

4 3:00pm Whittington Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea to mark  
Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the  
Senior Citizens' Hall; further details on page 11/12

5 **WHIT SUNDAY (PENTECOST)**

**10:30am** Family celebration service for the Jubilee  
6:30pm Holy Communion According to the Book of  
Common Prayer

12:00noon – 4:00pm Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
Picnic Lunch at Whittington Castle; further details  
on page 7

6 Whittington Church of England School re-opens  
after half term holiday

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7 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

8 7:00pm Whittington WI meets in the Community Centre

7:00-9:30pm Alpha course continues in the Senior Citizens' Hall

9 9:30am Holy Communion

12 **TRINITY SUNDAY**

11:00am Parish Communion

4:00pm Exploring Faith – an interactive mix of song, prayer  
and craft; a service for all

13 **LAST DAY** for magazine material for the July edition of "The  
Ripple" all material to Anne Ward, Manor Garden,  
5 Boot Street, Whittington – eaw4@btinternet.com

14 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

15 7:00-9:30pm Alpha course continues in the Senior Citizens' Hall

16 **CORPUS CHRISTI**

9:30am Holy Communion

19 **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

11:00am Parish Communion

6:30pm Informal Service

21 9:30am First pick-up at Rosehill for Whittington Senior  
Citizens' trip to the Tweedmill and the coast; further  
details on page 11/12

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

22 7:00-9:30pm Alpha course continues in the Senior Citizens' Hall

23 9:30am Holy Communion

24 **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST – PATRONAL ANNIVERSARY**

**26 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

**28** 12:00 noon Whittington Senior Citizens monthly lunch at the White Lion; further details on page 11/12

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

**29** 7:00-9:30pm Alpha course continues in the Senior Citizens' Hall

**30** 9:30am Holy Communion

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



**HOLY BAPTISM**

**“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”**

17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Dottie Sienna Ruler of Smale Rise, Oswestry



**“May the Souls of the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace”**

24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Rosemarie Elizabeth Williams aged 82 of Berghill Lane



27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Michael Edward William Griffiths aged 57 of Weston Lane, Oswestry

27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Pansy Doreen Hughes (Pat) aged 84 of Brook House Residential Home

**SAVE THE CHILDREN OPEN GARDENS**



The two gardens in Whittington that opened on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> raised a very pleasing £2,010. Louise and I would like to thank the many friends who helped sell plants, provide teas and man gates.

Thank you to the music makers, Andy on the bagpipes, the Haslington Group and the afternoon tea music. Also. our very grateful thanks to those who came and brought their generous donations. **Barbara Molesworth**

**Whittington Together Community Group**



**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**12:00 NOON – 4:00PM**



**AT WHITTINGTON CASTLE**

with **LIVE MUSIC**

**Bring your picnic, chairs and tables and join in one BIG CELEBRATION**



**Picnic Packs can be ordered from the Castle Tea Room if preferred – until 5:00pm on 1<sup>st</sup> June**



## “LITTLE SILVER”

If you have ever had chemotherapy, or a heart pacemaker installed, you will be particularly grateful for the properties of platinum. Platinum compounds disrupt the multiplication of cancerous cells, and the properties of platinum itself (its resistance to corrosion and tarnishing) make it particularly suitable for electrical contacts in pacemakers.

But platinum has other properties which make it a topical subject. The word ‘Platinum’ comes from the Spanish for ‘little silver’ (‘plata’ meaning silver, as in the River Plate in Argentina.) Platinum is very rare. It is much rarer than gold. It is therefore very precious and has generally been more expensive than gold.

Almost all platinum, some 90%, is located in the Earth’s crust of South Africa, but it is also mined in Canada, Russia, the USA, Zimbabwe and Australia. It is used to make the International Standard Weights and Measures. The International Standard Kilogram is made from platinum alloys which can be relied upon not to vary over time. Platinum is a very dense metal. It is denser than pure gold. It carries a great deal of ‘gravitas.’ Platinum is what scientists call a ‘Noble Metal’ – because it can withstand almost any chemical attack. It is the least reactive of all metals.

All these characteristics apply well to our much-loved Queen. She is ‘petite and silver’, she has ‘gravitas’, and she has remained untarnished over a very long period of time, despite having been in constant contact with all manner of people. The Queen is a very rare person indeed, and very precious to our nation, setting the highest reliable standards of public service and carrying with her immense gravitas and unquestionable nobility.

The Queen’s Imperial State Crown is made of gold, silver and, appropriately enough, platinum, and decorated with many precious stones. As the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, she wears it well.

We thank God for her, and for her qualities that have made her so special. God Save our Noble Queen!

**The Revd Richard Higginbottom**

The critical period in matrimony is breakfast-time. - *A P Herbert*

**PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND**

# CEILIDH

**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



## FRIENDS OF WHITTINGTON CEMETERY

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have given up their valuable time to help at the working parties this year. Please contact us if you are interested in joining any future working parties, we really do appreciate any help that is given. We would also like to thank Men's Shed for restoring the bench, that sits under the oak tree; they have done an amazing job, and it will now last for many more years.

In the cemetery extension, work is underway to lay a new path, and to extend, and join up, the turning at the head of the path. The grass has been dug out and the foundations laid ahead of the concrete path being finished later this year. It is also hoped that more of the iron railings can be reinstated in the cemetery extension, following their removal from the area adjacent to the new house that has been built. In the Autumn a tree surgeon pruned several of the trees on the left side of the cemetery and more tree work may be needed later in the year.

All of the plans above incur considerable costs, and our funds are limited. If any families, relatives or companies wish to make a donation to the fund we would be extremely grateful. This can be done by bank transfer or by cheque, which should be made payable to "Whittington PCC Cemetery" and sent to; Sally Leppanen Three Chimneys, Station Road, Whittington, Oswestry SY11 4BS.

If anyone would like to join a working party or get involved in some way, please contact myself on 01691 658163/ 07835338032 or Mike Brunt 01691 661874.

**Sally Leppanen**

**What a hoot** – One evening a bird-loving vicar strolled over to his huge country churchyard, and just for fun, hooted softly, like an owl. To his delight, an owl hooted softly back. The next night the same thing happened, and again, the night after that. Soon it became a regular habit, and every night for the following year, no matter what the weather, the vicar would go to the churchyard and hoot back and forth with his feathered friend. The hoots became longer and more complicated, and the vicar kept a careful log of the 'conversation'.



Just as he thought he was on the verge of a real breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with the neighbour who lived in a big house and garden next door to the church. "My husband comes here each night," she said, to "hoot to the owl in the churchyard." "That's odd," the neighbour replied, "so does my husband."

## **WHITTINGTON SENIOR CITIZENS Over 50's Club – Recycled Teenagers**

I apologise for the wrong date being shown in the May edition of 'The Ripple', the outing to Chester was on 17<sup>th</sup> May and not the 19<sup>th</sup>; I think I managed to contact most people.

The Monday afternoon whist sessions are now underway, and anyone interested in joining in or wishing to learn how to play, should pop in for 2:00pm; you will be made very welcome and it is only £1 to play, these sessions are organised by Liz Corrin. The monthly evening sessions are due to start on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm at a small charge of £2.50 to cover tea/coffee and biscuits. These sessions are in the hands of Carol and Derek Pope. Both Monday afternoon and the first Wednesday evening in the month games are open to everyone, not just club members.

The next monthly Tuesday lunch at the White Lion will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. These are held on the fourth Tuesday in each month and have to be booked in advance. The cost is still currently £10 per person and includes a two-course meal, plus a cup of tea or coffee. I must emphasise that once a lunch has been ordered it must be paid for as the club will be expected to pay for the meal should you not turn up. **Please contact ME on 01691 662236 if you wish to join us.** Membership of the club is not a necessity, if you would like to join us one month, you do not have to commit indefinitely. Many people that do attend end up becoming a member of the club – we are a friendly bunch.

The weekly coffee mornings on Thursdays continue to be very popular, we enjoy a good natter and catch up. The same applies here, membership is not a requirement; we currently entertain circa 20 members and friends. When someone has a birthday, we enjoy cake and maybe a glass of something.

Donations of biscuits, tea, coffee or milk are very welcome. We meet any time after 10:00am and finish when the person washing up starts collecting the mugs! We now ask for £1.50 as everyone knows utility bills are spiralling as well as other costs.

Steve Mason is continuing the line dance classes here in the Senior Citizens' Hall between 7:30 – 9:00pm on Monday nights and the cost is £6 per session (upper beginner/improver). Call him on 07963662426 for any more details. Steve is always prepared to welcome new dancers and those that may not have danced for some time.

Sonya, holds Exercise Classes on a Wednesday afternoon from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. This is great fun and is open to all ages and capabilities. Exercises can be done sitting on a chair or standing as the class progresses. Come along and give it a go – it is £4 a class. Eleanor Moss holds junior ballet classes on Thursday afternoons after school.

The Annual General Meeting this year took place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm prior to the Easter Tea. We enjoyed a choice of ham, salmon, egg and cheese and onion sandwiches; hot cross buns, scones and fruit cocktail with ice-cream. The AGM was chaired by Veronica Hargrave; sadly we had lost our long-serving President, Frances Savage, earlier in the year. It was proposed that we approach Margaret Hulson, another long-serving member of the club, if she would consider following in Frances' shoes as President and she has agreed, saying that it was a great privilege and honour; thank you Margaret. The remaining officers stay the same ie. Veronica as chairperson, Marion Lycett as Treasurer, myself as secretary and committee members, Carole Gray, Susan Dyke, Mary Tomkins and Glenys Shuker. Subscriptions are now due and the fee remains at £10 for the year.

#### **Events planned for this year:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> June 3:00pm** An afternoon tea to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. Members are contributing to the tea by bringing a selection of items. 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 on the coast. The cost is £20 for club members and £25 for others.
- 12<sup>th</sup> July** A trip to Liverpool, incorporating a river boat cruise. Please let me know if you wish to come; club members £20 and £25 for others.
- 12**

**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**

#### **Senior Citizens Club – A brief financial report at the end of lockdown**

We did have to close for a period when we had no income, but the same out-goings would have meant serious problems had we not received a grant of £10,000 through Shropshire County, via other funds. This meant we could do some repairs such as the fence and the leaking chimney breast, and still have money in the bank. For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 we made a surplus of £64.63, which we promise not to spend all at once. The club does have annual costs it must pay: Insurance, gas, electric, water rates and a music licence etc which amount to £4,000 per year before we open the doors. We would like to thank our members for their support and donations, especially during lockdown when they kept their memberships open and other grants from the Parish Council.

We would like to point out that the trees planted in the 'Philip Morris Garden' were two Camellias, a red and pink, a Tree Peony, and a Hydrangea, all kindly donated by members. We hope to put in some ground cover, and anyone looking for some gentle exercise by doing a bit of weeding is more than welcome.

**Marion Lycett**

#### **FIRST PREMIUM BOND DRAW**

On 18<sup>th</sup> April 1956 Chancellor of the Exchequer, Harold Macmillan, unveiled plans for a new state saving scheme offering cash prizes instead of interest; its aim to get more people to save money. Bonds would cost £1 each and the top prize in a quarterly draw would be £1,000; the premium bond would be "something completely new for the saver in Great Britain," he told MPs. But Labour Shadow Chancellor, Harold Wilson, referred to them as a "squalid raffle" and church leaders also expressed concerns that Britain would become a nation of gamblers and warned people not to get involved.



Macmillan tried to head off critics, who regarded the scheme as a form of gambling, by declaring “This is not a pool or a lottery, where you spend your money”; investors would be saving their money and the government would guarantee to buy the bonds back at the original price at any time. There was laughter as he insisted the premium bonds would bring in new savers tempted by the possibility of winning a small fortune. The government paying out the equivalent in prizes of 4% interest on the total number of bonds.

The bonds went on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> November that year. The first bond was bought by the then Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd, and by the end of that first day more than £5 million of bonds had been purchased. By the time the first draw was made on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1957, 65 years ago, there were 6million Premium Bond Holders with 49m £1 bonds.

The winning numbers were, and still are, generated by an Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment, a computer otherwise known as ‘Ernie’, developed by the team behind the WWII codebreaking machine Colossus at Bletchley Park. It was thought the first draw should take 30 hours to complete, but it went on for over 2 days because engineers and staff needed to rest; and that first ever number was held by a bond holder in Cumbria. ‘Ernie 5’ now takes around 13 minutes only to generate the random numbers required for the monthly draw thanks to using quantum technology.

Around three million tax free prizes ranging from £25 to £1million are now Paid out each month to Bond holders. There are two £1million prizes, five £100,000 prizes, 11 £50,000 prizes and 20 prizes worth £25,000.

Other facts and figures:

1. The maximum investment in 1956 was £500 – today it is £50,000.
2. 394,007 Bonds bought prior to the first ever draw are still eligible
3. More than £22.1billion in prize money has been paid out by ERNIE since the first draw in 1957.
4. The oldest ever £1million winner was aged over 90 at the time of their win.
5. The interest paid applied to the Premium Bond prize fund is currently 1% making the chance of winning a prize 34,500 to 1 for every £1 bond.
6. A staggering 97.3% of the current eligible bonds have been purchased since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000, and 36.9% of Premium Bonds now available

for the draw were purchased since 1 January 2020.

7. There are now 21.1m Premium Bond holders with over 113bn £1 bonds.

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*The Jubilee Celebrations from another angle!*

A (Royal) Dog’s Life

We dogs, who live with royal folk  
Who feel Her Maj’s royal stroke;  
We like to hear important talk  
Of dinner time, and our next walk.

But lately there’s been so much rushing  
People bowing, people fussing.  
Trumpets blare and soldiers shout  
What *is* all the noise about?



No-one thinks of corgis’ needs  
Like, where’s our bone, and where’s our leads?  
We’re not allowed a doggy romp  
‘Midst all the pageantry and pomp!

Adding to our canine woes  
They all wear their finest clothes,  
So we’re all stuck behind closed doors  
Lest we might smudge them with our paws.

But things will come to settle down.  
It’s life, when Mistress wears a crown;  
Yes, it will pass, you all will see  
This business of the Jubilee.

So, we shall wag our doggy tails!  
Be happy, like the Prince of Wales!  
We think the Boss has done just fine  
Being Queen for all this time!



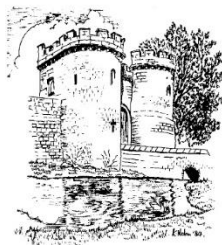
**Nigel Beeton**



## JUNE at Whittington Castle

The Castle is now open every day 9:00am – 5:00pm

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



**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.

**18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June Green Fair** – open from 9:30am

**19<sup>th</sup> June Car Boot Sale** – Traders £6 per car, set-up from 8:30am  
Open 9:00am Customers £2 parking charge applies (members free)

**26<sup>th</sup> June Cats@thecastle** (Jaguar enthusiasts club) open 9:30am

**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.

**17<sup>th</sup> July Car Boot Sale** – Traders £6 per car, set-up from 8:30am  
Open 9:00am Customers £2 parking charge applies (members free)

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2:00pm Alice in Wonderland** presented by the Folksy Theatre, to include live music and puppetry. Adults £15, Children £12, Family of 4 (max 2 Adults) £48

**Kimberley Powell, Castle Manager**

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When people discover that they or their partner has Alzheimer's they are often lost as to what to do next, how to cope. Many people have discovered that the support of others in a similar situation, and the

opportunity to socialise at the PALZ UK bi-monthly meetings to have been most beneficial.

Liz Holdsworth Chair of PALZ UK, said: "We meet every two months, at the Conference Centre at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. People can enjoy a range of interesting Guest Speakers providing intellectual stimulation to those who just happen to have Alzheimer's or any other cause of dementia. Supportive friends and family very welcome and attendees tell me that they find the meetings a rewarding and enjoyable experience. It is free to attend, and there is free parking with coffee & light refreshments; the meetings increase self-respect, confidence and mental stimulation in a friendly atmosphere. Visit the PALZ UK website to see how we started and what our ambitions are." A Starter Pack is available online via the website: [www.palz.org.uk](http://www.palz.org.uk). Registered Charity No. 1190292

**Philip Davies**

## WEST MERCIA POLICE – FRAUD AND SCAM BULLETIN

Many people will be expecting to receive a £150 Energy Bill rebate payment into their bank accounts from their local councils. Fraudsters are using this opportunity to phone/email/text members of the public claiming to be from "The Council" and requesting their bank details so the payment can be made. Councils will never ask for your bank details over the phone, if you have not got a Direct Debit set up for your Council Tax, then they will contact you in writing for the details. **If you receive one of these calls, put the phone down and report it at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call them on 0300 123 2040.**

**Parking space** – Angus was driving down the street worried because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. So, looking up toward heaven, he said "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up whisky." A moment later, miraculously, a parking place appeared. Angus looked up again and said, "Never mind. I found one."

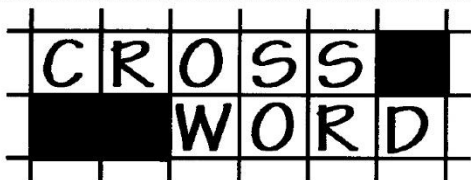


A smile is a curve which helps to put things straight. – Anon

### Are politicians the oldest profession?

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation." "Maybe," admitted the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job." "But," the politician pointed out in triumph, "somebody had to have created the chaos first!"

The real problem concerning your leisure is how to keep other people from using it.



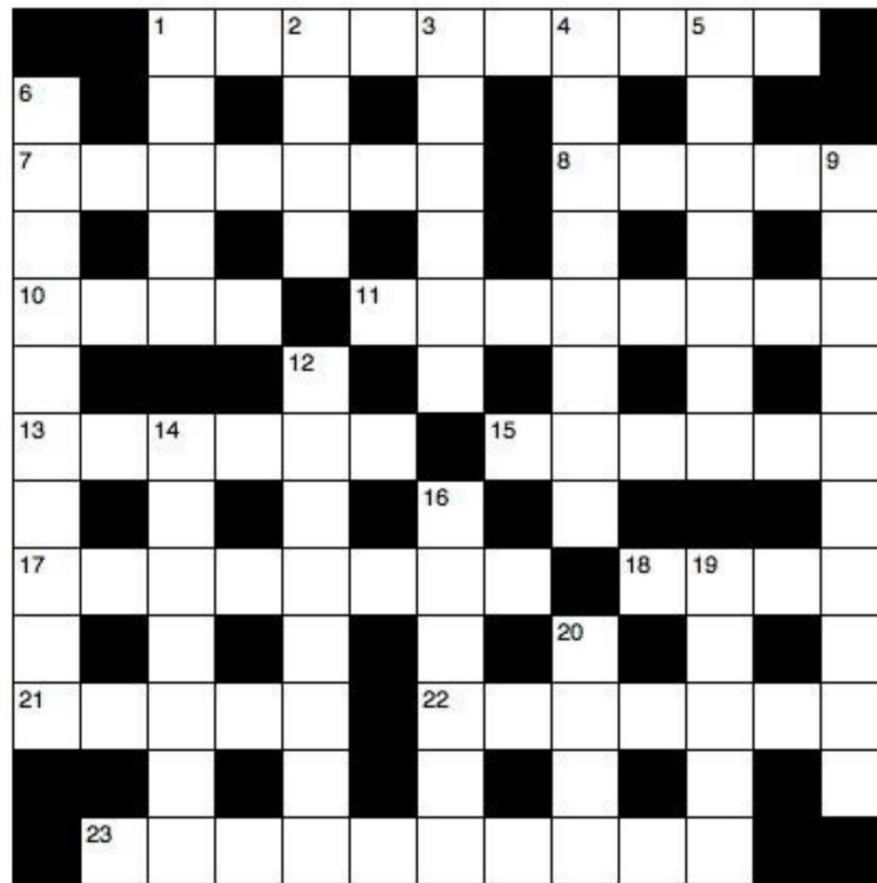
#### Across:

- 1 Evil (Genesis)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8) (4)
- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis26:25) (4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans13:4) (10)

#### Down:

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (7)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)

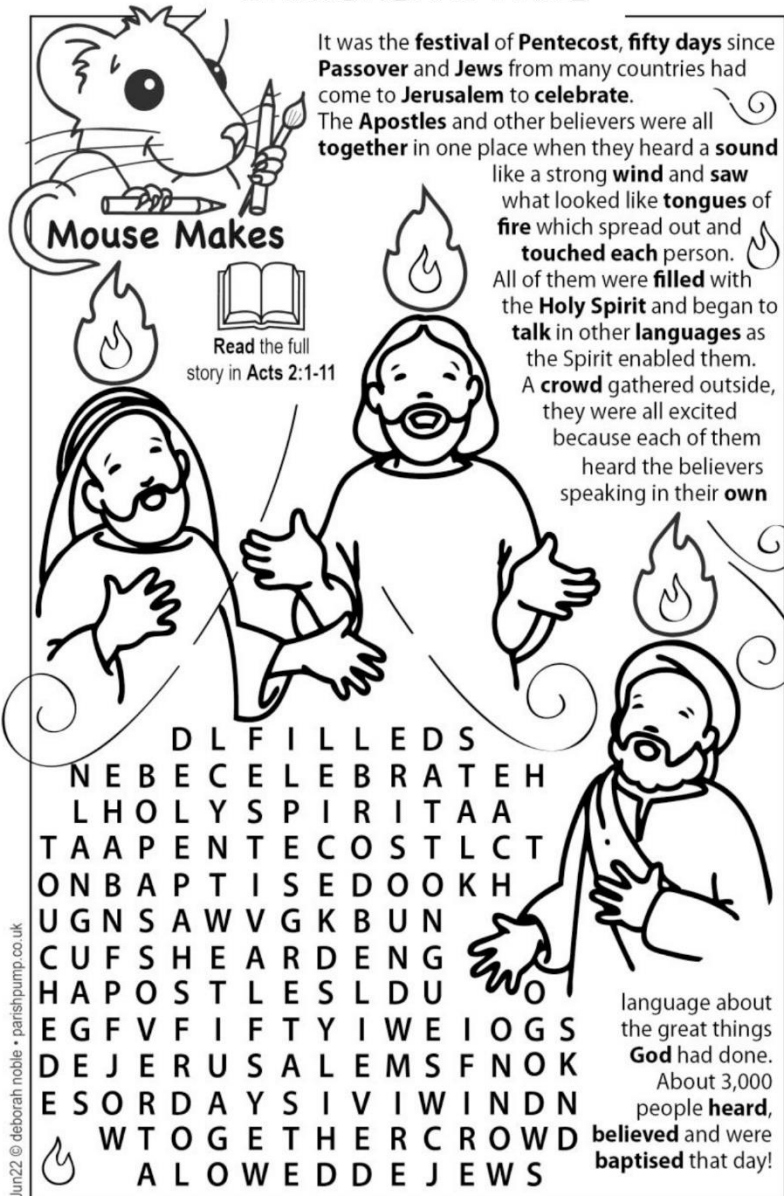
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12 Put in jail (Acts22:19) (8)
- 14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts21:3) (6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation19:7) (4)



**ACROSS:** 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do. 17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.

**DOWN:** 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Opportunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hindu. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE



**Mouse Makes**

It was the festival of Pentecost, fifty days since Passover and Jews from many countries had come to Jerusalem to celebrate. The Apostles and other believers were all together in one place when they heard a sound like a strong wind and saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. A crowd gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things God had done. About 3,000 people heard, believed and were baptised that day!

Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11

**D L F I L L E D S**  
**N E B E C E L E B R A T E H**  
**L H O L Y S P I R I T A A**  
**T A A P E N T E C O S T L C T**  
**O N B A P T I S E D O O K H**  
**U G N S A W V G K B U N**  
**C U F S H E A R D E N G**  
**H A P O S T L E S L D U**  
**E G F V F I F T Y I W E I O G S**  
**D E J E R U S A L E M S F N O K**  
**E S O R D A Y S I V I W I N D N**  
**W T O G E T H E R C R O W D**  
**A L O W E D D E J E W S**

All the words in bold type in the story are in the word search, can you find them?

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The Bowling season is now in full swing although all the teams are struggling for consistency and are in the lower reaches of their respective divisions. However, the "A" team is in the top five of the first division.

The Friday Vets team are in mid position of the first division.

### JUNE home fixtures (start 7:00pm) are as follows:

|                           |                                 |   |                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| "A" Team                  | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June   | v | Johnstown "A"   |
| "B" Team                  | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June    | v | Ellesmere "A"   |
|                           | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June   | v | Corwen          |
|                           | Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June   | v | Johnstown "C"   |
| "C" Team                  | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June  | v | Llanrhaeadr "B" |
|                           | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June | v | Johnstown "D"   |
| "D" Team                  | Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June  | v | Llangynog "B"   |
|                           | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June | v | Chirk AAA "C"   |
|                           | Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June | v | Brymbo "A"      |
| "E" Team                  | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June   | v | Church "E"      |
|                           | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June  | v | The Rhyn "B"    |
| "Vets" Team <b>1:00pm</b> | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June     | v | Llangollen      |
|                           | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>         | v | Church "A"      |

### Spectators are always welcome to attend any match

Junior Cricket in the format All Stars/Dynamos (age groups 5 – 11 years) has started on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.30pm and has been well attended, but new children are always welcome to attend. The cricket is supervised by an English Cricket Board coach.

Following the commencement of Car Boot Sales last month further dates have organised for:

|              |                              |                 |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bank Holiday | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June  | 9:00am – 1:00pm |
|              | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June | 9:00am – 1:00pm |

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July            9:00am – 1:00pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July        9:00am – 1:00pm

Further information can be obtained for either associate or playing membership by contacting Ian Chalmers: [ianwenachalmers@hotmail.com](mailto:ianwenachalmers@hotmail.com)  
**Mike Brunt**

### Now China bans mentioning ‘Christ’ on the internet

The Chinese authorities have recently banned a church from using the word Christ on the Internet. In the latest crackdown on religious freedom in China, the authorities picked up on the use of the word Christ in a WeChat post published by the Early Rain Covenant Church – a regular target for the Chinese authorities.

The church’s WeChat account ran a book review group where members recommended book titles and voted on their favourites. The latest posting included the Christian classics *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis and *Exposition of the Christian Faith* by Saint Ambrose. But WeChat’s censorship team, prompted by new government regulations, fired back the following:

Chr\*st. ‘The word “Christ” you are trying to publish violates regulations on Internet Information Services, including, but not limited to the following categories: pornography, gambling, drug abuse, incitement.’

So, in today’s China, it seems that Jesus Christ is lumped in with porn, drugs and rabble-rousing. So says Paul Robinson, the CEO of Release International, which supports persecuted Christians worldwide. The tough new regulations intended to clampdown on churches using the Internet came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022. The ban prevents any organisation or individual from posting religious information on the Internet without first obtaining the permission of their provincial government. It bans religious groups, schools and organisations without valid permits from conducting online sermons; effectively banning any live streaming, the reposting of religious content or any form of religious education

**Don’t fool me** – A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, “Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet.” He looked up at her and said, “Don’t kid me, Mum, I KNOW they’re my feet.”

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Are you still undecided what to have for the Jubilee Picnic at the castle on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June? These suggestions can be transported easily in a cool box.

**SMOKED TROUT PATÉ** enough for 4 as a starter – so you may want to make some more!

125g (4½ oz) hot smoked trout fillets  
125g (4½ oz) full fat cream cheese  
½ lemon, juice only  
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste  
2 tsp creamed horseradish or mustard, to taste

Remove any skin from the trout fillets and mash in a bowl along with the cream cheese. Try to retain a bit of texture.  
Add the lemon juice and season with salt and pepper. Stir in the creamed horseradish or mustard to taste. Cover with cling film to chill in the fridge.  
Serve with toasted bites of bread, blinis, crackers, or as part of a salad.

### **COFFEE AND HAZELNUT ETON MESS** (Serves 4)

400g (14 oz) strawberries  
2 tbs sugar  
50g (1¾ oz) hazelnuts  
300 ml (½ pt) double cream  
1 x 330 ml pack Artic Iced Coffee Latte  
4 ready-made meringue nests

Hull and chop the strawberries, put them in a bowl, sprinkle with the sugar and set aside to macerate.  
Toast the hazelnuts in a dry frying-pan, allow to cool, then chop roughly.  
Whisk the cream to firm peaks in a large bowl. Slowly add half of the coffee while you continue whisking.  
Crush the meringues roughly and stir briefly into the cream. Swirl through half of the strawberries and half of the hazelnuts.  
To construct the Eton mess, put a spoonful of strawberries into the bottom of 4 wide bottomed glasses, follow with some of the meringue mixture, a drizzle of the remaining coffee and then some hazelnuts. Repeat these layers until the ingredients are used up. Chill until ready to serve.

**Encyclopaedias** – Sorting out books for the local fete, a parishioner came across some well-worn and dusty illustrated encyclopaedias, treasured from his childhood. Unwilling to part with them, he put them on a shelf in the garage where his small grandchildren found them and spent many happy hours looking at the pictures.



These books, however, caused him great embarrassment the day the minister came to visit. One of his grandchildren suddenly said: “Grandad, can we go look at those dirty books you keep in the garage?”

**Be sticky** – Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

### AN AFTERNOON IN THE JUNE GARDEN

1. The seed of winter spinach, broccoli, leeks, late carrots and winter cabbage can be sown in drills outside.
2. Keep using the hoe in ornamental borders and between vegetables.
3. Set out shallow containers of water, sunk into flower borders, for the birds and bees.
4. Time to plant out beans, courgettes and outdoor cucumbers which have been hardened-off.



**FLOWER OF THE MONTH: POPIES – WELSH POPPIES: (MERCONOPSIS CAMBRICA)** This perennial poppy is the first to come into flower, from late Spring to early Autumn, in yellow or orange; it

seeds in both sun and shade to produce small colonies in dry soil.

**ORIENTAL POPPIES** (PAPAVER ORIENTALIS) Explode into spectacular colours of white, orange and pinks of all shades. Flowering times are short but they give a real lift to the flower border, preferring sun and well-drained soil.

**SHIRLEY POPPIES** – (RHAES SOMNIFERUM) Flowering through the summer this opium poppy, with its tissue paper like pink petals and attractive seed heads continue to colour the borders. Apart from its obvious use, the seed heads dry well and can be added to winter flower bunches.

### **TREE OF THE MONTH: MONKEY PUZZLE**

(ARAUCARIA ARAUCANA) This striking tree was introduced from Chile in 1795. The story goes that explorer and plant collector Archibald Menzies was served the seeds of the Chile Pine as part of a dessert while dining with the Viceroy of Chile. He popped some seeds into his pocket and grew them on board a ship on the way back to Europe, returning to Britain with five healthy plants. This coniferous tree needs a deep rich fertile loam to grow well, plenty of space, free of pollution, it prefers a high, dry position; in Chile it is much valued for its timber whilst also being on an endangered species list. The tree can live for over 2,000 years, its trunk reaching a diameter of between 3–5 feet and a height of 100–130 feet, and is widely planted as an ornamental in parks and gardens.



The name “monkey puzzle” was coined around 1850 when Sir William Molesworth, the owner of a young specimen at Pencarrow garden in Cornwall, was showing it to a group of friends, when one of them – a noted barrister, Charles Austin, remarked, “It would puzzle a monkey to climb that.” In its native South America, the tree is home to the slender-billed parakeet and over 70 species of endemic insects; in the UK, its seeds are dispersed by jays and squirrels. In mythology it is said that speaking while passing one will bring bad luck or cause you to grow a monkey’s tail; and there is an old Fenland belief that planting a monkey puzzle on the edge of a graveyard would prevent the Devil from entering during a burial. It is possible that this story was invented by concerned parents trying to stop their children climbing the spiky branches.



**Whittington Parish Council News,  
26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Meeting**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pugh, Charmely, Harvey and Hickson.

**KEY ITEMS**: Whittington Cricket Club Question and Answer session with representatives. Q: Concerns were raised about sustainability from a financial perspective? Who is funding it and how it will be sustained?

English Cricket Board/Shropshire Cricket Board? A: The ground has been fallow since 2014; it has been grazed by sheep and Oswestry Rugby Club have used it. Shropshire Cricket Board have financially supported the renovation of the pitch; there has been no money to date from English Cricket Board. A Bid has just gone in to the ECB for an artificial strip - £10,000. Development of the bar is being investigated as a means of funding, as well as membership fees and running courses through the winter months. There is a plan for making it sustainable once it is up and running so that further grants will not be required. The building is owned by Whittington Cricket Club. Q: Can the hall/facilities be hired for functions / parties? A: Yes, and things will grow as things develop. Q: The benefits to Whittington A: Lots of knock-on effects; long term aspirations, bringing people and revenue to the village. Q: What will the requested £4,000 grant from the Council be used for? A: Disabled facilities – ramps and toilets, these are a priority. Q: Would the bowling club contribute to the cost of this? A: No specific response was provided to this. The information was NOTED and the representatives were thanked for their time.

**Grant Requests:** The following applications were discussed and the following grants approved: a) Friends of Whittington Cemetery (Cemetery and Garden of Remembrance) – Grass-cutting • Request for annual amount of £1,000.00, AMOUNT APPROVED. b) The New Saints FC Foundation – Whittington Youth Club • Request for £3,000.00, AMOUNT APPROVED. c) Whittington Cricket Club (payment to be made to Shropshire Cricket Board) • Request for £4,000.00, AMOUNT APPROVED £2,000.00 (cover letter – ring-fenced for the purpose of the development of disabled facilities at Whittington Cricket Club).

**Police Report** for March 2022: 6<sup>th</sup> March Theft of Vehicle; 9<sup>th</sup> March Assault, 26<sup>th</sup> March – Public Order; 28<sup>th</sup> March 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.

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#### **Update on the installation of broadband at the Senior Citizens' Hall.**

Councillor Johnson reported that the line has now been installed; there is no reason to suggest that fibre to the cabinet cannot be installed. All being well, Plusnet will send another router and transfer onto a Superfast Broadband Service.

**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.

To receive an update: The Clerk reported that a log of all emails between the Planning Officer and the Parish Council have been sent for consideration and no update or outcome of the investigations has been provided at present.

RESOLVED to note. **b)** To ratify the following comments submitted prior to the meeting (scheme of delegation):

**I)** Reference: 22/01246/FUL (validated: 24/03/2022) **Address:** Hindford Grange, Hindford, SY11 4NR **Proposal:** Erection of a detached 6-bay garage Comment submitted 31/03/22 – Neutral - “The Parish Council expect the garage to be aesthetically in keeping with the surrounding area.” RESOLVED to note and approve. It was NOTED that Councillor Charmley

did not contribute to discussions or the comment submitted and he declared an interest to the Clerk when correspondence was circulated.

**Play Areas:** Council received an update from Shropshire Council on the request for suitable land to utilise as a play area at Park Hall; the Clerk reported that “Shropshire Council are currently revisiting the masterplan for the land at Park Hall and are undertaking some ground investigations to determine if there is any contamination which could cause concern for future uses. We can incorporate the potential for a play area into the masterplan and I can ask colleagues to get back in touch with you at the appropriate point as this moves forward.” This was NOTED and Shropshire Council have been asked to keep the Parish Council informed.

**The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee:** a) Tree Planting – Council were updated that the tree has been planted on the green outside the White Lion, and will now be registered on the Queen’s Green Canopy website, and on the Shropshire Council Jubilee Tree Map. It was AGREED to have a photo taken by the tree prior to the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7:10pm. b) Council considered a request from Whittington Under 5’s to plant a Jubilee Tree on the green next to the Play Area; it was RESOLVED to approve the request and asked that it be planted along the existing hedge line. The Parish Council agreed to include the tree in their inspection schedule, when the tree surveys are conducted. c) Council was updated on the plans being put together by Whittington Together and the Castle over the Jubilee weekend. Councillor Johnson reported that live music will be provided for free. Whittington Together are looking at purchasing a big oversized flag, bunting etc. and will put together a grant application to be discussed at the May meeting. NOTED.

**Next meeting:** – This will be face-to-face meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm in the Senior Citizens’ Hall with limited space for members of the public wishing to attend. 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**

## BUILDWAS ABBEY

Buildwas Abbey, which is Grade 1 listed, can be accessed via the A4169 two miles west of Ironbridge. It is open to visitors from 10:00am – 5:00pm April to October and 10:00am – 4:00pm November to March; entry is free and there is currently a £2 parking charge for non-English Heritage members, payable via text or English Heritage’s parking payment services website.

The extensive remains of the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Cistercian abbey stand in a water meadow beside the River Severn. The remains are unusually complete and include the vaulted chapter house with medieval tile flooring, a fine collection of medieval wall tiles; huge 14-foot diameter pillars in the nave and a recently re-opened crypt; the church is almost unaltered from its 12<sup>th</sup> century foundation.



The abbey was founded in 1135 as a Savignac monastery by Roger de Clinton, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and was dedicated to St Mary and St Chad, the same as Lichfield Cathedral. The earliest buildings date to about 1155 and include the abbey church, chapter house, and cloisters. The infirmary and abbot’s lodging were added in the 1220s, and a parlour wing and chapel in the following century.

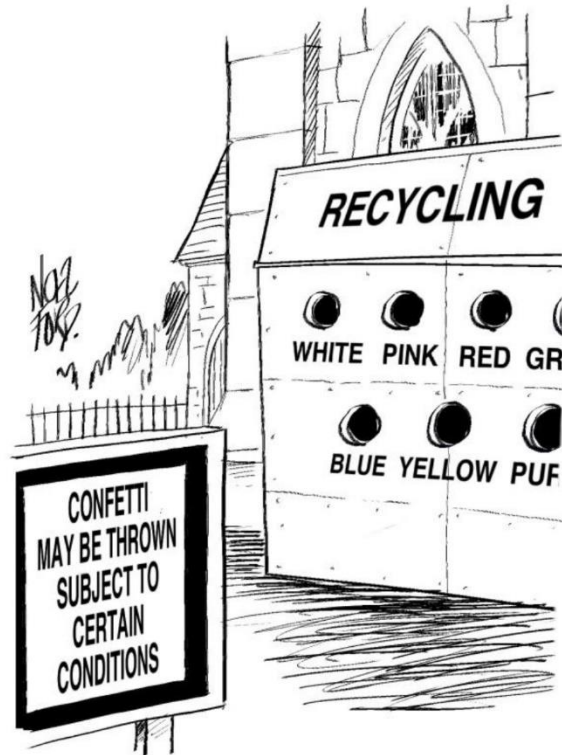
The abbey’s subsequent increase in its wealth from endowments and gifts of land and properties, was reflected in the enrichment of its library. Oxford University’s database of the medieval libraries of Great Britain records 57 volumes that belonged at some time to the library at Buildwas, including two that subsequently found their way to St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle; although Trinity College, Cambridge has by far the largest collection of former Buildwas books. Seventeen of the 57 are definitively dated to the 12<sup>th</sup> century and a further six possibly so. This additional income, along with the money raised from tolls charged to travellers using their bridge across the river probably played a part in the decision to expand the community’s stone



*Chapter House roof  
with external windows*

building. All was not a peaceful rural idyll, however, as evidenced by the events of 1342, when the abbot was murdered, and eight years later, when the abbot and monks were imprisoned by Welsh border raiders. The abbey was never very large or wealthy and following the outbreaks of the Black Death in the Spring of 1349, and further subsequent outbreaks by 1377 there were only 6 monks at the abbey, reduced to just 4 by 1381. The abbey was attacked once again by the Welsh under Owain Glyndwr in 1406. The abbey was dissolved in 1536 under Henry V111, and the property was granted to

Lord Grey of Powys. The abbot's lodging and the infirmary were eventually converted into a house. The renowned English painter J.M.W. Turner left at least two drawings and a watercolour of the abbey ruins.



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### 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:

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e.mail: i.mellor@tiscali.co.uk 31



## 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:**

Group Scout Leader + Akela: Mrs B Cassidy, 2 Heather Bank, Gobowen

Tel: 07907972657 or 01691 658016

Beavers 6-8yrs Tues 6.00-7.15pm; Cubs 8-11yrs Fri 5.45- 7.30pm

Scouts 11-14 yrs and Explorer Scouts 14-18 Fri 7.45-9.30pm

### **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.

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** [www.whittingtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.whittingtonchurch.org.uk)

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