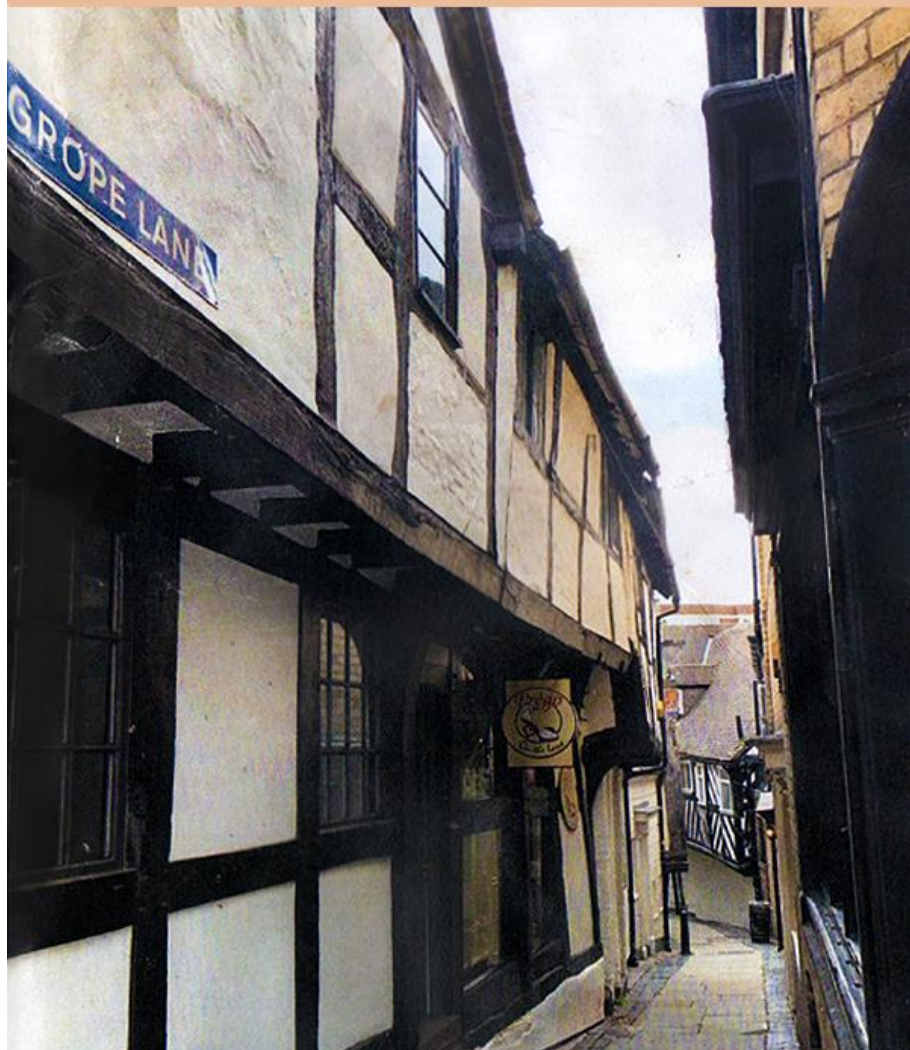


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PARISH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:00am 4th Sunday Holy Communion

11:00am Parish Communion weekly

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

6:30pm 3rd Sunday Informal Service

4:00pm 2nd Sunday Messy church (no service in August)

WEEKDAYS: 9:30am Holy Communion - Thursday

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Rector’s Ramblings

I wonder if you are one of those people who have a tidy set of matching mugs or cups and saucers in your kitchen cupboard that are perfect for bringing out for visitors? I am **not** one of them, although I often wish I was! Instead of a kitchen cupboard of matching mugs, mine is filled with a real eclectic mix of all sorts of shapes, sizes, colours and patterns. This makes it quite difficult to look as if I have an ordered kitchen in the rectory, but it does have some advantages. This ‘hotchpotch’ of mugs is great for focusing my mind, reflecting, praying and storytelling during the day as I use them, and they are often good conversation starters as I offer them to guests.



Each one of my mugs points me towards perhaps something quite ordinary, but sometimes something quite profound. Sometimes I choose a mug that matches my mood and sometimes I choose one that reminds me that important truths can be found in the ordinary and the everyday. My first mug of the day is one with tiny flowers on it and a yellow trim. It's the mug I drink my morning blackcurrant tea from, and always makes me think about how beautiful and awesome God's world is, but also how delicately balanced and precarious it is. How might I live during this day so as not to make that situation worse?

The other thing which features on at least four of our mugs is our caravan, which remind me of the pleasure, enjoyment and companionship of our holidays over the years. From when our children were smaller, and life was much busier, to our quieter breaks away in more recent years. Over the last couple of years when we have been somewhat isolated from human companionship, our

pets have often been the ones we talk to most. I give thanks for Meg and Socks, our dog and cat at the rectory.

I have a mug which simply says 'mum' on the side, bought for me by one of my daughters, and as I drink from it, I find myself quietly saying a prayer for those I love and asking for God's protection of them.

And then there are the mugs which remind me of my calling; one which says '*I thank God every time I remember you*' -words from the first chapter of Philippians – which was given to me by a friend at my ordination as a priest. I also have mugs which hold encouraging words and they can often give me a bit of a lift when times are challenging or downright tough! One of these is a '*cup of sunshine*' and the other is one I bought earlier this year which says on the side '*Rev Snoozy*', a bit of a pun that always raises a smile and lifts my day.

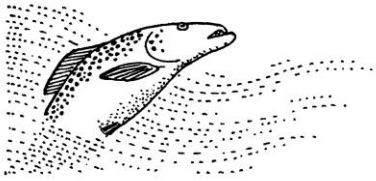
Perhaps the one that makes me smile the most is a mug which was a Christmas gift and says on the side '*Mrs Always right*'. This one always makes me smile as I know that is far from true.

My last drink of the day is always in a mug with red hearts on it, one of a pair, and as Darren and I complete the tasks of the day and head for bed, it helps me to remember that whatever the day has held, I am loved by God – and that is enough.

I wonder, if you take a look in your kitchen cupboard what stories might unfold there that ground you in the world; in the relationships that sustain us and the tasks we are all called to do. As you journey through July, take time to be refreshed not just physically but spiritually too, as you drink and reflect on the blessings of the ordinary.

With blessings

Suzan



July 2022

DIARY

3 ST THOMAS – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

5 11:30am Senior Citizens' Brunch at the White Lion; further
details on pages 7 – 9

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

6 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

7 9:30am Holy Communion

10 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – SEA SUNDAY

11:00am Parish Communion
4:00pm Messy Church

12 9:30am First pick-up at Rosehill for Senior Citizens' trip to
Liverpool; further details on pages 7 – 9

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

13 7:00-9:30pm Alpha course continues in the Senior Citizens' Hall

14 9:30am Holy Communion

17 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

18 **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

19 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

20 Whittington Church of England School breaks for
the summer holiday

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

21 9:30am Holy Communion

24 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

26 12:00 noon Whittington Senior Citizens monthly lunch at the
White Lion; further details on page 7 – 9

28 9:30am Holy Communion

31 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11:00am Parish Communion

7:00 for 7:30pm Bingo at the White Lion

Extracts from the Parish Registers for the month of May 2022



HOLY BAPTISM

"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

22nd May 2022 Sophia Milly Eve Heighway
of Willow Close, St Martins

29th May 2022 Archie Jett Ezra Leslie
of Wingate Way, Park Hall





SEA SUNDAY

Over many years the 2nd Sunday of July has been kept as Sea Sunday, with a special focus on prayer for all seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers supports the work of sailors facing difficult waters, piracy, and separation from loved ones for long periods at sea. In 1836 John Ashley set up the Bristol Channel Mission having been struck by the difficulties faced by seafarers and in 1856 this became the Mission to Seamen, a Christian organisation that grew with the expansion of the British Maritime Empire; becoming the Mission to Seafarers in 2000. Today they operate in 200 ports in 50 different countries, making them the largest sea port-based welfare organisation in the world; providing support 365 days a year, regardless of rank, nationality, gender or religion.

Look around your home. How much of the contents in your cupboards, wardrobe, rooms, and even garage came to you over the seas, via the great merchant ships? What would your home be like without them? Yet when did you last give a thought to the people who bring them to you? It is a curious fact that seafarers are one of the most important, and yet invisible, groups in our society. We all of us depend on them to fill our homes and businesses with an endless variety of goods, and yet we never see them, never speak to them, and rarely even remember their existence. It suddenly makes Sea Sunday more important, an opportunity to give thanks for all seafarers and to pray for their personal well-being. It is a lonely, sometimes dangerous job, which separates families for months on end.

You can help sailors by supporting the work of:
Mission to Seafarers, <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/>
Apostleship of the Sea, <http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/>
Sailors' Society, <https://www.sailors-society.org/>

NEW STAMPS UNVEILED

The Post Office has added barcodes to most of their stamps to make them more relevant in the digital age. Stamps that you may have in your possession already will remain **valid until 31st January 2023**, and any you have remaining at that date can be swapped for the new barcode ones.



Commemorative stamps with pictures on and previously issued Christmas stamps without a barcode will remain valid.

The “Swap Out” scheme has already opened and all that you need to do is complete the form from the Royal Mail website; collect from the Delivery Office’s Customer Service Point at Mile Oak Industrial Estate (for up to £200 only), or contact Royal Mail Customer Experience on 0345 774 0740 who will send you the appropriate form; be aware there are different forms depending on whether the value of the stamps you want to swap are £200 or more. Send the completed form and your stamps to: **FREEPOST SWAP OUT** – no other address or postcode are needed. The forms are **NOT** available at Post Offices. If the value is in excess of £200 then there is a specific address in Edinburgh to send them to.

The form will ask you to fill in the value of your stamps, currently 1st class NVI are valued at 95p each and 2nd class NVI are 68p, irrespective of what was actually paid at the time of purchase.

Using non-barcode definitive stamps after 31st January 2023 will see them being treated as insufficient postage paid and subject to a surcharge for delivery. The Post Office aims to process swap out applications within 7 days.

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

I cannot believe we are now entering the second half of the year – how time flies, I must be getting old – no comments!!!!

The Monday afternoon whist sessions are now underway, and anyone interested in joining in, or wishing to learn how to play whist, do please pop in at 2.00 pm and you will be made very welcome. These sessions are organised by Liz Corrin and it has been agreed that £1.50 will now be charged. The monthly Wednesday evening sessions, in the hands of Carol and Derek Pope, started on 1st June with eight tables in use; the start time is 7:30pm and the charge is £2.50 to cover tea/coffee and biscuits. Both sessions open to everyone, not just members of the club.

The next monthly Tuesday lunch at the White Lion is on Tuesday 26th July.

This meal has to be prebooked in advance please. The cost is currently £10 each and includes a two-course meal and a cup of tea or coffee. I must emphasise that once a lunch has been ordered it must be paid as for as the club will be expected to pay for the meal whether or not you 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 though many people that do attend end up becoming a member of the club anyway– we are a friendly bunch.

Our weekly Thursday coffee mornings continue to be very popular and once again membership of the club is not a prerequisite, we enjoy a good natter and catch up and currently entertain circa 20 members and friends. When someone celebrates a birthday, we enjoy cake and maybe a glass of something; donations of biscuits, tea, coffee or milk are very welcome. Do join us any time after 10:00am, we finish when the person washing up starts collecting the mugs! We now ask for £1.50, as everyone knows utility bills are spiralling along with other costs.

Steve Mason continues his line dance classes in the Senior Citizens' Hall between 7:30- 9:00pm on Monday evenings, the cost is £6 per session. (upper beginner/improver) call Steve on 07963662426 for more details, he 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 between 1:30-2:30pm. 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 £4 a class. Eleanor Moss continues to hold junior ballet classes on Thursday afternoons after school.

It is not too late to pay a subscription to join our club, the fee is only £10 for the year.

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We had a lovely day out to Chester in May when the sun shone on us and made the boat trip that much more enjoyable.; most of us then proceeded into the city to obtain something for lunch. Afterwards we called at the Grosvenor Garden Centre where some enjoyed afternoon tea and others spent money on plants or in the clothes department. If anybody has not seen the lovely selection of clothes at the centre, it is well worth a visit.

I hope everyone has recovered from the Jubilee Celebrations that took place

last month. We had a lovely afternoon tea on the Saturday which 40 people attended. Thank you to all members who volunteered to provide items of food and bottles of Prosecco to toast Her Majesty. A big thank you to our new President Margaret Hulson, who started the proceedings with grace and later raised the toast to The Queen. Thanks also to Janet Wilson who brought her electric organ along so we could sing God Save The Queen. We must not forget the committee members who work hard putting everything together, and those that wash up the dishes in the background. It is all very much appreciated.

The following events are planned for the future:

- 5th July** **11:30am** Brunch at the White Lion £4.50 plus the cost of a drink – call me to book a place please
- 12th July** **9:30am** First pick-up at Rosehill for Senior Citizens' trip to Liverpool incorporating a river boat cruise. Please let me know if you wish to come; members £20, otherwise £25
- 16th August** **3:00pm** Afternoon Tea and cakes in the hall - £3
- October** Harvest lunch
- 26th November** Coffee and Mince Pie morning
- 6th December** Christmas Tea
- 13th December** Christmas Lunch at the Rugby Club, Park Hall

There maybe a visit to Llandudno in September!

Gillian Roberts, Secretary 01691 662236

WHITTINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Ruth Haile took the meeting and 17 members were present. The planned speaker for our meeting had to cancel at short notice so we all took it in turns to speak on various subjects which was very entertaining.

Our Secretary Sandy Forde and Jo Thomasson were our delegates to the County meeting and gave us a report from the day's speakers; one was the Head of MI5 and the other was PC Rebecca Smith, a West Mercier Cyber-Crime police team officer.

Our Centenary birthday bench has arrived and will be installed in the castle grounds along with a plaque shortly

It was agreed that the fee for tea and coffee will be re-instated to help with fund raising for the group. It was also decided that the flower tin is to be renamed 'The Libby Tin' in memory of Libby Morris.

We have been invited by Oswestry WI to join them on a boat trip on Monday 13th June; and Colemere and Lyneal WI have invited us to join them for afternoon tea at 3:00pm on Thursday 11th August for £7 each.

Refreshments were served by Susan Barclay and Julie Sheffield.

We extend a warm welcome to new members; we meet in the Community Centre on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Julie Sheffield

John Campion West Mercia PCC

Working with local communities to build a safer West Mercia.



In order to ensure the voice of the public is at the heart of policing, I am encouraging you to share your views in my latest survey.

As part of my ongoing commitment to take feedback from communities and use it to shape decision making, I am seeking views well in advance of setting next year's budget. This survey will seek to understand what your concerns are and whether or not you are happy with how visible and accessible West Mercia Police are.



The survey is open until Monday 11th July and you can complete it by visiting the website below or scanning the QR code with your smartphone.

01905 331 656

opcc@westmercia.police.uk

www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk



@WestMerciaPCC

The kiss – An honest seven-year-old calmly announced to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after church. “How did that happen?” gasped her mother.

“Well, it wasn't easy,” admitted the young lady, “but three girls helped me catch him.”

Whittington Village Fete 2022

Whittington Together is gearing up for our fifth Village Fete which takes place on August Bank Holiday Monday 29 August, in the grounds of Whittington Castle. The Fete traditionally starts with the Crowning of the Fete Queen at 12:00 noon and we intend to finish about 4:00pm.

It is free admission to the fete but we will be asking for donations for car parking at our designated car parks. As part of our fund-raising activities, we shall be holding our traditional bottle tombola. If you have any bottles that you would like to donate then please give me a call; but please **no cleaning fluids**.



In addition to fairground attractions, we have a wide range of stalls selling exciting products and services; and in the arena we have planned a variety of activities for all ages. We shall have Circus performers, demonstrations from our local clubs and to finish the very popular family Tug of War.

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. We expect the traffic to be very busy so we ask that visitors follow the road signs to the designated parking areas.

A full programme of activities can be viewed on our Facebook Page shortly at: www.facebook.com/Whittingtontgether

Ian Johnson - 07917025003
Chairman Whittington Together

The beginning of Islam

Some 1400 years ago, on 16th July 622, the Islamic calendar began, when Muhammad and his followers migrated from Mecca to Medina to escape religious persecution (an event known as the Hejira) and established the first Muslim community. The new religion spread quickly: Mohammad's men attacked trading caravans and in 630 an army of 10,000 forced Mecca itself to surrender. Though Islam, like



Christianity, also known as the faith of the cross, was in marked contrast to the

CHILDREN'S PAGE

method of expansion by.

Years in the Islamic (Hijri) calendar are designated either H or AH, which stands for the Latin term Anno Hegirae. It is a lunar calendar tied to the phases of the moon and based on astronomical observation, usually by an authorised person: the new month can only begin after a waxing crescent moon is observed shortly after sunset. For this reason, a month can begin on different days in different countries.

The current Islamic year, 1443 AH, ends this month. Islamic years are not in sync with the Gregorian calendar because they fall about 11 days short of the solar year and for this reason the Hijri calendar cannot be used for seasonal activities such as agriculture; most Muslim countries therefore use the Gregorian calendar for non-religious purposes.

It was Caliph Umar in Basrah in 638 who decided that the Muslim calendar should start when Muhammad arrived in Medina.

Tim Lenton

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**Flowers of the Meadow**



July is an excellent month to take a further look at your churchyard grass-land. The turf of a churchyard can tell its own story about how your locality looked when the land was consecrated, and the diligence and hard work of generations of churchyard volunteers since then.

Churchyards have been open spaces, used by the whole community, often for centuries. As well as places for burial and remembrance they may also have been used for markets, archery practice (somewhat unlikely in our case) and celebrations ranging from outdoor services to ale festivals! Flowery grassland, with long and short vegetation at different times of year has been maintained throughout. At the time of churchyard consecration, flowery meadow was widespread, and this plot of land would not have been extraordinary. Since then, we have lost a shocking 97% of this lovely habitat and our churchyards hold precious remnants.

It's quite easy to find out if your churchyard, or parts of it, contain this special meadow habitat, you simply need to count the numbers of different plants within a patch. July is great for this as so many plants and grasses are

blooming or in seed making them relatively easy to distinguish and identify. A general rule is that the more species within a patch the 'better' the meadow habitat. Caring for God's Acre has a survey system, our Botanical Companion, which takes you through a survey to see if you are looking at a fragment of the remaining 3% of flowery meadow. You can download it from our website or purchase a hard copy from our website shop. Have a look at: <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/resources/the-burial-ground-botanical-companion/>. The idea is to mark out a square patch of 2m by 2m and count how many different flowering plants, grasses and rushes you see within it. If you can identify them that is great but if not, then no matter, if they look different, they probably are! Knowing how rich in species the grassland is, can help with management decisions. If you score over 16, then this could be a good place for a meadow area, its already full of flowers. If you score less than 10 then you might need to work a little harder to have a colourful meadow, perhaps introducing seed or plug plants from elsewhere. Please have a go and let us know how you get on.



**All the best, Harriet Carty**

*Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cpga.org.uk, www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code diomem22*

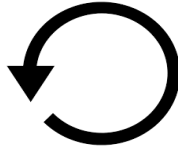
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WHY DO THEY DO THAT?

I recently woke-up thinking about the Commonwealth Games, which begin on the 28th July in Birmingham, and for some unknown reason the question "Why do the athletes run in an anti-clockwise direction?" popped into my head (Strange thought to wake up to I know!). Well, it seems that it is because of the effects of the earth's rotation; running anti-clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere will give an athlete a slight advantage resulting in a faster time. In the Southern Hemisphere, this effect is reversed but, as the sport grew in the Northern Hemisphere, anti-clockwise races have remained despite the international status of athletics. Apparently, none of the current world track records have been set south of the Equator.

Nor is travelling in an anti-clockwise direction restricted to running – speed

skating, track bike racing, most horse and dog racing all follow the same pattern. This directional flow does not just happen in sport either - dancers moving around a dance floor, revolving doors, merry-go-rounds and other carnival rides, aircraft carrier landing patterns and the usual direction in which people spin Hula Hoops are all performed anti-clockwise.

It is not certain which direction the ancient Greeks took in their stadia but when the first modern Olympics Games in Athens 1896, and Paris 1900, took place athletes used the clockwise direction, but in 1906 there were many complaints, as many countries had by then settled for the anti-clockwise practice; so, from 1908 the Games have all been run 'left hand inside'.

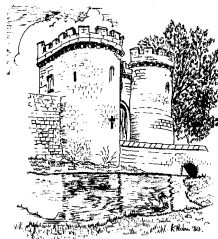


The decision to run horses anti-clockwise in the US dates to the American Revolution era. In 1780 the first circular US race track was established by William Whitley near his home in Lincoln County, Kentucky. A staunch supporter of the Revolution, Whitley insisted that horses raced anti-clockwise as opposed to clockwise as was the custom at the time in England. Now, most horseracing tracks in the UK run anti-clockwise, with a few exceptions like Kempton, Ascot and Sandown.

Greek mythology suggests that anything that goes clockwise is a sign of evil. It was Queen Victoria who insisted that people dance in an anti-clockwise direction around the dancefloor as she believed that otherwise we would be inciting the devil; that's at least why we go anti-clockwise in the UK.

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**JULY at Whittington Castle**

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



**2<sup>nd</sup> July**      **7:00pm Great Expectations** by Hot-buckle Theatre. Adults £15, Concessions £13, Groups of 4 £48. Tickets will be available online via 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.

**5<sup>th</sup> July**      All Day Craft Group – Bring your craft with you, or even just a book, and enjoy working in company.

**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

**13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Aug**      **10:00am-4:00pm both days: Living History Weekend** with the Harrington Household and Corbett Re-enactment groups; War of the Roses displays, games and fighting to bring the 15<sup>th</sup> century to life. A great event for families – both fun and educational.

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

**28<sup>th</sup> August**      **6:00pm for 7:00pm Much Ado About Nothing** presented by the Folksy Theatre.

**29<sup>th</sup> August**      **Whittington Together Village Fete**

**Kimberley Powell, Castle Manager**

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THANK YOU



"Many thanks to all those who supported our Jubilee Ceilidh on 3rd June - providing refreshments, help on the day and for all those who joined us in the evening.

Thanks too, to Sue Molesworth and her band, - having live music made such a difference to the atmosphere and encouraged people to get up and join in the dancing! Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and, with the bar takings and donations we raised over £700 towards church repairs. We've been asked about holding another one - watch this space!!"

Julie

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**A wee bit too pious** – A Scottish lady invited a gentleman to dinner on a particular day, and he accepted with the dour reservation: "If I am spared." "Weel, weel," she replied briskly, "If ye're deid I'll no' expect ye."

**Pleasure** – Some people won't suffer in silence because that would take all the pleasure out of it.



**Healthwatch are calling for people's experiences of calling for an ambulance in an emergency**



Concerns about the ambulance service performance in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin have been widely reported

but the local health care champions, Healthwatch Shropshire and Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin want to hear the stories behind the statistics. They want to hear about where things have gone well and where things have not gone so well.

Lynn Cawley, Chief Officer of Healthwatch Shropshire, and Barry Parnaby, Chair of Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin, explained, "We share patient experience with service providers, those who pay for the service and those who regulate services such as the Care Quality Commission to ensure the patient voice is at the centre of efforts to improve services.

We know that the demand on urgent care is high at the moment and it is having an impact on the whole health and care system. We want to understand how the current strains on the ambulance service are impacting people's health and lives. We urge people to tell us about their experiences and help to make a difference. Call us 01743 237884 or get in contact online: [www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/calling-ambulance-emergency](http://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/calling-ambulance-emergency) or [www.healthwatchtelfordandwrekin.co.uk/share-your-views](http://www.healthwatchtelfordandwrekin.co.uk/share-your-views)."

Rachel Robinson, Director of Public Health at Shropshire Council said, "We are aware of residents' concerns around ambulance response times and urgent care across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. This call to action from Healthwatch will gather patients and carers experiences to inform planning, improve services and outcomes across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin."

Liz Noakes, Telford & Wrekin's Director for Public Health, added: "I would urge patients across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin to support Healthwatch in this initiative and share their own, personal experience of calling for an ambulance in an emergency. Make sure your voice and views are heard on such an important issue, impacting lives."

Healthwatch Shropshire and Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin are the independent health and social care champions in the county. They gather the

views and experiences of patients, service users, carers, and the general public about services including hospitals, GPs, mental health services, community health services, pharmacists, opticians, residential care and children's services. Healthwatch also has statutory powers that they can use to influence service provision by encouraging improvements.

Contact: Healthwatch Shropshire Lynn Cawley, Chief Officer  
Tel: 01743 237884 Email [enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk)  
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**Brian Rapson, Information Officer**

**THE FRAUD AND SCAM BULLETIN JUNE 2022  
FROM WEST MERCIA POLICE**

**TOP TIPS FOR USING MOBILE DEVICES AND APPS SAFELY**

For most of us, our mobile phones and tablets are the gateway to our online world. However, you need to set your devices up correctly and take care when going online, to avoid becoming a victim of cybercrime. The size and convenience of your mobile devices bring risks. If someone gained access to your financial or other confidential information via your devices or their apps, you could become a victim of fraud or identity theft ... or both.

**Top tips for using your mobile devices:**

Update software and apps when prompted, including operating systems; these often contain security updates.

Download security apps on all your mobile devices, including Apple devices.

Always protect your mobile devices with a PIN or password, even if they come with biometric protection.

Review your device settings regularly to ensure your privacy is protected.

Set your devices to back up automatically to protect confidential or irreplaceable files or other information from loss.

Wi-Fi hotspots should be avoided for confidential communications or transactions, as there's no guarantee that they're secured. Use a VPN or instead, use your data or wait until you get back to your secure Wi-Fi.

Think before you click: clicking on email attachments or links in emails and social media posts could infect your devices with various types of malware, including ransomware and spyware.

Giving a caller remote access to your devices could result in malware or fraud. Grant access only to an authorised support person *who you have contacted* with a problem.

Keep mobile devices secure in the home and office. The information on them is normally worth a lot more to a criminal than selling on the device itself.

Never leave mobile devices unattended in a café, the gym or your vehicle.

Keep your device protected when out and about in crowded areas. Mobiles make attractive targets for pickpockets and ride-by thieves.

### Top tips for using apps:

Avoid downloading fake apps by using only the official store for your device's operating system. Even then, read reviews and choose with care, as some rogue apps sometimes make their way into app stores.



Read terms and conditions when downloading apps to understand aspects like data sharing and in-app payments.

Consider the permissions you grant for apps to access your location, photos, camera, contacts or other functions or data.

Check app settings to determine whether downloading updates and day-to-day data are enabled automatically. If they are, it could make it easier for your data to be intercepted, and may use up your data allowance.

Observe apps' minimum age ratings, which may vary from store to store; this is important for apps which may be accessed by children.

Log out of apps – particularly those for banking, shopping or payments – when you've finished using them. This also goes for location-based apps, when you want to protect your whereabouts.

Always download app updates when prompted. As well as providing new features and better functionality, updates usually contain security fixes.

Be aware of the data used by apps when you're out and about, including roaming charges abroad. And remember that some apps enable in-app purchases, which can be very attractive to use – especially to children – but at a price.

Remove apps you haven't used for a while, apart from security apps. If you're disposing of your device by any means, erase all data and apps, also preferably doing a factory re-set.

**To report a scam dial 159** – This is a new emergency hotline launched by banks and telephone companies for people to report and check financial scams as they happen. Whilst it is still a pilot scheme, the majority of banks are now signed up to it.

When should you call 159? – When someone contacts you claiming they are from your bank or you receive a call or email asking you to transfer money or make a payment or you receive a call about any financial matter and it seems suspicious. A potential victim who dials 159 will be automatically connected to their bank's fraud prevention service, thus often saving a long wait on hold.

Anyone who receives a call or message from somebody claiming to be from a trusted organisation and who suggests money should be transferred is being urged to hang up. Then you should either wait for 10 minutes before ringing 159 to ensure the scammer has cleared the line, or call immediately from another phone.

**PHISHING** – Forward any Phishing or suspicious emails to: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

**SCAM TEXTS** – These can be forwarded to 7726 – (this spells "SPAM" telephone keypad)

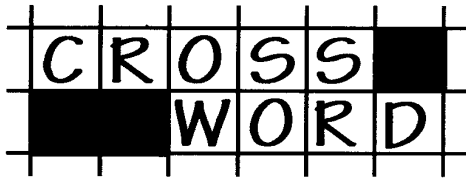
If you've fallen for a scam, report it to

**Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040** or via: [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk).



**Knock knock** – The passenger tapped the taxi driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the pavement, and stopped inches from a shop window. For a second everything went quiet in the car, then the driver said, "Look mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylight out of me!" The passenger apologised and said he didn't realise that a little tap could scare him so much. The driver replied, "You're right. I'm sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a taxi driver. I've been driving a hearse for the last 15 years."

Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings. - Anon



**Across:**

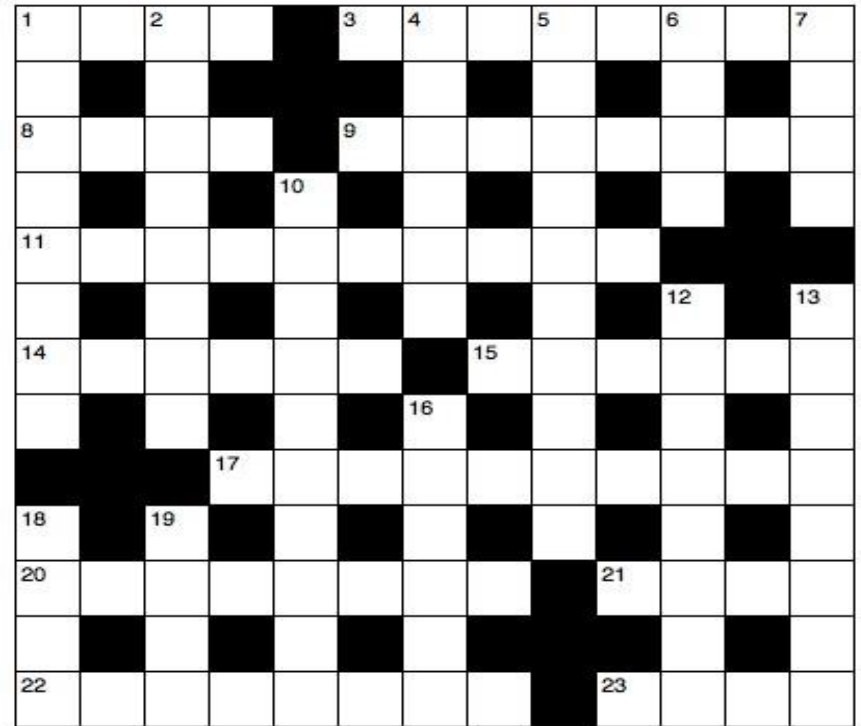
- 1 Proverbs describes her as being ‘of noble character’ (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 ‘Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?’ (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 ‘Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ’ (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
- 15 ‘Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—’ (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
- 21 ‘At midnight the cry rang out, “Here’s the bridegroom!Come out to — him”’ (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ’ (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 ‘As the — pants for streams of water,so my soul pants for you, O God’ (Psalm 42:1) (4)

**Down:**

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 ‘We three kings of — are’ (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 ‘Open your — and look at the fields!’ (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
- 19 Rear(anag.)(4)

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You may get to the very top of the ladder, and then find it has not been leaning against the right wall. – *A Raine*



**Answers to June’s Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS:** 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

**DOWN:** 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

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US Holiday – A couple with three young children went on holiday to America, and eventually ended up waiting in line at San Francisco’s Pier 41, to purchase tickets for a boat trip to Alcatraz. Others watched with varying degrees of sympathy and irritation as the young children fidgeted, whined, and punched one another. The frazzled parents reprimanded them, to no avail. Finally, they reached the ticket window. “Five tickets, please,” the father said. “Two round trip, three one way.”

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AN AFTERNOON IN THE JULY GARDEN

1. Continue to earth-up potatoes to avoid greening of the tubers.
2. Sow seed of Sweet William and Wallflowers in drills outside for planting in the Autumn.
3. Take half-ripe cuttings of shrubs and woody herbs by selecting 2 inch/5cm shoots from a strong stem, pull off the shoot with a 'heel' i.e. a strip of old wood from the parent plant. Remove the lower leaves and dib several shoots into a pot of gritty compost.

FLOWER OF THE MONTH: LAVENDER –

(LAVANDULA OFFICINALIS) This shrubby perennial herb of Mediterranean origin forms a scented border in sunny, well drained soil. This plant which takes between 2 – 5 years to reach its ultimate height of 1 ½ feet – 3 feet will spread almost as far and can be planted in many different types of garden; gravel, cottage, Mediterranean, courtyard, containers, wildlife or a flower border.



The Hidcote varieties in pink, white and blue are more dwarfing and all are a mecca for bees. The leaves can be used in cooking in much the same way as rosemary; French cuisine uses a lot in stuffing mixes to accompany roasts and it can be chopped finely and added to sweet biscuits. The flowers are also widely used in jams, sweets and even ice-cream.

Lavender is important medicinally and in aromatherapy, cosmetics and perfumery. English lavender produces particularly high-quality oil and is used both internally and externally. These include indigestion, depression, headaches, burns, muscular pain and even head lice. If you wish to dry the flowerheads they should be harvested just before they are fully open, as they will continue to open as they dry.

TREE OF THE MONTH: LIME TREE – (TILIA CORDATA/TLIA VULGARIS) The first of these has a small leaf, whilst the latter is a hybrid between small leafed and large leafed varieties. Both these are to be found in this country, the latter also known as the common lime. Both of these shapely large native trees are often seen growing as an avenue leading to a stately home come into their glory in July, bearing yellow scented flowers which, given a good summer, fruit into nuts. Lime's hard wood lends itself



to furniture making, Morris-dancing sticks and carving; an example of the latter by Grinling Gibbons can be seen on the dining room fireplace at Chatsworth House. It is also used in the manufacture of sounding boards and piano keys because it does not warp. Lime can also

be pleached, which means that the tree consists of a tall clear stem, upon which a mature screen is grown by spacing out the branches into parallel lines; Erddig Hall, Wrexham has a fine example. This deciduous tree can grow up to 65 feet in height; the bark is grey-brown developing flaky plates with age. They are very attractive to aphids, providing a source of food for their predators, including hoverflies, ladybirds and many species of bird. The flowers provide nectar and pollen for insects, particularly bees and was used to make tea, especially during WWII when leaf tea was hard to obtain; the tree's sap was made into wine. The flowers were also valued for their medicinal properties and were considered an effective treatment for insomnia, headaches and other 'nervous' disorders.



The big surprise lurking in your Granny's chicken soup

A study carried out at Imperial College London and Great Ormond Street Hospital has found that Granny always knew her chicken soup was good for you when you were poorly, but she did not realise quite how good. Now research has found that the traditional hot broths used in many cultures to battle flu and fevers pack a bigger punch than even the cooks realised.

A range of soups, ranging from vegetable to beef and chicken, were discovered to have the power to interrupt the life cycle of *Plasmodium falciparum*, which causes 99% of deaths from malaria. Some of them were actually as effective as a leading antimalarial drug, dihydroartemisinin, in fighting malaria.



No one particular ingredient was found to be common to the broths, but there certainly seems to be "evidence that they contain antibiotic properties", according to one doctor.

Spider – Whoever said "Out of sight, out of mind" never had a large spider disappear in the bedroom

MEMORIES



We may complain about our school work,
Perhaps we think our lessons hard.
We'd much prefer to be out playing,
And running in the big schoolyard.
But with the passing of the years
The dearest memories we'll recall
Will be of hours that we have spent
Within the old gray schoolhouse wall.



We may consider it a trial
To have to add and multiply,
And lessons in geography
Bring many a long-drawn, anxious sigh,
But with the passing of the years
When time has cast its purple haze,
The memories that we will treasure
Will be of long-gone, old school days.

Lenore Hetrick

Those memorable school reports... The following were sent into the Daily Telegraph some years ago....

- ~ One of my French reports simply said: 'Sheila attended the lessons'.
- Sheila Blow, Surrey
- ~ My housemaster wrote: 'He has an overdeveloped unawareness.'
- Ian Jones, Wirral
- ~ A friend's son's report said: 'By the time he has mastered French, he will be too old to cross the Channel.'
- M Knaggs, Dorset
- ~ My teacher observed: 'The improvement in his handwriting has revealed his inability to spell.'
- Colin Sutherland, Switzerland
- ~ My teacher was a realist: 'I am sorry to have to tell you that he is doing his best.'
- Stan Proctor, Surrey

Sermon - A young curate who had just been ordained stepped in to take the sermon at very short notice, because the vicar was ill. At the end of the sermon, he explained apologetically: "At such short notice I'm afraid I just had to rely on the Holy Spirit. Next week I hope to do better."

Mouse Makes

Cross out all the X to find the bible verse:

NXOXWXTXHXERXEXA
 XRXEXMXAXNXYYOXT
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What did Jesus turn water into?
John 2:1-11

Who's mother-in-law did Jesus heal?
Matthew 8:14-15

How did Jesus get out to the disciples in the boat?
Matthew 14:22-27

Who did Jesus raise from the dead?
John 11:38-44

How long had the woman at the synagogue been disabled?
— years

What did she do after she was healed?
Luke 13:10-13

Who did Jesus heal when his ear was cut off?
Luke 22:47-51

DID YOU KNOW?
Jesus fed thousands of people from a few loaves and fish, ... not once but twice!

READ
Matthew 14:13-21
AND
Matthew 15:32-39

In each story...
How many loaves and how many fish did Jesus have?
How many people were fed?
How many baskets of broken pieces were left over?

DID YOU KNOW?
There are over **37** miracles of Jesus recorded in the Gospels.
How many of them do you know?

Find these words in the word search
 JESUS • MIRACLE
 DEAF • HEAR • BLIND • SEE
 PARALYSED • WALK • SICK
 HEALED • DEAD • RAISED
 MUTE • SPEAK • DEMONS
 CAST OUT • STORM
 CALMED • WATER • WINE
 FISH • MULTIPLIED

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

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Gooseberries will be harvested from July and into August, so the perfect time to make this simple but tasty cake. Soft fruits, such as raspberries can be substituted, but may require a slightly shorter cooking time.

GOOSEBERRY AND AMARETTI CRUMBLE CAKE (SERVES 8)

110g (4 oz) butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
 110g (4 oz) self-raising flour
 110g (4 oz) caster sugar
 ½ tsp baking powder
 2 large eggs
 225-250g (8-9 oz) fresh gooseberries, topped and tailed
 55g (2 oz) amaretti biscuits, roughly crushed into varying sizes of 'gravel'
 1 tbsp demerara sugar

To serve: Icing sugar for dusting
 Crème fraiche mixed with a little elderflower cordial, to taste, or double cream (optional)

Oven: 160°C/Fan 140°/Gas 3

Lightly butter a loose-bottomed 20cm round cake tin and then line the base with a disc of baking parchment.

Put the butter, self-raising flour, caster sugar, baking powder and eggs in a food processor and whizz them together for 20-35 seconds, until well mixed (or put them in a bowl and beat together by hand or with an electric hand-held mixer to make a soft cake mixture).

Spoon the cake mixture into the prepared tin and spread evenly.

Arrange the gooseberries on top, pushing them slightly into the cake mixture. Scatter all but a tablespoon of the crushed amaretti evenly over the top, then sprinkle over the demerara sugar.

Bake for 50-60 minutes, until a skewer inserted in the middle comes out clean. If it's not ready, bake it for a little longer.

Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then remove it from the tin, keeping it gooseberry-side up, and transfer to a wire rack.

You can serve it either warm or cold; just before serving scatter the cake with the remaining amaretti crumble, then dredge the top with icing sugar.



The Bowling season is now at the halfway point with the teams having mixed fortunes. The A team are in the top five of Division One and are competing well with the teams above them. The B and C teams are

struggling for consistency and are in the lower reaches of their respective divisions Two and Three; hopefully they can have a strong second half of the season. The D team are mid-table in Division Four and the E team are struggling for a regular team in Division Five. The Vets team are mid-table in Division One and provide games for all members wishing to play on a Friday afternoon.

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

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| "A" Team | Tuesday 5 th July | v | Ceiriog Valley "B" |
| | Tuesday 19 th July | v | Church "A" |
| "B" Team | Tuesday 12 th July | v | Church "B" |
| | Tuesday 26 th July | v | Chirk AAA "B" |
| "C" Team | Wednesday 6 th July | v | Church "C" |
| | Wednesday 20 th July | v | Ponciau Park |
| | Wednesday 27 th July | v | Bersham |
| "D" Team | Wednesday 13 th July | v | Pentre Broughton "B" |
| "E" Team | Thursday 7 th July | v | Hampden Arms |
| | Thursday 21 st July | v | Overton "B" |
| "Vets" Team 1:00pm | Friday 1 st July | v | Church "A" |
| | Friday 15 th July | v | Llangynog "A" |

Spectators are always welcome to attend any match

Junior Cricket - All Stars/Dynamos (age groups 5-11 years) has been well attended on Friday evenings, with an average of 25 attendees who have enjoyed the varied programme of various aspects of cricket. Dynamos have played inter-club games and a thank you to the Shropshire Cricket coaches for organising these games along with school festivals that have taken place

on the ground during last month. Women's softball-taster sessions have taken place and it's hoped to develop interest in forming a future team.

Car Boot Sales are again proving popular and future dates are as follows:-

Saturday 2nd July 9:00am – 1:00pm (**Please note change of date**)

Friday 15th July 9:00am – 1:00pm

Friday 29th July 9:00am – 1:00pm

Further information is available at whittingtonbowlssec@hotmail.com

Mike Brunt

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**On why our church is safe from vandals**

The Rectory  
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren



I was sorry to hear that your church was broken into last week. Since your sound system rivals that of any concert hall and your projection equipment

would put most cinemas to shame, it is not surprising that is what they had their sights on. Your bemusement that they never touched your library of recordings is less understandable. I would have thought that few thieves would have been much interested in renditions of 'Shine Jesus, Shine' and other such artistic gems.

It may have been an act of Christian charity to put a sign outside saying 'Thieves will be forgiven', although since they took this as an invitation to burgle your house the following evening, I hope your forgiveness still operates. Especially as they also stole your favourite guitar.

Last year, we had unwelcome visitors. The thieves must have spent several hours breaking down the church's 400-year-old oak door to get in. Shame about that. Had they bothered to try the handle, they would have discovered that we never lock the church anyway.

Since we have yet to leap forward into the 19th century, there was little to attract them. Had they removed the marble sarcophagi of the Earls of Lincombe, the money they may have made wouldn't even have paid for the subsequent hernia operations. Inevitably, there was general outrage that the

poor box had been broken into – although as far as I can remember, for many years it had contained nothing more than an old three-penny piece and a button.

For many of our congregation, this represented the End of Civilisation as We Know It. Calls were made to have a permanent armed guard on the premises, and a few even speculated about the possibility of having strategically placed land mines about the place. Mrs Beaufort offered to lend us her fierce Pekingese, and Colonel Beauchamp generously offered us his collection of man traps.

Perhaps our thieves may be forgiven their crime, but until that three-penny piece and button are returned, it will not be forgotten.

**Your loving uncle,  
Eustace**

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The lady who wanted three hymns

One Sunday a minister announced that the church needed some extra money. He asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra, and as an enticement, added that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

The offering plate was passed around, and to the minister's amazement, someone had put in a cheque for £1,000. He shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to thank the person who'd given the cheque. A very quiet, elderly lady shyly made her way down to the front of the church. The minister told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much, and asked her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation. She pointed carefully to the three handsomest men in the building and said: "I'll take him, and him, and him."



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**Heaven help me:** One Sunday in church a little boy was 'acting up' during the morning worship. His parents did their best to Maintain some sense of order in the pew, but it was a losing battle. Finally, an exasperated father picked up his son and strode sternly down the aisle. Just as the church doors closed behind them the little boy cried loudly to the congregation: "Pray for me! Pray for me!"



## Mendel, the peas, and the beginning of genetics

Two hundred years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1822, Gregor Mendel was born. The Austrian/Czech friar and botanist discovered the laws of heredity and created what eventually became the science of genetics. Born to a relatively poor but devoutly Roman Catholic farming family in what was then Moravia, Johann Mendel (he became Gregor after he joined the Order of St Augustine) became a monk partly to relieve “perpetual anxiety about means of livelihood”, but his faith was clear and frequently expressed. He was also a meteorologist, mathematician and teacher, but his ground-breaking experiments with pea plants between 1856 and 1863 demonstrated the action of something invisible – now called ‘genes’ – in determining the inherited traits of an organism.



Although he announced his results and published them in 1866, the significance of his work was not appreciated by scientists until around 1900, when his experiments were verified and recognised by a consensus of his fellow scientists.

He was elected Abbot in 1868, and after that his life was taken up largely by administrative duties – including a long dispute about payment of religious taxes. He died in January 1884 of chronic nephritis. Czech composer Leoš Janáček played the organ at his funeral.

Mendel’s work was introduced to Britain in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by William Bateson, the first Director of the John Innes Centre in Norwich – the first research institute devoted to Mendelian genetics in Britain. He translated Mendel’s paper from German into English, and coined the word ‘genetics’.

**Tim Lenton**

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New dog breeds – Crossbreeding is the rage, which do you fancy?

Collie + Lhasa Apso = Collapso: a dog that folds up for easy transport

Spitz + Chow Chow = Spitz-Chow: a dog that throws up a lot

Pointer + Setter = Poinsetter: a traditional Christmas pet

Pekingese + Lhasa Apso = Peekasso: an abstract dog

Terrier + Bulldog = Terribull: a dog that makes awful mistakes

Bloodhound + Labrador = Blabador: a dog that barks incessantly

Malamute + Pointer = Moot Point: owned by...who cares?

Deerhound + Terrier = Derriere: a dog that’s true to the end



Whittington Parish Council News, 24th May Meeting

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Charmley and Harvey.

Key Items: Councillor Lucy Beaumont was elected as Council Chair for the next 12 months with Councillor Greg Hickman as her Vice. Council Committees, Panels, Working Groups, Representations and Delegations were reviewed and agreed.

Police Report for April 2022: There were 9 domestic incidents: 2 Assaults; 2 Theft; 2 Public Order, 1 Burglary, 1 Theft from a vehicle and 1 Criminal Damage.

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. 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

🌐 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.

Planning Applications: a) To note recent planning decisions published by Shropshire Council. **I. Reference:** 21/05525/FUL (validated 24/11/21) Maestermyn Marina Ltd, Welsh Frankton, SY11 4NU **Proposal:** Erection of

a commercial building (canal boat workshop) **Decision:** Grant Permission. The Clerk reported that the outcome of the investigation carried out by the Head of Department was that the Parish Council ‘can be confident that their comments on the application were taken into consideration despite them not being shown online.’ It was RESOLVED that this response from the Head of Department was not satisfactory and that a site visit be requested again, and if this is not agreed the Parish Council will consider alternative options including making a formal complaint.

II. Reference: 21/05534/FUL (validated: 24/11/2021) and 21/05535/LBC (validated: 24/11/2021) – Grade II listed building. Address: Big House, Station Road, SY11 4DB. **Proposal:** Erection of replacement garden room extension, removal of modern brick chimney stack and replacement with a stainless-steel flue (revised scheme) **Decision:** Refuse

III. Reference: 22/00529/VAR (validated: 07/02/2022). **Address:** North Lodge, Twmpath Lane, SY10 7AH. **Proposal:** Variation of condition no.2 (approved drawings) pursuant of 21/02419/FUL to allow for a raise in link roof ridge height and main roof to ensure all flashing details work correctly **Decision:** Refuse

IV. Reference: 22/01246/FUL (validated: 24/03/2022). **Address:** Hindford Grange, Hindford, SY11 4NR **Proposal:** Erection of a detached 6 bay garage. **Decision:** Grant Permission

b) Consider the following Planning Applications: **I. Reference:** 22/01809/FUL (validated: 13/04/2022). **Address:** Henlle Farm, Hindford, SY11 4NL **Proposal:** Erection of slurry store and all associated works. No comments to make on this application.

Grant Requests: The following applications were considered: a) Whittington Castle – Grass-cutting It was RESOLVED to award a grant of £510.00. b) Whittington Castle – Lighting Project, it was RESOLVED to award a grant of £500.00. Councillor Johnson declared an interest in the following item and left the room, c) Whittington Together – Jubilee Decorations – It was RESOLVED to award a Grant of £500.00 and it was AGREED that this grant can be used by either Whittington Together or the Castle to enhance the Jubilee Celebrations for the Parish.

Other Items: Councillors voiced their frustration about the lack of

communication from Shropshire Council Officers on the extension of the 30mph speed limit on the B5009 Whittington to Gobowen Road following a site meeting on 8th December 2021. Not knowing who to write to the Parish Council AGREED to write to the Leader of Shropshire Council to seek and pursue progress on the matter.

Refuse bins: Council discussed the possible installation of a new waste bin(s) and suitable location(s). Agreed location: Whittington Road/Burma Road Junction as a bus-stop and post box are already there.

Bus shelters: – Council discussed the condition and cleaning before approving minor maintenance work over the Summer.

Next meeting: – This will be face-to-face meeting on Tuesday 19th July 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

Jill Whitby

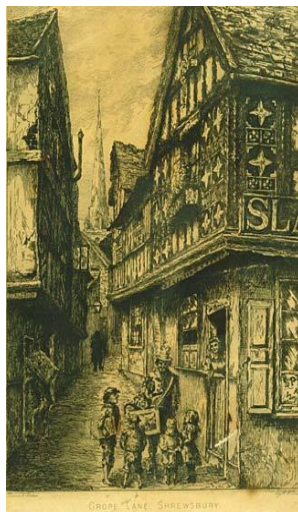
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**GROPE LANE**

Shrewsbury is full of quirkiness, some say the name originated from the fact that folk had to ‘grope’ their way along it, but the more popular version of the story is that the lane was once a ‘Red Light’ district.

As the vast majority of medieval people were illiterate it was usual for street names to reflect the nature of local businesses. So, in Shrewsbury you will find Butchers Row, Fish Street, Milk Street and Swinegate (pork butchers). There is record of a street called Grope Countelane existing in 1561 between two marketplaces, but there is no record of when it became just Grope Lane; but it was not an unusual name and it could be found in many large and small towns. The narrowness of the lane shows how close the houses were to each other and how easily a fire could spread and damage a lot of properties.

When the puritans came to power from the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century the ruder street names in English cities were replaced, so that in Gloucester its red-light district became Love Lane; in Hereford Grope Lane became Jail Street and Oxford changed the name to Magpie Lane. The Victorians in the 19<sup>th</sup> century went on to rename many of the remaining Grope Lane names, the one in Shrewsbury has however managed to survive.

Halfway down the lane was St Martins chapel which it is believed sat over one of three Plague pits in the town, with about 2,000 of the 9,500 bodies of people who died in the black death buried there; but there is no longer any trace of the chapel. At the bottom of the lane there was, as you might expect, a public house known as 'The Globe' which became 'The Cross Keys' around 1820 with many further changes since; it is now a coffee shop.



*Original Etching dated 1886 by A.E. Smith*



*Heather looked radiant in white, the details picked out subtly in gold...*

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**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  
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Second Wednesday in the month in the Community Centre

Secretary: Mrs Sandy Forde

Tel:654610

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Chairman: Jonjo Evans

Tel:671300

Castle Manager: Ms Kimberley Powell

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**BELL RINGING:** Details from Brian Rothera

Tel:657778

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

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

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### **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

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### **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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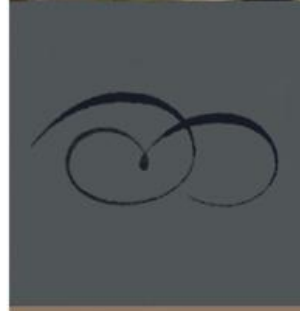
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