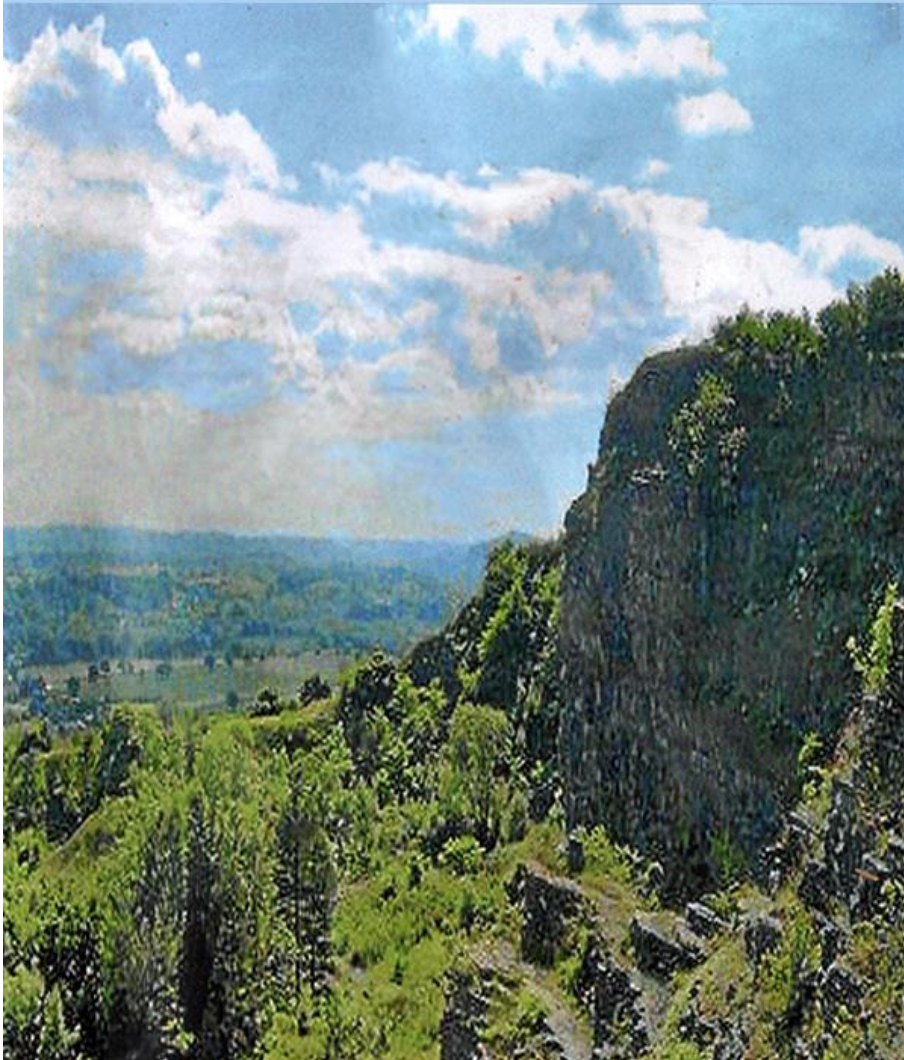


THE RIPPLE

August 2022

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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

As I have sat down to write this, we are in the middle of a heat wave which has taken our temperatures soaring to over 30 degrees. Something we are just not used to, or equipped for. Some will be relishing the beautiful weather and the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful surroundings in and around North Shropshire. I can’t help but feel sorry for those working in hospitality, in our hospitals still struggling with Covid-19, over stretched to beyond their limits, bus drivers and shop assistants and many others for whom sitting in the garden and chilling with a nice cold glass of something under a tree or umbrella for shade just isn’t an option.

It has also got me to thinking about one of the parables Jesus told in which he described four different types of soil in which a farmer planted some seed. The first along a path where as soon as it was dropped the birds came along and ate it. The second type of soil was rocky and didn’t have much soil on it and so when the seed began to grow it had nowhere to send down its roots, to sustain it when the sun came out and so it was scorched and withered and died. The third type of soil had lots of thorns and as the seed began to spring up, it was choked by those thorns. And lastly the fourth was good soil where in time it produced a crop, a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Now you may well wonder where I am going with this analogy, but in his time, and since he walked the earth, Jesus is recorded as being the best and most profound story teller of all. Nothing Jesus said was ever without significance or meaning. His hearers at the time well understood his deeper themes as they were knowledgeable in the law and theological understanding of the Torah – what we know as the first five books of the bible. The established religious leaders often knew Jesus was talking about them, being hard hearted and just not kind and inclusive of those in desperate

need around them.

I guess the challenge I want to leave with you today is what are you doing to cultivate your life, your heart, your attitudes towards others who may well be different to you and please know that the words ringing in my ears are *‘whenever you point a finger at someone else three are pointing back at you’*.

To end Raold Dahl is quoted as saying *‘Kindness’ – That simple word. To be kind – it covers everything. To my mind if your kind that’s it.*

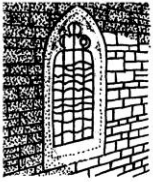
So how can we be kinder to one another!

Every Blessing

Suzan



Illustrated by Ruth Hilditch



August 2022

DIARY

3 7:30pm Monthly Whist Drive in the Senior Citizens' Hall, £2.50 including light refreshments

5 9:30am Holy Communion

7 **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

11 9:30am Holy Communion

14 **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

11:00am Parish Communion

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

16 3:00pm Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea in the Senior Citizens' Hall; further details on page s 13 – 15

18 9:30am Holy Communion

21 **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

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23 12:00 noon Whittington Senior Citizens monthly lunch at the White Lion; further details on pages 13 – 15

25 9:30am Holy Communion

28 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

08:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Parish Communion

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

29 12:00 – 4:00pm Whittington Together Village Fete at the Castle; further details on page 7

Extracts from the Parish Registers for the month of June 2022



HOLY BAPTISM

"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

12th June 2022 Clemmie Elizabeth Robinson Jones
of Maple Avenue, Oswestry

17th June 2022 Oakley MJ Young
Harvey MJ Young
both of Malthouse Close



HOLY MATRIMONY

We sent our Best Wishes to:-

17th June 2022 Luke Young
and Chloe Jacqueline Proctor
both of Malthouse Close



18th June 2022 Geoffrey Bastard
and Jessica Tomley
both of Pool Farm, Middleton

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

Donations of £2,022.50 in memory of Michael Edward William Griffiths
from his Family and Friends
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Donation of £20 in memory of Kelly Louise Hampson from her Family
Donation of 145 Anon



FRIENDS OF WHITTINGTON CEMETERY

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The main focus of our working parties this year has been to create 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 with plans for the concrete path to be being finished later this year. Once completed, as burials continue in the future, this project will ensure there is good access across the cemetery extension.

The Friends have recently received some quotations to complete these concrete paths and unfortunately, along with everything else, the costs have increased considerably. Sadly, our current bank balance is unable to cover the costs!

Are you able to help us complete this project? If anyone – in the village or beyond, individuals, families, relatives or companies wish to make a donation of any amount, large or small, we would be extremely grateful.

This can be done by bank transfer (contact me for details) or by cheque, which should be made payable to “Friends of Whittington Cemetery” and sent to: Sally Leppanen Three Chimneys, Station Road, Whittington, Oswestry SY11 4BS and thank you in advance. For any further information please contact:

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Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock

WHITTINGTON TOGETHER

VILLAGE FETE

WHITTINGTON CASTLE
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29 AUGUST 2022
12 NOON - 4PM

BIG BOUNCY CASTLE **CHILDREN'S RIDES**
CIRCUS PERFORMERS
REFRESHMENTS & BAR **DEMONSTRATIONS**
CRAFT STALLS **FAMILY GAMES** **TUG OF WAR**

A GOOD OLD FASHIONED DAY OUT

FREE ADMISSION, CAR PARK FEE APPLIES

**Support The Royal British Legion's Poppy Trek
to England's highest war memorial**



The Royal British Legion is encouraging people to sign up for this year's Poppy Trek events taking place on 13th August, to raise vital funds for service personnel, veterans and their families. Fund-raisers will have the opportunity to hike one of two iconic routes – a 9-mile trek to England's highest war memorial at the summit of Scafell Pike, or a 6-mile trek to Great Gable, its beautiful neighbouring mountain and a brand-new route for 2022.

Both the 9-mile and 6-mile routes will take participants through the picturesque and unique landscapes of the Lake District before reaching the 963-metre or 886-metre peak. After stopping to take in the views across Cumbria, participants will share a moment of reflection in a minute's silence, paying tribute to the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces community past and present.

Scafell Pike was part of 'The Great Gift', where several Cumbrian peaks were gifted to the National Trust, a generous act which was made at the end of the First World War. Great Gable also holds special significance with a dedicatory war memorial commemorated at the summit, in recognition of the members of The Fell & Rock-Climbing Club who fought in The First World War.

The money raised from Poppy Trek goes towards supporting people like Afghanistan veteran Mike Kiff, who was discharged from the Army due to chronic pain and depression. When Mike and his wife discovered they could get support from the RBL, their lives changed. Mike says, "*We were both able to talk to people about what was going on. I was able to get anything from a sympathetic ear to practical financial guidance and help finding a job. I think it's safe to say we'd probably be divorced without the RBL and if that had happened, I don't know what would have happened to me. It would have been the final straw.*"

Entry for both routes is £30 and includes an exclusive Poppy Trek medal. For more information or to sign up, visit: [www.rbl.org.uk /poppytrek](http://www.rbl.org.uk/poppytrek) or contact the events team on 0333 011 4500 or email: events@Britishlegion.org.uk

Sharon Wells, Events Partnership Manager

WHITTINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting was chaired by the vice president Ruth Haile. The minutes from the previous meeting were made available to members and the matters arising became the main focus of the business side of the meeting.

They included:

- Calendar dates for events especially invitations to other WI social functions
- AGM issues
- Future meetings/speakers/refreshments/introduction/vote of thanks
- The forward planning for the centennial WI bench on 17th September.
- Whittington Fete preparation meeting at Ruth Haile's house on 17th August at 7.00pm
- Review of Shropshire County News for June and July

The guest speaker was Peter Dunhill who spoke about his great aunt Peggy and her life in World War 1 as a nurse in The Voluntary Aid Detachment. It was without doubt a very interesting talk and extremely well presented with members reading out prepared passages from Peggy's diaries, historical facts about the war, diary diagrams and photographs, and the importance of the weather as nurses lived in bell tents! Plus, maps to support the very detailed information Peggy described in her diaries. It was very illuminating about all aspects of nursing and how there was a hierarchy of nursing divisions during the war. Nurses were also not permitted to be seen with any man this meant instant dismissal or resignation!!

A list of future meetings and topics will be included in the September edition of the Ripple after the summer break.

Jo Thommason

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**Everything is wonderful**

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn.  
My house isn't dirty, the cobwebs are gone.  
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.  
I think I might never put my glasses back on.



Comfortable truth isn't – Anon

## REMEMBERING PHIL MORRIS – BY RIDING OR STRIDING ON 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER



That old cliché ‘time flies’ seems truer nowadays than it has ever been. Can it really be twelve months since we lost Phil? Has it been just over a year since he rang me to say that we must make sure we revive the Annual Shropshire Historic Churches’ Trust Sponsored ‘Ride and Stride’ We did, and now we would like to do the same again next month.

You will remember what it is all about. By walking somewhere or getting on a bike or into a car and visiting other local places of worship, or like interest, you can do your bit. The sponsorship monies which you raise for the Trust also directly benefits our church. Half of what we raise we get returned to us almost immediately. The other half goes into the Historic Churches



Fund. Like many a Shropshire church we can then apply for grants, largely to support any required building work. We have from time to time successfully done just that. Hence the Building Committee of our Parochial Church Council would very much welcome your support this year.



What might you do? On that day, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, our church will be open from 9:00am – 4:00pm to welcome Ride and Stride visitors. Maybe you could offer an hour to give them a cup of tea and a biscuit and sign their form so they can go on their merry way. Or, like our David Wynne get on your bike and try to emulate his last year’s marathon event. If you fancy a walk and have a route in mind, just let us know so that others may perhaps join you. Going by car to visit our local places of worship had often been the preferred way in those pre-pandemic days. Of course, in the end pledging monies on whatever sponsorship forms you are shown, would be a wonderful way of supporting what, in many ways, may now be called the Phil Morris Memorial Day.

**Don Howard**

\*PS. A friend of mine once told me why time flies. It was simple he said. When you are five years of age a year is a massive one fifth of your life. Of course, when you are eighty years of age a year is a mere eightieth part...neither here nor there actually! Well, that might be the reason.

## OBERAMMERGAU

Way back in 1988 my church in Sale was planning a trip to Oberammergau, somewhere I had been told about in my childhood and had always dreamed of visiting. Those interested were asked to sign up and I, and a friend, duly and excitedly did. Alas, there were not enough takers and our deposits were returned. As you probably know the Oberammergau Passion Play takes place every 10 years, when there is a nought at the end of the year. So perhaps in 2000 it would be possible. Sadly, family circumstances intervened and sabotaged that plan. Likewise in 2010. It was thus that the 2020 performance provided what we felt would be our last chance, after all we aren’t getting any younger. But hey presto! Covid 19 struck. It seemed that we were fated never to get there (well, possibly on Zimmer frames in 2030!). However, the authorities in the village, in their wisdom, decided just to postpone the event for two years, and Oberammergau 2020 became Oberammergau 2022. Apparently, this also happened in 1920 after the Spanish ‘Flu epidemic. So hopefully and gratefully we set off in mid-June for this unique, amazing and truly spectacular event.

The background to this is somewhat redolent of the story of the village of Eyam in Derbyshire. The plague was ravaging the whole of Europe in the 1630s onwards and it had claimed 80 or so villagers in the tiny community of Oberammergau in the beautiful Bavarian Alps. So, the village leaders, standing before the crucifix which remains in the local Catholic church to this day, vowed to perform the Passion Play every 10 years if God would spare them. The local chronicle attests “from this time on not a single person more died.”

The play was first performed in May 1634 when the villagers gathered in the churchyard to watch 60 of their neighbours in action, and it has continued since that time with only the residents of Oberammergau allowed to take part – and then only if they have been born there.



Even today the population is small, numbering approximately 5,400, yet they manage to produce an amazing cast of actors, singers and musicians who are genuinely world class. At one point in this year’s production there were 1,000 people on stage with 64 more in the orchestra pit.

Fortunately for us, audiences no longer have to stand for hours (originally 10!) in the churchyard. In the 1800s, and thanks to the influx of British tourists to Alpine regions at that time, and a certain Thomas Cook, the authorities were persuaded to build an arena with seating. This was augmented with a covering for the audience – though not the performers – when the auditorium which exists today was built in the 1930s. There is seating for 5,000, and it is full every day. The play runs from May until



October with five performances per week, and is performed in two sections, each two and a half hours long with a break for a meal between the two halves.

But the Play itself – how can I describe it? It begins with Christ's

entry into Jerusalem and ends at the Resurrection, the latter being a fairly recent inclusion. For most of its history the play ended with the Crucifixion, but for Christians Christ's death is not the end – as his rising from the tomb brings inspiration and hope for the world. Apparently, as with all things related to the play, there was heated discussion as to whether such a change to an almost sacrosanct historical phenomenon should be allowed, but the inclusion of the extra scene was carried by a narrow vote. There was more widespread agreement on the changes to the original attitude to Jews in the play. For centuries the 'murderers' of the Lord were portrayed in an extremely derogatory way, something of which Hitler heartily approved. However, as Christ was himself a Jew, modern thinking gives a far more measured view of the role played by the Pharisees and Judas. Indeed, this year the latter is portrayed beautifully and sympathetically by an Oberammergau resident, who is, incidentally, a Muslim.

I could go on – detailing the amazing tableaux which link Old Testament events to the stages of the Lord's passion as it develops, their colour and vividness providing a stark contrast to the sepia, monochrome costumes of the New Testament scenes. Then there are the animals on stage, the donkey of course, but horses, sheep, goats, doves and pigeons (released as the Temple tables are overturned), and even two beautiful live camels. It is also fun to try to recognise the local butcher, baker and woodcarver on stage, often holding the hands of, or carrying, the smaller village children – all in authentic costume. Furthermore, the whole dialogue is in the German

language, but the story is familiar to us all, and also, these days there is a translation of the complete text, both of the actors and the choir, available in English.

What else can I say? As with so many experiences there is so much to recount, but rather than reading, or listening to a second-hand account such as mine, rather, I would encourage you to 'Immerse yourself in the Passion' as our guidebook to the play suggested, and visit this amazing place. It will almost certainly touch your heart and leave an indelible impression on your mind and soul.

**Margery Mellor**

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

We have experienced a lovely spell of summer weather – probably too hot for some of us! Some of our members celebrated their birthdays last month, Mike Phipps on July 5<sup>th</sup>, Carole Gray on the 16<sup>th</sup> and myself on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

I apologise if parts of my article are repetitive but there are new readers picking up a copy of the Ripple now and again and they learn about our exploits and come along to see what we are about. The Monday 2:00pm Whist sessions are for regular players and anyone wishing to learn, just pop in, you will be made very welcome by Liz Corrin, who runs it; there is a small charge of £1.50. On the first Wednesday in the month at 7:30pm Carol and Derek Pope run another chance to play. It has now been going for two months and there has been a gradual increase in the number of people attending; but there is room for more. There is a small charge of £2.50 to cover tea/coffee and biscuits. Both Monday afternoons and the Wednesday evening are open to everyone, not just members of the club.

The next monthly lunch at the White Lion will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August; these are always held on the fourth Tuesday each month and have to be pre-booked. The cost is currently £10 each and includes a two-course meal and a cup of tea/coffee. Once a lunch has been ordered it must be paid for, the club will be expected to pay should you not turn up; **please call 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, but many that do attend end up becoming a member of the club.

The weekly 10:00am Thursday coffee mornings continue to be very popular; we have a good natter and catch up and once again membership is not a requirement. We currently entertain circa 20 members and friends and if someone celebrates a birthday, we enjoy cake and maybe a glass of something. Donations of biscuits, tea, coffee or milk are very welcome. 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 hall on Monday evenings between 7:30 – 9:00pm, the cost is £6 per session for upper beginners and improvers, call him on 07963662426 for details. Steve always welcomes both new dancers and those that may not have danced for some time. Sonya holds Exercise Classes on a Wednesday afternoon 1:30 – 2:30pm; this is great fun and is open to all ages and capabilities. The exercises can be done sitting on a chair or standing as the class progresses; come along and give it a go for just £4 a class. Eleanor Moss holds junior ballet classes on Thursday afternoons after school.

If you have not done so already it is not too late to pay your subscription, the fee is £10 for the year.

We had a lovely day out at the Tweedmill, near Denbigh, in June; it was a lovely sunny day. After a coffee some of us spent some surplus cash before we proceeded to Rhyl, arriving in time for fish and chips at a kiosk on the sea front. Some of us followed this with a cornish ice-cream and then a paddle. We left Rhyl at 4:00pm after a very enjoyable day.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 17 of us invaded the White Lion for a brunch of bacon/egg or sausage/egg baps or scramble eggs; all for £4.50. It was such a success that we hope to go again if the Lion feel upto coping with us.



On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July we took a coach trip to Liverpool which included a ride on the ferry over the River Mersey. Graham, the driver, picked us up at 9:30am from Whittington and we arrived in Liverpool at 11:00am; this gave

us time to have a coffee before “Ferrying Across The Mersey” on the noon crossing. Once again we were lucky with the weather, apart from a few scattering of showers, it was perfect. We left Liverpool at 4:00pm and

arrived in Whittington about 5:30 pm.



On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July we were visited by Year 6 School leavers, together with their teacher Mr Druce and three Teaching Assistants, for a cold lunch. We have not done this since 2019 due to Covid. Mr Rodgers made a visit to present the Good Citizen’s Award Shield that we have sponsored for numerous years. The idea of the award was instigated by our beloved Frances Savage who felt that awards were handed to the brightest pupils and best sportspeople, but the most polite and thoughtful student was not acknowledged. This large shield is kept by the school with the recipient’s name engraved on it and a small replica shield is handed to the student. It was proposed and agreed that the award be re-named “The Frances Savage Memorial Award”; the student receiving it this year was Evie Green. Each pupil was handed a book mark with their name on which had been produced by committee member, Sue Dyke. Mrs Margaret Hulson, our president and former deputy-head at the school, gave a short address to the children wishing them a very happy transfer to their new secondary schools.

**The following events are planned for the future:**

- 16<sup>th</sup> August** 3:00pm Afternoon Tea and cakes in the hall – £5 which includes a raffle ticket
- 6<sup>th</sup> Setember** A visit to Southport; usual pick-up points – £25
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Have you read this copy of “The Ripple” from the very beginning? Maybe not – if so you will have missed that some of our advertisers have changed! Thank you to all those who have once again renewed their advert, we are very grateful for your support. And welcome to our new ones! We hope it proves beneficial to your business; and to those who have left – we are very pleased that your business is flourishing and to others enjoy your retirement. So do take a look – and remember to tell them where you saw their advert – it makes a difference!

THE FIRST WALKER CUP MATCH

The first Walker Cup Match took place from 28th – 29th August 1922 in Southampton, New York. For those who do not recognise the name it is a golf trophy for a competition between the U.S.A. and a combined Great Britain and Ireland team. The first game was an unofficial one held in 1921 at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club after which it was held each year until 1924. From 1926 it became a biennial fixture with the match taking place on alternate sides of the Atlantic.

A team of American amateur golfers were in Britain in 1921 with the objective of winning the Amateur Championship at Royal Liverpool (Hoylake). A match between the Americans and British team of male amateur golfers was arranged by Gershom Stewart M.P., Chairman of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club and played on 21st May, immediately prior to the championship; the Americans' won the match 9 – 3.

The cup was named after George Herbert Walker who was president of the US Golf Association in 1920 when the match was initiated; he is the grandfather and namesake of George H. W. Bush and great-grandfather of George W. Bush the 41st and 43rd Presidents of the United States, respectively. Unlike the Ryder Cup, which similarly began as a competition between the U.S. and the United Kingdom, the Walker Cup has never been expanded to include European golfers.



From 1940 – 1946 no competition took place because of World War II and since 1947 it has been held during uneven-numbered years.



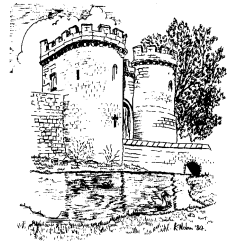
As of 2021, the U.S. lead 38 matches to 9, with 1 match tied. The 1989 match and the three matches from 2003 to 2007 were all decided by a single point. There is a combination of foursomes (alternate-shot) and singles competition. Up until 1961, 36-hole matches were played: four foursomes on the first day and eight singles matches on the second day. From 1963, 18-hole matches were played, with four foursomes and eight singles matches on each day. In 2009, the number of singles matches on the second day was increased to ten, so that all members of the team play on this

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final afternoon. The next match will be held on the Old Course, St Andrews on 2nd – 3rd September 2023.

AUGUST at Whittington Castle

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



6th August 10:00am Make, Do and Mend @the Castle – Join resident Castle crafters

Darnit Patchit and Jointit on an instructional crafting day. What to do with an old shirt – make a pretty bag – £55 including refreshments and a light lunch – details of necessary materials are available from the castle or on the website

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

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

28th August **6:00pm for 7:00pm Much Ado About Nothing** presented by the Folsky Theatre. Pre-book tickets at the castle or pay at the door – Adults £15, Children £12, Family £48 (max 2 adults and 2 children)

29th August **Whittington Together Village Fete**

3rd September 10:00am-4:00pm **Solar Scope Astronomy Day** – A collection of local Astronomy Clubs display equipment and provide 3 talks during the day on different aspects of astronomy. Free entrance

17th/18thSeptember 10:00am-4:00pm **Handmade/local Fair** – free entrance

25th September **Car Boot Sale** – Traders £6 per car, set-up from 8:30am Open 9:00am Customers £2 parking charge applies (members free)

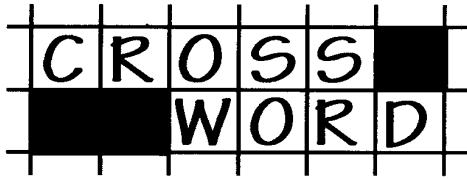
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An optimist sees only the initial payment; the pessimist
Sees the future instalments and the upkeep - Anon

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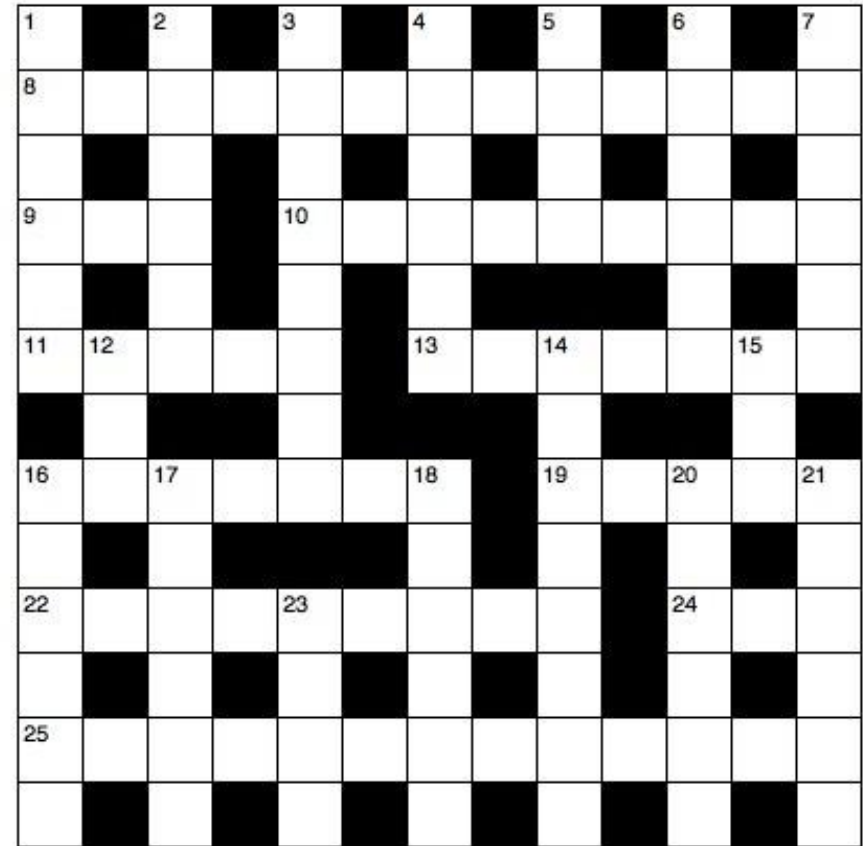
- 8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6)
 9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1) (6,2,5)
 10 Single(1Corinthians7:27) (9)
 11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)
 13 Treachery(2Kings11:14) (7)
 16 Of India(anag.) (2,3,2)
 19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession-like men condemned to die in the —' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)
 22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)
 24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)
 25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down:

- IV The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)
 2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)
 3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8)
 4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)
 5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)
 6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)
 7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)
 12 Run(anag.) (3)
 14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)
 15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3)
 16 Earnings(1Corinthians16:2) (6)
 17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that——you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)

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- 18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1) (6)
 20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel11:4) (6)
 21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women, —to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)
 23 This month(abbrev) (4)



ANSWERS TO JULY'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

TWO HOURS IN THE AUGUST GARDEN

1. Time to prune and cut out the old and weak fruiting wood of raspberries. Mulch the new canes with grass cuttings and garden compost.
2. Prune out old flower wood on philadelphus, deutzia weigelia and forsythia and shake the bushes.

FLOWER OF THE MONTH: SWEET PEA – Regularly well water and pick sweet peas and they will continue to flower until late Autumn adding much scent and colour to the garden. They come in both bush and climbing types and both types are vines. However, the bush types don't grow as tall and can support themselves without the aid of a trellis. If you are growing climbing sweet peas, have your trellis in place before planting the sweet pea seeds so that you don't damage the roots by trying to install it later. Avoid planting them near a wall where air can't circulate freely.



TREE OF THE MONTH: HICKORY TREE – (*Carya ovata*) Hickory is the common name for about 16 different species of the Walnut family; Shagbark, Wingnut and Mockernut Hickory are three of the North American species which can be grown in the UK. Their grown red bark is distinctive by its perpendicular splits or fissures. They produce hard edible nuts such as pecan; Hickory nuts are the most calorific-dense wild plant food you can find, 1oz *shagbark hickory* is 193 calories! The wood is incredibly tough, but flexible with *tree bark* excellent absorption making it ideal for tool handles, drumsticks, bows, walking sticks and is the most sought-after wood for wood-burning stoves due to its high heat, excellent coals and aromatic perfume. In the past it was used for baseball bats and golf club shafts. The tree conjures up a picture of Brer Rabbit in American folklore.



So far so good – So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm going to need Your help. Amen

A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use. – *Washington Irving*



The current season is surprisingly coming to an end with the final games finishing in the first week of September. The teams are having mixed fortunes with the A team comfortably placed in the top half of the first division, and the

B team is fighting hard to maintain their second division status, The C team are unfortunately positioned at bottom of the third division, the D team mid-position in the fourth division with the E team providing league matches for anyone wishing to play league bowls. The Vets team also provides matches for members on a Friday afternoon and complete their fixtures in mid-August.

The first internal competition - The Midland Bank Cup was completed last month on a very warm and sunny Sunday afternoon with keenly contested doubles games. Ben Hampson and Brian Pearce defeated Mervyn Davies and Mike Brunt in the final.

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

"A" Team	Tuesday 9 th August	v	Ceiriog Valley "A"
	Tuesday 23 rd August	v	Johnstown "B"
"B" Team	Tuesday 2 nd August	v	Plas Kynaston "A"
	Tuesday 16 th August	v	Llangynog "A"
	Tuesday 24 th August	v	Pentre Broughton "A"
"C" Team	Wednesday 10 th August	v	Llanymynech Foxes
	Wednesday 24 th August	v	Weston Crofte
"D" Team	Wednesday 3 rd August	v	Llanymynech "C"
	Wednesday 17 th August	v	Johnstown "E"
	Wednesday 31 st August	v	Ye Olde Croft "B"
"E" Team	Thursday 11 th August	v	Llandrillo
	Thursday 25 th August	v	The Rhyn "A"
"Vets" Team 1:00pm	Friday 5 th August	v	Chirk AAA
	Friday 19 th August	v	Bersham "A"

Junior Cricket coaching sessions have now been completed. A Ladies Softball Team has been formed and are currently playing friendly games; if anyone is interested in joining this team, please contact the club via the website.

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

Friday 12th August 9:00am – 1:00pm
 Bank Holiday Monday 29th August 9:00am 0 1:00pm

Further information is available at: whittingtonbowlssec@hotmail.com

Mike Brunt

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**On the best way to visit homes in the parish**

The Rectory  
 St. James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

Your offer to bring in your team of church members, in order to make a house call on every home in our parish, was most generous. I do understand why you would need us to accommodate your team of 25 visitors, and then hold a residential training weekend for our own members of the team. I accept that we would have to produce a visiting pack listing all our church organisations, giving contact names and numbers and a short resume of what each group did, along with our mission statement and safeguarding policy. I also understand your suggestion that we include a supplement outlining our stewardship scheme.

Your plan that we should then hold an opening Service to which all the newcomers would be invited, and to which we might fly in a world-renowned speaker for the occasion, is understandable. And then of course we would need your help to set up a finance committee with budgets and organised fund raising. But what you seem to have missed is that our entire parish consists of something like 70 homes. They would not feel visited, but invaded.

Instead, I feel it would be best if we attempt something a little more low-key: an invitation to sherry after Mattins, perhaps, where we could find out which of them plays golf and who may like to join the Bridge Club. Gradually, as the sherry flowed, we would also seek to discover who would be prepared to

go on the brass cleaning, flower arranging and grass cutting rotas, which are the traditionally recognised signs of committed Christians, at least in this parish.

Inevitably, this means that none of our church members will be joining your team as you visit the residents of the new tower block in your parish. Most of our congregation abandoned attempting stairs some years ago and their polite enquiries about which Hunt the residents belong to, and where they stable their horses may lead to a rather stilted conversation.

You are, of course, all prepared to welcome your new residents with enthusiasm, excitement, and frenetic activity; our policy of polite indifference and brief conversations about the weather should soon help ours to settle in in no time.

**Your loving uncle,  
 Eustace**

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LOST PROPERTY

In the lost property box at the rear of the church are the following items:

- 1 Walking Stick
- 1 Red/Black RAMBLER anti shock walking pole.
- 1 Black Mini-Umbrella
- 1 Black Umbrella
- 1 Pair of Purple Pulize Glasses
- 1 Pair of Frameless Glasses
- 2 Black cloth glasses covers
- 1 Pair of Ladies Maroon Gloves
- 1 Pair of Ladies Black Gloves
- 1 Pair of Ladies Black Leather Gloves
- 1 Pair of Childs Glittery Gloves
- 1 Pair of Dark Grey Gloves
- 1 Blue/Christmas/Reindeer Childs Bobble hat



Do they belong to you? Or do you know who they belong too? The items will remain in Church until 2nd September after which they will be removed and go for recycling or to a charity shop.

David Wynne

Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it – Anon

WELLBEING IN THE WOODS

Are you in need of a day to switch off? A day to be, rather than a day to do? To connect with yourself and with nature. A series of Wellbeing days are happening at Babbinswood Farm (Berghill Lane), to promote positive mental health and nature connection.

12th August and 2nd September (Adults only)
20th August – Parent and Child session
(min age 10; max 2 children)



The day will run from 10:00am – 4:00pm and will include: mindfulness, meditation, visualisations, journaling, reiki, natural art activities, gentle movement, stretching and an exploration of the venue's surroundings.

All food and drink will be provided as well as all materials. Tickets are available through eventbrite and are £75 (or £60 earlybird). For more information about the events, contact me on: caroline@caroline-louise.co.uk or 07814 442041.
Caroline Wix

BED IN SUMMER



“In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?”

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Anger is just one letter short of danger – *Anon*



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

If you like pistachio ice cream, you'll love this. It is worthwhile trying to find pistachio extract, but if you can't almond extract is fine.

PISTACHIO CHEESECAKE (makes 1 x 23cm)

Pastry	85g plain flour, sifted 40g ground almonds 50 gr caster sugar 85 g unsalted butter, melted
Filling	850g cream cheese 270g caster sugar 2 medium eggs, plus 1 yolk 420ml whipping cream 100g ground pistachios 1½ tsp pistachio or almond extract 50g white chocolate, broken into pieces 50g finely chopped pistachios

Preheat oven to 170°C/150°Fan/gas 3

Mix the pastry ingredients together in a medium bowl then use your fingers to press the mixture into the base of a 23cm x 7cm deep cake tin with a removable collar.

Bake for 20-25 minutes until pale golden then allow to cool.

Turn up the oven to 200°C/180°Fan/gas 6

To make the filling, whiz the cream cheese and sugar together in a food processor, or use a hand whisk.

Add the eggs, yolk and cream, then the ground pistachios and the extract.

Carefully pour the mixture into the tin then bake in the oven for 1 hour until puffy around the edges and just set (it should be wobbly if you move it from side to side). Leave to cool.

Run a knife around the collar. Gently melt the white chocolate in a bowl set over a pan with a little simmering water in it – the bowl should not touch the water.

Brush the chocolate around the raised edge of the cheesecake, scatter with the chopped pistachios, discarding any powder, and chill overnight.

The cheesecake will keep well, loosely covered with foil, for up to 3 days.

WEST MERCIA POLICE FRAUD AND SCAM JULY BULLETIN

WHAT IS PHISHING?

'Phishing' or 'smishing' is when criminals use scam emails, text messages or phone calls to trick their victims. Whether it's an email asking you to 'verify' your bank account details, or a text message claiming you've been in close contact with someone that's got COVID-19, the goal is usually the same - to trick you into revealing personal and financial information.

The most impersonated organisations in phishing emails reported last year were the NHS, HMRC and gov.uk. **Protect yourself**

Fake emails and texts can be difficult to spot as criminals are always getting better at creating genuine-looking messages. Here's some practical advice you can follow when it comes to dealing with phishing scams:

If you have any doubts about a message, contact the organisation directly.

Don't use the numbers or address in the message – use the details from that organisation's official website.

Remember, your bank (or any other official source) will never ask you to supply personal information via email.

PHISHING – Forward any Phishing or suspicious emails to: report@phishing.gov.uk – **they can be checked**

SCAM TEXTS – These can be forwarded to 7726 – (this spells "SPAM" telephone keypad) If you forward a text to 7726, your provider can investigate the origin of the text and arrange to block or ban the sender, if it's found to be malicious.



If you've lost money or provided personal information as a result of a phishing scam, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud.

WHATSAPP SCAMS

This month there has been another rise in WhatsApp scams where the suspect is pretending to be the victim's son/daughter and requesting payments made to their bank account. The suspect applies pressure saying:

They cannot take the call (when the victim tries to call them) as they are using a friend's phone.

The suspect will say their "phone" has been dropped down the toilet and they cannot access their online banking, so to send the payment to a friend's bank account

They apply further pressure by saying the money is for an unexpected bill or a debt that needs paying urgently

The suspect may then make repeated requests to have the money transferred quickly.

Do not attempt to call back the "friend's" number provided, but use another number, saved to your phone, to double check with that relative before handing over any money.

TERMS OF GARDENING

GARDENING – You have got to love your garden whether you like it or not. You are then called a garden lover.

HUMUS – All good gardeners possess a sense of humus.

BEDDING OUT – Does not mean what it says and tends to leave your partner furious.

PEST CONTROL HINTS –

Cuckoo-Spit – Erect large notice with heavy fine.

Weevils – Heed this warning: Hear no weevil, see no weevil, speak no weevil.

Onion fly – A species of fly which being devoid of original ideas attacks onions. Without onion fly dies.

Greenfly – The finger and thumb method will be sufficient, this also enables you to become green-fingered quickly.

FORKING – Starts the moment you have a garden, you are either forking in mulch or forking out money.

POTTING – Training from an early age is an advantage.

WEEDS – Easy to spot -they're the healthy plants.

Sign at a mountain holiday resort – Be careful not to fall here. It's dangerous. But if you do fall, remember to look to the left on your way down. You get a wonderful view on that side.





Bats that aren't in the Belfry!



Bats have been found in church-yards for a very long time, often roosting in trees or buildings. A bat roost may be nearly as old as the building with around 60% of pre-16th century churches containing bat roosts. There are seventeen species of bat native to the UK: eight of these use churches or chapels for roosting, including some of the less common species such as the Natterer's bat and the Serotine bat. Some of the remaining nine species roost in large trees.

Bats do not roost in the belfry ... too much noise! They usually use different roosts through the seasons. Bats need nursery roosts for the young, winter roosts to hibernate and also temporary roosts to digest their food and to sleep in during the daytime. They like to roost in clean, draught free, quiet crevices where the temperature is constant. Within churches or chapels bats are found in the eaves, porch, under roof tiles, in old timber joints, behind ceilings, hangings and commemorative plaques. They also roost within chest tombs, in holes or cracks within a wall, behind ivy or in lychgates. When roosting in trees they use holes, crevices, flaking bark and gaps behind ivy. Veteran trees are full of possible roosting places.

Churchyards tend to have a mixture of large trees, grassland, flowers, areas of long or tussocky grass, compost heaps, log piles and stonework. They are generally relatively free of chemicals, tend to have some areas which are not too tidy and may have been there a long time. All of this leads to a good population of insects which is food for the hungry bats.

Why not have a quiet sit in the churchyard at the end of the day, look to see if any swifts are swirling around the churchyard and then wait to see if any bats appear. Bats can fly long distances to forage for food so, even if you don't have roosting bats in your churchyard they may well come visiting.

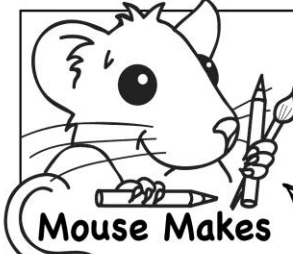
All the best, Harriet Carty

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

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Nature is the art of God – Thomas Browne

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Mouse Makes

READ the full story in the book of Jonah

JONAH'S JOURNEY

Which city did **God** tell **Jonah** to go to?

JOPPA

and why?
Jonah 1:12

Where did Jonah try to go instead?

What did he travel in?

Jonah 1:3

What did God send to stop him?
A great _____


What did Jonah tell the **sailors** to do to make the sea **calm**?

_____ him into the **sea**
Jonah 1:4-16

What did Jonah do?
_____ then what did the fish do?
Jonah 2:1-10

DID YOU KNOW?

In Bible times wearing itchy sackcloth made from goat's hair was a sign of grief and repentance



What swallowed Jonah?
A big _____

How long was he there?
three _____ and three _____
Jonah 1:17

SWALLOWEDHF
ADEMESSAGEA
CRELENTEDSS
KDBVJGHBOAT
CALMOORNFIN
LYWINDOILG
OSPRAYWGSOS
TARSHISHHRE
HTBNFORTYSA
NINEVEHSHIP

When Jonah reached Nineveh he proclaimed God's **message**... the city would be overthrown in _____ days
Jonah 2:1-10

What did the people do?
F _____
What did they put on?

Jonah 3:1-9

What did God do?
R _____
Jonah 3:10

Find the missing words. Look up the Bible references then look for them and the words on this page in **bold** in the word search

**Whittington Parish Council News,
Tuesday 28th June Meeting**

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Hickman, Davis and Pugh.

KEY ITEMS: The quarterly figures (April–June) were received by a representative of Speed-watch; Penybryn is the hot-spot and is given priority, being covered every two weeks; the team was thanked for their hard work.

Site 1: Station Road (A495) Speed limit 30MPH – Across 2 sessions 10 vehicles were recorded at 35+mph; the highest was 39mph.

Site 2: St John the Baptist Church (B5009) Speed limit 30MPH – Across 2 sessions 7 vehicles recorded at 35+mph; the highest was 38mph.

Site 3: Penybryn/Ellesmere Road (A495) Speed limit 30MPH – Across 4 sessions 106 vehicles recorded at 35+mph; the highest was 48mph.

Site 4: Babbinswood (B5009) Speed limit 40MPH – 1st session (just re-stated) 9 vehicles recorded at 46+mph; the highest was 52mph.

In the coming weeks, the team will also be conducting Speed-watch sessions at North Drive, Park Hall after numerous speeding reports, plus police data which recorded speeding vehicles despite the site having new and existing traffic calming measures in place in the form of one-way traffic islands. If there still appears to be an issue on North Drive, the team will be adding it to their other sites, taking the number up to five.

Police Report for May 2022: There were 30 incidents reported to/investigated by the police, as a result of which the Clerk was asked to request the police attend the next meeting, the growing number of incidents on the report being of concern; it would be beneficial to have more information regarding the circumstances around some matters.

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: 24/11/2021) Maestermyn Marina Ltd, Welsh Frankton, SY11 4NU **Proposal:** Erection of a commercial building (canal boat workshop) **Decision:** Grant Permission. Council received an update from Assistant Director Economy and Place on this application and the Clerk reported that the response explained that, following an investigation into the way in which the application was managed, no further action will be taken and any issues should now be sent to the Planning Enforcement Team. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to respond to express the Council's disappointment in the way that this whole application has been dealt with; that the issues and concerns raised by them whilst the application was out for consultation were not addressed.

b) Consider the following Planning Applications: **I. Reference:** 22/01809/FUL (validated: 13/04/2022) Henlle Farm, Hindford, SY11 4NL **Proposal:** Erection of slurry store and all associated works. No comments to make on this application. **II. Reference:** 22/02352/FUL (validated: 06/06/2022) Address: Sumtyme, Iron Mills, Gobowen, SY11 4NQ **Proposal:** Erection of two storey side extension and alterations to existing building. No comments to make on this application.

Councillor Johnson declared a bias and did not take part in discussions or decisions on item **III**. Or **IV**.

III. Reference: 22/02023/VAR (validated: 27/05/2022) Castle Teas, Whittington Castle, SY11 4DF **Proposal:** Variation of Condition no.2 (approved drawings) attached to planning permission ref 20/03753/FUL

IV. Reference: 22/02385/VAR (validated: 20/05/2022) Castle Teas, Whittington Castle, SY11 4DF **Proposal:** Variation of Condition no.2

(approved drawings) attached to planning permission ref 20/03754/LBC to site an externally mounted roof extractor fan with associated duct work.

V. Reference: 22/02704/TCA (validated: 13/06/2022) 8 Penrhos Court, Station Road, SY11 4FA **Proposal:** To fell 1no. Sycamore (Syc1) and to remove 2 x lower limbs on south side of 1no. Ash (Ash1) within Whittington Conservation Area. No comments to make on these applications.

VI. Reference: 22/02588/FUL (validated: 21/06/2022) 10 Western Avenue, Whittington, SY11 4BP **Proposal:** Erection of first floor rear extension (resubmission). There is currently insufficient information available on the portal to enable councillors to comment on this resubmission. The Parish Council request that they be reconsulted when more information and plans are available to view and consider.

VII. Reference: 22/02731/VAR Oak Mill Cottage, Whittington Road, Gobowen, **Proposal:** Variation of condition no.3 (external materials) attached to planning permission ref 21/03457/FUL to allow for revised materials. No comments to make on this application.

Other Items: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Councillor Johnson gave a resume of activities on what was, unfortunately, a wet weekend. Whittington Together thanked the Parish Council for the grant.

Street Lighting: Council received an update on column connections in Yew Tree; it was NOTED that they have now been completed and there is just one old column, on the left, as you enter Yew Tree Avenue that requires removal.

Community Car Park: Consider the proposal from Shingler Homes and Shropshire Council to transfer ownership to the Parish Council. As there was no information available to consider, it was RESOLVED to defer this item to a future meeting when formal documentation will be available for consideration. Councillor Charmley added that Shropshire Council are currently waiting for the Traffic Regulation Order for the installation of double yellow lines along the road into the car park and wanted to remind people NOT to block the entrance to the car park, The Big House or the hairdressing salon.

Next meeting: – This will be face-to-face meeting on Tuesday 23rd August 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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**LLANMYNECH ROCKS AND NATURE RESERVE**

This reserve is jointly managed by the Shropshire and Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust. Approaching from the Welshpool direction, the dramatic cliff face of the quarry rises before you. Suddenly. This limestone outcrop stretches all the way from Anglesey and the Great Orme at Llandudno; there was mining and quarrying here for over 2,000 years until the outbreak of WWI and you can still see the old stone tramways and winding house. The limestone strata reveals 12 types of limestone with names like gingerbread and croen diawl (devil skin); the quarry was designated a nature reserve in 1972.

At one point the hill was known as the Giant's Grave. Legend says that 3 brothers who had heard of the legend of the tomb, where a giant had once buried his wife with a golden circlet, endeavoured to claim it for themselves by destroying the tomb. Supposedly each brother died immediately afterwards. Another story says that the cavern was home fairies.

Now trees have become entwined with wild clematis or old man's beard which turns the trees and bushes white in the autumn thanks to its seed-heads. The wild clematis would run riot if it were not for volunteers cutting it back, together with a small flock of Hebridean sheep used to control its spread.

Below the cliff bee and pyramid orchids grow along with *pyramid orchid* Bright yellow rock roses, spring cinquefoil and many aromatic herbs, including thyme, marjoram and wild basil. The lime-rich soil underpinning the site nurtures a proliferation of plants, including fairy flax and 12 different types of orchid; in June and July there is the white flowered butterfly-orchid and in September you can find autumn ladies tresses, which is also white. In all over 300 plant species have been recorded in the reserve.



Beginning as early as March butterflies flock to the reserve beginning with pearl-bordered fritillaries, holly blues and grizzled skippers. These are then followed by red admirals, commas, peacocks and small tortoiseshells, speckled woods and brimstones. As many as 33 species of butterfly have been recorded in the Nature reserve during the summer months. Butterflies are specialists; the caterpillars of the pearl-bordered fritillary, for example, feed exclusively on violets while brimstone caterpillars require alder buckthorn.



*peacock butterfly*  
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There have also been 168 species of birds recorded in the Llanymynech Rocks area including kingfishers, linnets, red kites, sparrow hawks, buzzards, green woodpeckers, all surveyed by a stately peregrine falcon. The green woodpecker is the largest of the 3 woodpeckers that breed in Britain with its heavy-looking body, short tail and a strong, long bill. *Green woodpecker* It is green on its upperparts with a paler belly, bright yellow rump and red on top of its head. The black 'moustache' has a red centre in males. They have an undulating flight and a loud, laughing call.



*Weeks after the Pet's Service, nobody  
had claimed the monkey*

## WHITTINGTON ORGANISATIONS

**CRICKET/BOWLING CLUB SECRETARY:** Tel:830901  
Jacqui Whitley – jacquiwhitley@yahoo.com

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Ianwenachalmers@hotmail.com

**BOWLING SECRETARY:** Hannah Hampson  
whittingtonbowlssec@outlook.com

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

**COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKING SECRETARY:**  
Mrs Kath Griffiths Tel:662116

**SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR WHITTINGTON AND WEST FELTON:**  
Mr Stephen Charmley, The Coppers, Park Street, Oswestry SY11 2HF  
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Tel: 07870280747

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

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

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

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

## WHITTINGTON ORGANISATIONS

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

Second Wednesday in the month in the Community Centre

Secretary: Mrs Sandy Forde

Tel:654610

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

Chairman: Jonjo Evans

Tel:671300

Castle Manager: Ms Kimberley Powell

Tel:662500

**BELL RINGING:** Details from Brian Rothera

Tel:657778

### **BROWNIES, GUIDES:**

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

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

Tel:624390

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

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.

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