

THE RIPPLE

November 2022

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PARISH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:00am 4th Sunday Holy Communion

11:00am Parish Communion weekly

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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Rectors Ramblings

Dear Friends,

As I sit down to write this month's edition of Rectors Ramblings its very windy outside and there is a definite autumnal feel in the air. The darker nights are drawing in and the 'C' (meaning Christmas!) word is being mentioned much more frequently than some of us would like. Last weekend I found myself popping into a craft fair at West Felton village hall and there were lots of little trinkets and hand-made gifts to buy and some very yummy cakes.

Interestingly I found myself having a similar conversation with a couple of people that I'd ended up having with two or three stallholders at a craft fair at Whittington Castle just a couple of weeks before. They had initially started making either wax melts, candles, or beautiful resin shaped glass items, including a beautiful heart that I fell in love with and now don't want to give away. They found the time spent being creative aided their own mental health and well-being. One lady said she found it helped her to feel less stressed and anxious.

I've found myself wondering why at times we feel a pang of guilt, as if we're being selfish, doing something that we enjoy that brings us pleasure. I'm a firm believer in a balanced approach to life. So, whether it's a lovely walk in the autumnal sunshine that we've had of late, or picking up those paints and brushes that have been in the back of a cupboard for a while, let's take the time and make the effort to do those things that bring us joy and pleasure.

I know for some in our community this first winter will be hard being the first without someone dear to you. We will be hosting our annual 'Remembering Service' on the 6th of November at 6:30pm at St

Michael's church in West Felton. This will be an opportunity to pause and be in a safe space to express that deep sadness that inevitably we feel when someone is no longer physically present with us. We will also be reading out a list of names of those we love and have died. If you would like your loved one's name to be included, please let me know.

Every Blessing

Suzan



November 2022

DIARY

- 1 **ALL SAINTS' DAY**
Whittington Church of England School re-opens after the Half Term break
2:00pm Praise and Play in church
- 2 7:30pm Monthly Whist Drive in the Senior Citizens' Hall, £2.50 including light refreshments
- 3 9:30am Holy Communion
- 6 **THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
11:00am Parish Communion
6:30pm 'Remembering Service' at West Felton church; further details on page 10
- 7 10:30am-12:00 noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)
- 8 2:00pm Praise and Play in church
- 9 7:00pm Whittington WI meets in the Community Centre with a flower arranging demonstration
- 10 9:30am Holy Communion
7:00 for 7:30pm Whittington Cricket/Bowls Club Quiz night at the Cricket Club; further details page 8
- 13 **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
10:30am Service of Remembrance with two minutes silence at 11:00am and the laying of wreaths
4:00pm Messy Church
- 4

- 14 **LAST DAY** for magazine material for the December edition of of "The Ripple" all material to Anne Ward, 5 Boot Street, Whittington – eaw4@btinternet.com
10:30am-12:00 noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)
- 15 12:00 noon Whittington Senior Citizens' Club Fish and Chip lunch in their hall; further details on page 10-12
2:00pm Praise and Play in church
- 17 9:30am Holy Communion
- 20 **CHRIST THE KING – LAST SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
11:00am Parish Communion
6:30pm Informal Service
- 21 10:30am-12:00 noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)
- 22 12:00 noon Whittington Senior Citizens monthly lunch at the White Lion; further details on page 10-12
2:00pm Praise and Play in church
- 24 9:30am Holy Communion
12:00 noon Soup Lunch at the Rectory; contact Suzan to book your place
7:30pm Whittington Cricket/Bowls Club AGM in the Clubhouse
- 26 10:00am-12:00 noon Whittington Senior Citizens Coffee and Mince Pie Morning – entrance by donation – everyone welcome; further details on page 10-12
- 27 **ADVENT SUNDAY**
8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Parish Communion
7:00 for 7:30pm Bingo at the White Lion
- 5

28 10:30am-12:00 noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)

29 2:00pm Praise and Play in church

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



HOLY BAPTISM

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

18th September 2022 Darragh Michael George Currah-Jones
of Park Crescent

HOLY MATRIMONY

We sent our Best Wishes to:-

27th August 2022 Artur Radoslaw Macnicki
and Amy Jane Whalen
both of Penrhos Court



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

11th September 2022 Dorothy Hannah Bussey
aged 79 of Trimpley Street, Ellesmere

16th September 2022 Muriel Elizabeth Harris
Aged 80 of Penybryn Avenue



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

In June Danny and Carole O’Ryan kindly hosted an afternoon tea party to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee for residents of Rosehill, in aid of Brain Tumour Research; it raised £150 in donations. Very sadly Malcolm passed away the following month, but thanks to the generous donations given in his memory I have been able to send an additional £500 to Brain Tumour Research plus £500 to the Severn Hospice. I would like to thank Danny and Carole O’Ryan for hosting the tea party, and all those who came, along with everyone who gave so generously in Malcolm’s memory at his funeral.

Julie Morris

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Barbara Molesworth generously opened her home in late September so that family, friends and neighbours could join her in celebrating her 90th birthday. Barbara is still very active working in her garden and for her Wednesday plant stall in the Memorial Hall. She continues to open her garden and home to raise funds for Save the Children, something that she used to do alongside her late husband Doug. One of her friends from the Hardy Plant Society contacted the charity about Barbara’s big day and they sent a lovely certificate of congratulations, and thanks, for her 40 plus years of support. Many, many congratulations Barbara.



**YOU ARE
WARMLY
INVITED TO A**



**Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



at Garden Croft, Daisy Lane, Whittington, SY11 4EA

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER

10:00am – 4:00pm

**Seasonal Refreshments
Donations to Save the Children**

For more information contact 01691 650711

**We would be so pleased to see you – any jumper will do –
Everyone Welcome**

HARVEST LUNCH

Everyone who came enjoyed a wonderful lunch of cold meats, supplied by Jamie Ward, salads, and a wide choice of both hot and cold sweets at the Harvest Lunch at the beginning of October. Our thanks go those who generously donated raffle prizes, a cheque for £240 has been forwarded to the West Midland Air Ambulance Charity. And, as a result of the donation of salads and sweets, £630 was raised for church funds. Thank you all so much.

The Churchwarden



Although the League season finished in early September, the Club entered a team in the Floodlit league competition. Winning the round robin games at the Church club, the team of Hannah and Ben Hampson, Aled Davies and Brian Whitley proceeded to the

semi-final at Johnstown Bowling Club. Unfortunately, in a keenly fought game, Brymbo came out on top with an eight-point victory, with Llanrhaeadr defeating them in the final.

QUIZ NIGHT

THURS 10 NOVEMBER

7:00 FOR 7:30PM START

£20 FOR A TEAM OF 4

(REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED)

ENTER VIA WEBSITE OR ON THE NIGHT

The AGM will be held on Thursday 24th November at 7:30pm in the Clubhouse. All members are requested to attend the meeting along with anyone interested in joining the club.

Further information is available – whittingtonbowlssec@outlook.com

BE PREPARED!

Magazine Subscription



Next month there will be an envelope stapled to the front of your magazine for your “Ripple” **£5.50** subscription money. For those who pay yearly in advance this means a free magazine over buying a copy singly each month. **Subscription is the only way to guarantee your monthly copy**

Please return your subscription to your delivery person **before the end of December** to take advantage of the reduction; they will be calling in the week prior to Christmas Day, or shortly after, with your January edition. **Have you put your name on the envelope?**

Everyone involved with the magazine says thank you for your continued support and expresses special thanks to all distributors.

Riding and Striding and Remembering our Queen

A young lady of about seven years of age came into Church with her family that first day, the 10th September. She looked at me with a sorrowful expression and said “The Queen has died”. A strange day with mixed emotions. It was of course the then ‘postponed’ day of the 2022 Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride. However, just in case, we opened and some determined Ride and Striders from other local churches did come. We signed their Sponsor forms; they signed in with us and one or two had biscuits and a drink. But that day became very special afterwards, in double quick time Margery Mellor and our hard-working Churchwardens ensured that a display for Queen Elizabeth with a Condolence book was available. Seeing many visitors wanting to say thank you and farewell to Her Majesty was memorable in self.

Two weeks later on the 24th we opened up again on the rescheduled date for any Ride and Striders. Ok, so we only had one Sponsored Motor Bike Ride and Strider, but we were delighted to see him as we were those casual visitors pleased to see that we were an open and welcoming Church. But the real story of the day was our David Wynne doing his mammoth bike ride. In



an incredible short time he visited thirteen places of worship. He gave himself a very brief break, circumnavigated roadworks, doing the sort of timing that said things like....1:30pm at the Methodist Church, Maesbrook thence 1:40pm at St Mary's, Knockin!

To whom do you say thank you, well certainly Anne Hughes and Rachel Wigley, but also Margery and both Gills and Joyce for making sure I was okay. Especially however it is a big

thank you to all of you who sponsored David right up till the end of last month, to a total of £250. If you have not already paid your sponsorship money it would be appreciated as soon as possible please.

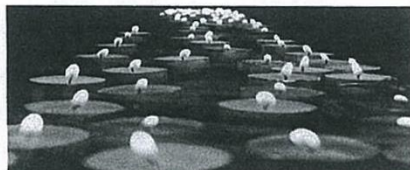
Let's see if we can all really do more in 2023.....did I really just say 2023?
Don Howard

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**'REMEMBERING SERVICE'**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**at 6:30pm**

**in West Felton Church**



**If you have been bereaved in the last two years please join us for our annual service to remember those we love but are no longer with us.**

**If you would like your loved ones name to be included in the list to be read out during the service, please contact Suzan on 658238 or email: revwilliams1991@icloud.com**

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

We held our Harvest lunch on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October; a very enjoyable get together with ham and beef obtained from Jamie Ward, salads etc provided

by committee, and followed with apple or blackberry and apple crumbles made by members, and to finish cheese and biscuits, tea or coffee and after eight mints. Thank you to all who attended and made it a lovely gathering.

We anticipate having a fish and chip lunch on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November to carry on a tradition introduced by dear Philip Morris, who is sadly missed by all of us. The cost will be £7.50 and include bread and butter, tea or coffee. **I will need names please.**

The next monthly lunch at the White Lion will be Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November; these are held the fourth Tuesday each month and have to be booked in advance. The cost is still £10 per person and includes a two-course meal plus a cup of tea or coffee. I must emphasise that any lunch that has been ordered must be paid for, as the club will be charged for the meal should you not turn up. **Please contact ME on 01691 662236 if you wish to join us.** Club membership is not a necessity if you would like to join us one month, you do not have to commit indefinitely, but many that do, end up as members – we are a friendly bunch.

We are holding a Mince Pie and Coffee morning on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10:00am to 12:00 noon – entry by donations in aid of club funds. Tables are available to hire for £5 each should anyone have items for sale etc; they will be free for charitable organisations.

We have three bookshelves full of novels by famous authors available for people to borrow in the small room at the hall. These can be accessed when the hall is open – a small donation of 20p to hall funds would be appreciated.

I apologise if parts of my entry are repetitive, but there are new Ripple readers all the time and they often come along to see what we are about. The Monday afternoon whist sessions are now starting at 1:30pm for the winter months as it is getting dark when they go home. Do join them if you wish to play, or learn, you will be made very welcome. The cost is just £1.50, it is a small gathering and more players would be very welcome. The monthly whist sessions, held on the first Wednesday each month, welcome more players each month. They begin at 7:30pm and there is a small charge of £2.50 to cover tea/coffee and biscuits. Run by Carol and Derek Pope the evening is open to all players, not just club members.

The weekly Thursday coffee mornings continue to be very popular and we

have a good natter and catch up. Again, club membership is not a requisite. Around circa 20 members and friends meet any time after 10:00am and finish when the washer-upper starts collecting the mugs!; we ask only £1.50 to cover the cost.

The line dance classes continue with Steve Mason on Monday 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 £5 a class; regulars please note the revised cost. Eleanor Moss provides after school junior ballet classes on Thursday afternoons. TNS hold Youth Club Meetings on Thursday evenings during term time.

We are trying to be economical with our heating etc, so are asking users to be thoughtful when opening and closing doors; we need to keep as much warmth in the building as possible – it is a large building and the heating costs are high. Thank you for your assistance in this matter, we are a charity and depend on members and fundraising events to keep our heads above water.

It is not too late to become a re-cycled Teenager; it's only £10 for the year.

**The following future events are planned:**

- 15<sup>th</sup> November 12:00 noon Fish and Chip lunch £7.50 per person
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November 12:00 noon White Lion lunch
- 26<sup>th</sup> November Coffee and Mince Pie morning – entry by donation
- 6<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Tea
- 16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch at the Navigation Inn, Maesbury – menus now available

**Gillian Roberts Secretary 01691 662236**

**THANK GOODNESS FOR GOOGLE!**

Whilst I was delivering a copy of the October Ripple to one of our subscribers she was trying to remember a poem from years ago; this was before she had opened her copy to find that National Poetry Day was

celebrated during that month. I said I would investigate – in others words – “Google it”. The poem was:

**To a Lady Seen From the Train**

O why do you walk through the fields in gloves  
Missing so much and so much?  
O fat white woman whom nobody loves,  
Why do you walk through the fields in gloves,  
When the grass is soft as the breast of doves  
And shivering sweet to the touch?  
O why do you walk through the fields in gloves,  
Missing so much and so much?

I discovered that it had been written by Frances Darwin Cornford – granddaughter of the well-known and respected naturalist. In addition, that another famous poet, Gilbert Keith Chesterton, had written a response:

**The Fat White Woman Speaks**

Why do you rush through the fields in trains,  
Guessing so much and so much.  
Why do you flash through the flowery meads,  
Fat-head poet that nobody reads;  
And why do you know such a frightful lot  
About people in gloves as such?

And how the devil can you be sure,  
Guessing so much and so much,  
How do you know but what someone who loves  
Always to see me in nice white gloves  
At the end of the field you are rushing by,  
Is waiting for his Old Dutch?

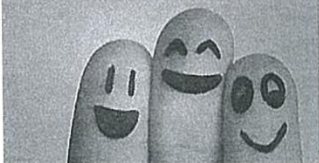
**What happens then?** – A little boy was taken Christmas shopping by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes, and then asked with concern: “What happens when the ground floor gets full of steps?”

**Wanna do** – When I was young my parents told me what to do. Now I am old, my children tell me what to do. When will I be able to do what I want to do?

## C A M E O – COME AND MEET EACH OTHER

in WHITTINGTON PARISH CHURCH EVERY MONDAY

Life is better  
with friends :)



10:30AM – 12:00 NOON

Come along to our new, weekly, get  
together to meet other people from  
the community

There'll be tea, coffee and toast

Contact Suzan for more details: [revwilliams1991@icloud.com](mailto:revwilliams1991@icloud.com) or  
Tel: 01691 238658

King Charles III

*'And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'*

These are King Charles III's words from his TV broadcast following the death of Queen Elizabeth. They reflect the Queen's own commitment to serve the nation for 70 years. They also express the continuity of monarchy: *'The Queen is dead. Long live the King!'*

However, continuity doesn't mean that things remain the same. King Charles III will face different challenges to the Queen, but the same God works His purposes through each of them. At his death, King David spoke these words to his son Solomon: *'Be strong and observe what the Lord your God requires: walk in obedience to him...Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.'* (1 Kings 2:2,3) These are words for our new King and ourselves, as we seek God's will in a time of uncertainty.

King Charles III has demonstrated his ability to get alongside people to *'see the value of each person as God sees them.'* (Archbishop of Canterbury). He is also in touch with the important issues of the day. He has provided young people with opportunities to change their lives. He understands the life of the

poorest in our society, and he is passionate about the state of our planet.

Let's pray for our king, as he faces new challenges and opportunities: *'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'* (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

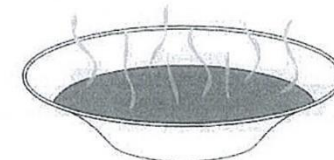
Canon Paul Hardingham

## SOUP LUNCH AT THE RECTORY,

AT 12:00 NOON ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

THURS 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

THURS 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY



CONTACT SUZAN FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE:

[revwilliams1991@icloud.com](mailto:revwilliams1991@icloud.com) – 01691 238658

## SHOEBOX APPEAL



Every year many of you make up a shoebox of delights for this Wrexham based charity to deliver, which this year will be going to deprived children /vulnerable adults and families in Romania, Belarus, Bosnia, Moldova and Georgia.

However, as our own cost of living expenses go up some of you may feel that you can no longer afford to fill a shoebox on your limited budget. Instead, you might like to consider giving a gift to be included in a box which will be made up of similar such donations.

If you are able to make up a complete box then any toys, hygiene items or school items are welcome; packed in boxes, decorated with Christmas paper,



marked for either a girl or a boy in age ranges 3-5, 6-11 or 12+ and held together by an elastic band.

Practical items that can be included such as toothbrush and toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, facecloth and soap, stationery/pens/pencils/paper, gloves/hats/scarves, new socks, underwear, crafting pack or sewing kit. Small gifts such as a soft toy, ball, game, puzzle, bubbles, musical instrument such as a harmonica or recorder along with a photograph of yourself.

Things that should **not be included** are medicines, food (except chocolate expiry date March 2023 or sweets expiry date June 2023), no 'military themed' toys or clothing, no dangerous items such as knives or razors and no novels – but picture books and colouring books are OK.

Alternatively, you could contribute contents, for a home – such as utensils (no knives), plastic containers, t-towels, bowls, cups and clothes pegs.

If you are unable to get to the shops then you can make a monetary donation; it costs £3 to transport each shoebox, and if you are a tax payer then why not gift aid your contribution, forms can be found in church, making it worth £3.75. A gift of £15 can be used to make up a quality shoebox. Any cheques should be made to Teams4U please.

The closing date to make your gifts is **THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**, they can be left in church or you can contact myself prior to that date.

**Thank you – Kath Griffiths**

### Don't blame bad dancers

Not everyone can dance. But if you are the sort who awkwardly waves your arms about and steps on people, it is not your fault – here is some comfort. It seems that the ability to move gracefully in rhythm and keep to a beat is not so much learned as **inherited**. In a recent study, American scientists found that the ability to stick to a rhythm is encoded for in 69 different genes.



So next time you stomp on someone on the dance floor, take heart and remember – you are probably just following in your father's footsteps.

## THE VERY NICE PRODUCTION COMPANY

presents

# SWING INTO SPRING



Sat 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

7:30pm

In Whittington Parish Church

**Tickets: £10 to include a glass of wine  
and mince pie**

### Some real-life notes left for milkmen...

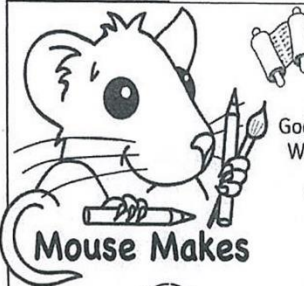
- ~ My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do this before you deliver, or do I have to shake it at my end?
- ~ Please send me a form for cheap milk, as I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me.
- ~ Milk is needed for the baby. Father unable to supply it.
- ~ Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, as I wrote this note yesterday.

**Chicken rules** – One day a new chicken was introduced to the farm. The duck, who was in charge, showed the new chicken around. "This is where you go to get fed, this is the water trough and that is the coop.

Chickens hang out near the fence, us ducks near the pond and the geese near the gate. We're friendly, but we keep to our own. Oh, and whatever you do, **DO NOT** cross that road. You'll never hear the end of it."




# CHILDREN'S PAGE



**THE COMING OF A KING**  
The birth of Jesus is told

God sent a messenger to Mary  
What was the angel's name?  
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Luke 1:26-28




Mary was frightened,  
what did the angel say?  
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Luke 1:30

What was Mary to  
name her child?  
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Luke 1:31

What is her son  
going to be?  
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Luke 1:32-33

What happened  
to Elizabeth  
when Mary  
went to  
visit her?  
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Luke 1:41

Mary praises God, what does  
she say God has done?  
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Luke 1:46-55



**READ**  
the story  
in Luke  
1:26-55

**What does the angel  
say about God?**  
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Luke 1:37  
(LEARN this verse)

**ETHOLYSPIRITOJSKS**  
**MBHCBIGTWLBZLORDA**  
**ELOHPRAISEOJESUSV**  
**SELIZABETHRONPDI**  
**SSYLKWREIGNETPMEO**  
**ASCDIKINGDOMPHABU**  
**GESONREJOICEWORDR**  
**EDANGELZDOABABYLU**

Find the words  
in the word  
search and  
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words too.

ANGEL • MESSAGE • GOD • JOSEPH • MARY • BABY • SON • BORN  
CHILD • THRONE • KING • REIGN • KINGDOM • HOLYSPIRIT • LORD  
HOLY • WORD • ELIZABETH • BLESSED • SAVIOUR • REJOICE • PRAISE

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



**1<sup>st</sup> November** Whether you patchwork, paint, scrap book, sketch or knit, do it with others at our welcoming informal craft club.

Both novices and experts share their skills. Find inspiration or do your own thing– there is always plenty of coffee, cake and laughter. Everyone welcome. Small fee applies.

**Kimberley Powell, Castle Manager**  
Telephone 01691 662500

E-mail: info @whittingtoncastle.co.uk -Website: www.whittingtoncastle.co.uk

## FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – BUY NOTHING DAY

Buy Nothing Day was started in the early 90's and has since grown into an international event celebrated in over 50 countries. Anyone can take part provided they spend a day without spending! It's a 24-hour detox from consumerism, participate by not participating! Literally, doing nothing is doing something! However, committing to consuming less is a big start to helping the environment as well.

We know that most food packaging is made up of single use plastics or cardboard, but over half of it still ends up in landfill! Many super-markets now have collecting points for your single use plastic; so, collect the plastic that surrounds your fruit, vegetables and other foods, even the plastic wrapping around your toilet rolls and return it next time you shop.

As we begin to think about starting our Christmas shopping, in the UK it's estimated that 125,000 tonnes of plastic packaging are generated around this time. Seasonal gifts with excessive packaging are among the worst offenders. Avoid wrapping paper with laminates, gold or silver foiling, coloured shapes and any type of glitter as none of these types of wrapping can be recycled.

Buy Nothing Day is non-confrontational, it's not a protest. All they ask people to do is switch off from shopping, have a bit of fun, use their imagination and simply escape consumerism for a day. If people laugh at the ingenuity and genius of Buy Nothing Day, then their attention may open the door to change.

## Entertaining at home is making a comeback

With the cost-of-living crisis starting to bite, more and more of us are choosing to share meals with our friends at home, rather than pay the soaring costs of eating out. John Lewis says its sales of tablecloths, crockery and dining tables are on the increase. Tables and chairs by 28%, tableware sets up by 34% and wine glasses and champagne flutes by 88%. Their survey found that 4 in 10 of us have held a dinner party in the last 12 months, while 6 in 10 of us say we want to host even more in future. A company spokeswoman said: "Entertaining at home is definitely on the rise, and we predict that more customers will be making memorable moments at home with friends and family over the coming months."



**healthwatch**  
Shropshire

Are you or your loved one waiting on a health care referral?

Have you or your loved one been left frustrated after struggling to get the specialist tests or treatment needed? Have you been referred by your GP but been left waiting for tests or treatment needed, or have you expected or asked for a referral but didn't get one? You're not alone. One concern Healthwatch nationally has been hearing from the public is how hard it can be to get specialist treatment. For example, your GP can refer you to: Mental health support, joint replacement surgery for knees, hips and support with arthritis, eye surgery, non-urgent heart problems or diagnostic conditions such as hearing, skin issue, allergies or long-term conditions such as asthma or diabetes.

As the independent champion of health and social care services in Shropshire we want to hear your experiences of trying to get specialist NHS support, like physiotherapy, talking therapies, hospital scans and consultations. Chief Officer, Lyn Cawley, has said "By sharing your story, we can use your feedback to help the local NHS better understand your challenges and improve how people access the care they need. So, if you've got something to say about GP referrals, don't just talk to your friends and family – tell us too." You can complete a survey at:

[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HWS\\_getting\\_a\\_referral/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HWS_getting_a_referral/)

Healthwatch Shropshire is the independent health and social care champion in Shropshire and gathers the views and experiences of patients, service users, carers, and the general public about services. It also has statutory powers that it can use to influence service provision by encouraging improvements.

**Contact:** Healthwatch Shropshire, 4 The Creative Quarter, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, SY2 6LG Tel: 01743 237884

Email: [enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk)

Website: [www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk)

Brain Rapsom

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

An extravaganza of Christmas joy with something for everyone is on offer with a Christmas Market and an audience with Santa. Some of Shropshire's top artisan producers will be selling festive food, gifts, crafts and decorations, alongside Derwen College's own Garden Centre and Gift Shop merchandise. There will be late night shopping on Friday until 8:00pm, followed by Saturday opening (9:00am-4:00pm) and Sunday opening (10:00am-4:00pm).

**Derwen**  
**College**

Father Christmas will be meeting and greeting youngsters in his cosy grotto, and the Christmas cheer continues with sparkly lights, festive tunes and Christmassy treats in the Walled Garden Café and The Vintage Advantage charity shop. In the Garden Centre and Gift Shop you will find Christmas trees, Derwen College-designed Christmas cards, seasonal plants, wreaths, decorations, unique gifts and hampers.

Derwen College Charity Fundraising Coordinator Anna Evans, said "We are delighted that many of last year's wonderful stallholders are coming back, and many new crafters and delicious artisans will also be joining us. This year's Fayre promises to be more joyful than ever!!"

To find out more about the Christmas Fayre, if you want to book a stall at the Fayre, visit the website at [www.derwen.ac.uk](http://www.derwen.ac.uk) or email:

[anna.evans@derwen.ac.uk](mailto:anna.evans@derwen.ac.uk). To book an audience with Santa in his grotto go to: <https://www.derwen.ac.uk/an-audience-with-santa/>

Eluned Watson

## Support a Christian charity through your Christmas cards

If you are about to buy Christmas cards, you may find it worthwhile to visit <https://www.eden.co.uk/charity-christmas-cards/> as they offer a range of Christmas cards that raise money for various Christian charities.



### On the challenge of hitting 11 o'clock precisely....

The Rectory  
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

It is a great shame that your church doesn't have chandeliers – although in your low-ceilinged converted cinema, any chandelier more than a few feet tall would also be embedded in your floor carpeting. But I find that there is nothing like watching the standard bearers on Remembrance Sunday parading up the aisle with their flags and getting them caught up in our brass candelabra.

One year, the procession ground to a halt while a bearer fought to retrieve his flag, and was obliged to leave it flying in the centre of the church while he presented me with an empty pole. I always feel obliged to tell parishioners that, since all the candelabra will inevitably be sent spinning, not to stare at them, or they may leave the church hypnotised. On the other hand, Miss Simpson generally leaves the church looking like that.

Major Hastings always arrives bejewelled with so many medals that every time he kneels for prayer, it sounds as if he is taking the collection. Their weight increases his stoop by at least ten degrees, to the point where some feel we should support him with a personal flying buttress.

Since the trumpeter playing the Last Post can be of varying quality, your idea of broadcasting it from London into your church is inspired. However, your worries about whether your radio will be good enough need not trouble you. If you tell your congregation that they are about to hear the broadcast silence and you then simply not switch the thing on, no one will be able to tell the slightest difference whether the silence is being broadcast or not. In fact, they will even congratulate you on hitting 11:00am at exactly the right

moment.

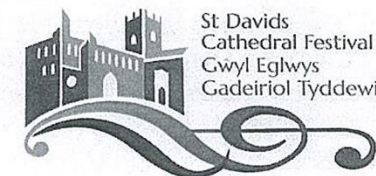
I always use subterfuge; I have the church clock disconnected and then when we reach the time for silence, irrespective of the true time, I get a churchwarden to toll the bell eleven times. This way, I have apparently come to the exact moment without a hitch for the last 30 years.

You will also find that preaching about warfare and of man's inhumanity to man will give you greater insights into the working of your church council. The only difference is that on committees – sadly – the use of machine guns is rather frowned on.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

### Getting ready to celebrate 900 years of pilgrimage to St David's Cathedral

The smallest city with the biggest history of pilgrimage – that is St David's Wales.

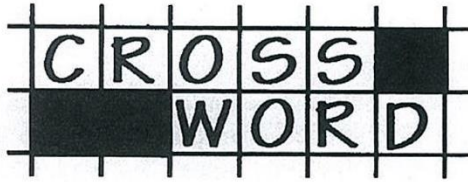


And next year, 2023, brings the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Callixtus II declaring that two pilgrimages to St David's Cathedral were equal to one journey to Rome. No wonder that the Diocese of St David's has designated 2023 as its Year of Pilgrimage, beginning this Advent.

Many events are planned. Today, nearly 300,000 visitors cross the cathedral threshold annually, and the cathedral has converted a former school into a dedicated pilgrim centre. A spokesman explains: "The notion of walking simply, mindfully, prayerfully and with purpose to places that have been considered sacred by generations of our ancestors sits comfortably with our 21<sup>st</sup> Century aspirations of physical, mental and spiritual well-being, eco-friendly lifestyles and desire to find connection with our heritage."

**Where?** – A rather long-winded preacher was dealing with the Old Testament prophets, one by one. "And now," he propounded, "we reach Isaiah. Where shall I put Isaiah?" At that, a little man in the front row stood up. "He can have my seat. I am going home!"

**Mouse** – You can't teach a new mouse old clicks.



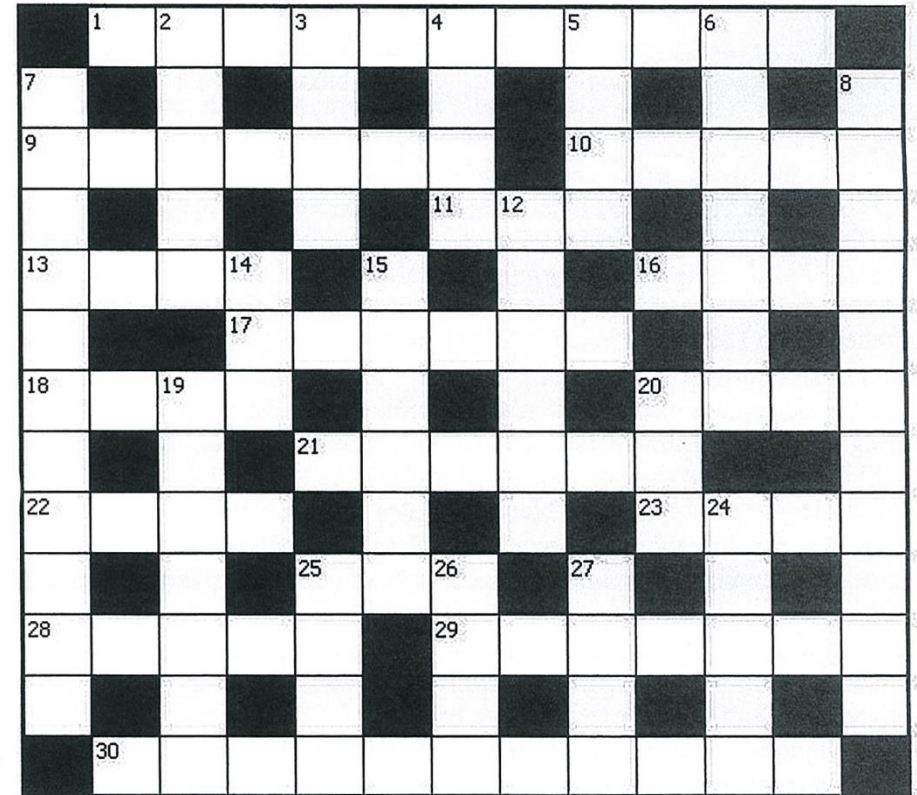
**Across:**

- 1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all \_, Lord of all \_, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)  
 9 Moses question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you \_ your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)  
 10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline \_ (2,3)  
 11 'At even \_ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)  
 13 A descendant of Gad (xNumbers 26:16) (4)  
 16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but \_ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4)  
 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6) (4)  
 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must \_ God rather than men!'(Acts 5:29) (4)  
 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, \_ Eareckson Tada (4)  
 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)  
 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat \_ \_'  
 23 Infectious tropical disease (4) '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)  
 25 Tree (3)  
 28 'No fear of me should \_ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job  
 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7) 33:7) (5)  
 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

**Down:**

- 2 'O Jerusalem \_ how \_ I have longed to gather your children together'  
 3 Way out (4) Matthew 23:37) (5)  
 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)  
 5 Done (anag.) (4)  
 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)  
 7 Concerning the study of God (11)  
 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)  
 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)  
 14 Frozen (3)  
 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)  
 24

- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)  
 20 See 1 Across  
 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)  
 25 Time (anag.) (4)  
 26 Lists choice of meals (4)  
 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the \_ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)



**Answers to October's Crossword**

**ACROSS:** 1, Lawyer. 4, Balsam. 8, Caleb. 9, Jehoram. 10, Sparrow. 11, Exile. 12, Excellent. 17, Act in. 19, Endemic. 21, Slavery. 22, Galal. 23, Silent. 24, Tarsus.

**DOWN:** 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sarai. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Just right for bonfire night –

### SPICED TOFFEE APPLE CAKE (serves 12)

For the cake:

|                                    |                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 200g (7oz) pitted dates            | 200ml milk                      |
| Half a lemon                       | 2 Bramley apples                |
| 250g (9 oz) butter or margarine    | 280g (10 oz) self-raising flour |
| 200g (7 oz) light soft brown sugar | 1 tbsp baking powder            |
| 5 medium eggs                      | 10g (¼ oz) ground mixed spice   |
| 1 tbsp vanilla extract             | 10g (¼ oz) icing sugar          |

For the sauce: 50g (2 oz) light soft brown sugar  
50g (2 oz) butter  
10g ( 1/4 ) icing sugar

Preheat oven 180°C/160°Fan/350°F/gas mark 4

Grease and line 23cm round tin

Put the dates into a saucepan with the milk, place on a medium heat and bring to the boil. Immediately reduce to a simmer and cook for 2-3 minutes until the dates are soft, then remove from the heat.

Use a blender or processor to blend the dates and milk until smooth, then set aside.

Juice ½ a lemon, then put the juice into a bowl. Peel and quarter the apples, remove the core, then finely slice. Put the apple slices into the bowl with the lemon juice and toss to coat.

Place the butter or margarine, flour, brown sugar, baking powder, eggs, mixed spice and vanilla extract into a bowl.

Add the puréed date mixture, then beat until light and fluffy.

Pour the mixture into the cake tin. Neatly overlap the apple slices on top.

Bake for 60-70 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

Remove from the oven and set aside to cool before dusting with icing sugar.

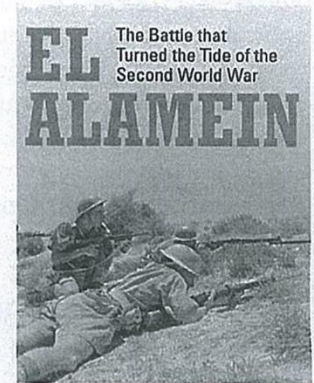
Place the toffee sauce ingredients in a pan over a medium heat. Once melted, increase the heat and boil for around a minute, until the sauce thickens slightly.

Drizzle the sauce over the cake, allowing some to run down the sides.

Leave until cool and then cut into portions.

## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND DIED

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November we stop for just a short time to remember all those who fought, and fell, in both World Wars and other conflicts. The 11<sup>th</sup> November this year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of one of the major battles of WWII, El-Alamein. The first battle at El-Alamein had ended in stalemate the previous July when Rommel was blocked in his drive to overrun Egypt and seize the Suez Canal; allied losses for this first battle amounted to some 13,250 killed or wounded of 150,000 troops. The second battle began on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October but this time Rommel was comprehensively defeated by the British Eighth Army led by Generals Alexander and Montgomery; Allied material superiority meant that he had little chance of rallying his broken forces.



Winston Churchill announced: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is perhaps, the end of the beginning."

### AN AFTERNOON IN THE NOVEMBER GARDEN

1. Store late apples such as Bramley and Egremont Russet; place them in shallow stack trays, lined with newspaper, stalk-side down. The storage area should be frost-free and dry, and the fruit checked for rot once a week. Expert fruit growers at the Malvern Autumn Show rated this one of the best years for quality and quantity with fruit maturing one month ahead of normal.

2. For a more environmentally friendly lawn why not turn it into an Elizabethan jewelled or gilded meadow. In the 1600's meadows were places to walk and relax in. Lawn mowers had not been invented, so guinea pigs kept the grass down. Paths were cut with scythes and the surrounding grass planted with local wild flowers and bulbs. Here is a list of spring flowering bulbs to plant now which will naturalise in the grass: Winter Aconite (*Eranthis hyemalis*), Crocus Vernus, Narcissus WP Milner, Snakehead Fritillary (*Fritillaria meleagris*), *Fritillaria Pyrenaica*, *Camassia leichtlinii*, *Chionodoxa forbesii* and *Tulipia sylvestris*.

**FLOWER OF THE MONTH: AUTUMN CROCUS**  
or **MEADOW SAFFRON** (*Colchicum Autumnale*)

These large flowers of purple, rosy violet and white first appear in October without leaves – hence the name ‘Naked Ladies’. The large broad leaves appear in spring, dying down to the bulbous root stock by June. There are entries in Revd. William Walsham Howe’s notebook to large colonies of Meadow Saffron growing in the boggy areas of the castle fields and other local plantains. He was Rector of Whittington in the 1850s.



**TREE OF THE MONTH: STRAWBERRY TREE**  
(*Arbutus Unedo*) An interesting tree for November; it grows in a dense rounded clump, is a slow growing evergreen reaching heights of up to 30-32 feet. It produces white clusters of flowers in October/ November, just as the tree is shedding its round red fruit shaped like a strawberry, to the ground. There is a very good and old

specimen on the top terrace of Powis Castle gardens, the fruit is juicy but tasteless. The tree can have one or several trunks and will attract bees, birds and butterflies/moths. Its nectar/pollen flowers provide shelter and habitat and seeds for birds. For best results plant in a sheltered spot in moist but well-drained soil in sun or partial shade.



**Whittington Parish Council News,  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September Meeting**

Apologies absence were received from Councillor Pugh; two members of the public were present. The first spoke on building on the litter picking already taking place at the Castle by Derwen College students and Whittington Together. The proposal is to create an ongoing litter campaign starting and ending at the Castle, encompassing the whole village. This would be part of a village walk and have a focus on wellbeing. The Castle would contribute by offering a free tea or coffee on completion of the village litter walk and would be launched at the Castle’s “Wellbeing into Winter” event in conjunction with the Qube and the Herbarium at the end of October. PR around ‘Litter Free Whittington’ would help to raise the profile of the village, as well as promote wellbeing, encouraging people to get out and

about and give their walk a purpose. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council support for this community focused initiative. Whittington Together have equipment from a previous initiative which can be gifted for the purpose of this campaign so, at present, there is no financial contribution to consider.

The second attendant represented the Save Shropshire’s Ambulances Action Group and presented the NHS Crisis Statement in order to contextualise it and allow councillors to ask questions. It was RESOLVED to support the statement.

**KEY ITEMS: The Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.** A Book of Condolence was presented and will be retained by the Clerk until it is requested by Shropshire Council to form part of the Shropshire Archive Collection. The Chair thanked the Clerk for her support whilst on annual leave, Kimberley, the Manager at the Castle, for support hosting the Book of Condolence and Councillor Whitby for arranging to have everything in place. Councillor Beaumont attended the Oswestry Proclamation when an announcement was made on the Accession of His Majesty King Charles III as our new Sovereign.

**Fitzwarine Play Area** – Councillor Davis reported that weekly checks had been carried out and there was no further deterioration to report. The ROSPA inspector’s comment will be considered when it is received.

**POLICE REPORT:** No officer was present and no report had been received.

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

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

**About your Team:** Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community. An investment in mobile tablet style computers enable officers to spend more time on patrol on the street and in neighbour-hoods. Officers will continue to come to people when they need them and provide a high-quality service however you contact us – 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.

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**Shropshire Councillors Report:** Councillor Steve Charmley said that TNS had reported an incident, involving a car, on Inglis Road the occupants of which were attending a football match – duly noted. He had been asked to canvass Parish Councillor’s opinion on a proposal for a 20mph speed limit (not enforceable) anywhere within the parish boundary. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for October’s meeting, and the Clerk was requested to ask if the police would attend to express their view on the matter.

**Planning:** a) To note recent planning decisions published by Shropshire Council. I. **Reference:** 22/02588/FUL (validated 21/06/22) 10 Western Avenue, SY11 4BP **Proposal:** Erection of first floor rear extension (resubmission). Decision: Refuse.

II. **Reference:** 22/03237/OHL (validated 12/07/22) Electricity Sub Station, Ascot Road, Oswestry **Proposal:** To rebuild the existing 33KV single circuit overhead line: the poles to support this line will be single or 'H' type poles with supporting stays, the existing overhead line will be dismantled and removed during the construction and completion of the new line. Decision: No Objection.

III. **Reference:** 22/03586/TCA (validated 05/08/22) The Chestnuts, Station Road, SY11 4BN **Proposal:** Fell to ground level 1no Holm Oak within Whittington Conservation Area. Decision: Refuse.

IV. **Reference:** 22/02352/FUL (validated 06/06/22) Sumtyme, Iron Mills, Gobowen, SY11 4NQ **Proposal:** Erection of two storey side extension and alterations to existing building. Decision: Refuse RESOLVED to note.

b) Consider the following Planning Applications:

V. **Reference:** 22/03490/TCA (validated: 02/09/2022) 12 Mytton Close, SY11 4PP **Proposal:** Fell and remove 1no. Cherry (T1) within Whittington Conservation Area

VI. **Reference:** 22/03943/FUL (validated: 26/08/2022) 1 Mellor Meadows, SY11 4FN **Proposal:** Erection of extension to side creating a carport with bedroom over.

VII. **Reference:** 22/04085/FUL (validated: 06/09/2022) Pen Y Bryn House, 34 Boot Street, SY11 4DG **Proposal:** Erection of infill two storey extension, double garage to rear and side gates and piers to inner driveway.

c) Consider Planning applications not listed above that are received after the issue of this agenda and are included on Shropshire Council’s website:

I. **Reference:** 22/04061/TCA (validated: 06/09/2022) 14 Rosehill Close, SY11 4DY **Proposal:** Remove branches overhanging boundary and prune back to suitable growth points or stem of 1no Horse Chestnut within Whittington Conservation Area. The Parish Council has no comments to make on these applications.

d) Tree Protection Order – Consider the TPO Notice that has been published on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (The Chestnuts, Whittington) and consider making a representation/comment. The TPO was discussed and it was RESOLVED that no representation is required as the Parish Council does not object to the TPO notice.

**Other Matters on the Agenda:** Discuss festive lighting options/ideas for the 2022 display. It was agreed to erect 4 bracket lights around the church and another 4 in Park Hall, together with lighting the tree on the Three Trees green as in previous years. To again erect and light a cut tree on the green next to the community car park and for the first time light a cut tree on the green at the Drenewydd junction opposite the farm entrance.

**Highways** a) Council was updated on the Three Trees Parking TRO including a request to accommodate an additional disabled bay – it was NOTED that the request has been approved and will be incorporated into the plans that will be issued for public consultation in due course.

b) Council discussed concerns raised regarding accessibility to Daisy Lane Cemetery; issues have been reported to the Parish Council relating to access due to parked cars limiting the angle and room for turning into the lane especially for vehicles that are required to work in the Cemetery (pickups, towing trailers with diggers on etc). There were also concerns raised relating to the proposed traffic management plan for Daisy Lane (currently



unsubmitted) and how traffic calming ramps would cause a problem for low vehicles such as a hearse. It was RESOLVED to arrange a site meeting with Shropshire Council's Traffic Engineer and Councillor Charmley to discuss several parking issues along Top Street and discuss possible lineage changes to protect the access and egress from the various residential lanes. The comments regarding the proposed traffic management plans were noted and will be discussed further when the application has been submitted.

c) Visibility Splays at Burma Road and Oswestry Show Ground Junctions – Council discussed and considered adding this to the Place Plan and as a Community Concern (revisiting item discussed August 2021).

d) Extension of the 30mph on Oswestry Road entrance into Whittington – Consider adding to the Place Plan and as a Community Concern.

Items c and d were discussed jointly and after considering feedback from Shropshire Council and the police, it was RESOLVED not to pursue these matters as community concerns and no further liaison/investigation/studies are required at present. If there were a series of accidents that could be attributed to issues with the road/junction/lack of infrastructure, then concerns would be raised again, meanwhile it was agreed that efforts will be focused on other areas of the parish where there is a greater concern for safety.

**NB.** Following the meeting Councillor Pugh presented Councillor Davis with a cheque for £190 to be spent on extending the footpaths in the Daisy Lane Cemetery. The money was raised at recent Bingo Nights at the White Lion. Councillor Davis, on behalf of the Friends of Whittington Cemetery, thanked all the people who had contributed to the donation and thanked Bryan from the White Lion for hosting the events.

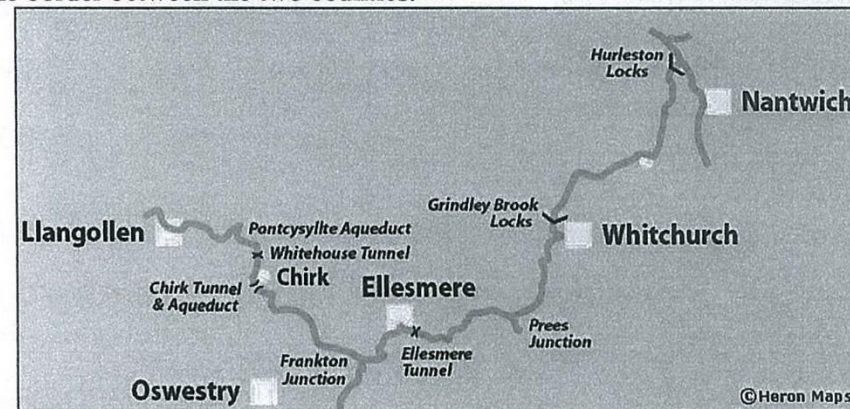
**Next meeting:** – This will be face-to-face meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7:30pm in the Senior Citizens' Hall with limited space for members of the public wishing to attend. Future meeting dates were agreed and will be published on the Parish Council website.

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

**Jill Whitby**

## GRINDLEY BROOK LOCKS, WHITCHURCH

Grindley Brook is the most northerly settlement in Shropshire and borders directly onto Cheshire; the small brook which flows past the village marks the border between the two counties.



The history of the Llangollen Canal, on which the Grindley Brook locks stand, was written about in the May issue of "The Ripple". There are six locks in the Grindley Brook flight, the lower three are individual locks, as photographed on the front cover of this issue, allowing a rise of 19 feet, and the top three are a single three-lock staircase providing a further rise of 19 feet 11 inches.

In a staircase the upper gate of one lock is also the lower gate of the one above it; operating a staircase is very different from operating a flight. It can be more useful to think of a staircase as a single lock with intermediate levels. As there is no intermediate pound, a chamber can only be filled by emptying the one above, or emptied by filling the one below; thus, the whole staircase has to be full of water (except for the bottom chamber) before a boat starts to ascend, or empty (except for the top chamber) before a boat starts to descend. In an apparent staircase the chambers still have common gates, but the water does not pass directly from one chamber to the next, going instead via side ponds. This means it is not necessary to ensure that the flight is full or empty before starting. Examples of real staircases are Bingley and Grindley Brook whilst apparent staircase locks can be found at Foxton Locks and Watford Locks on the Leicester Branch of the Grand Union.

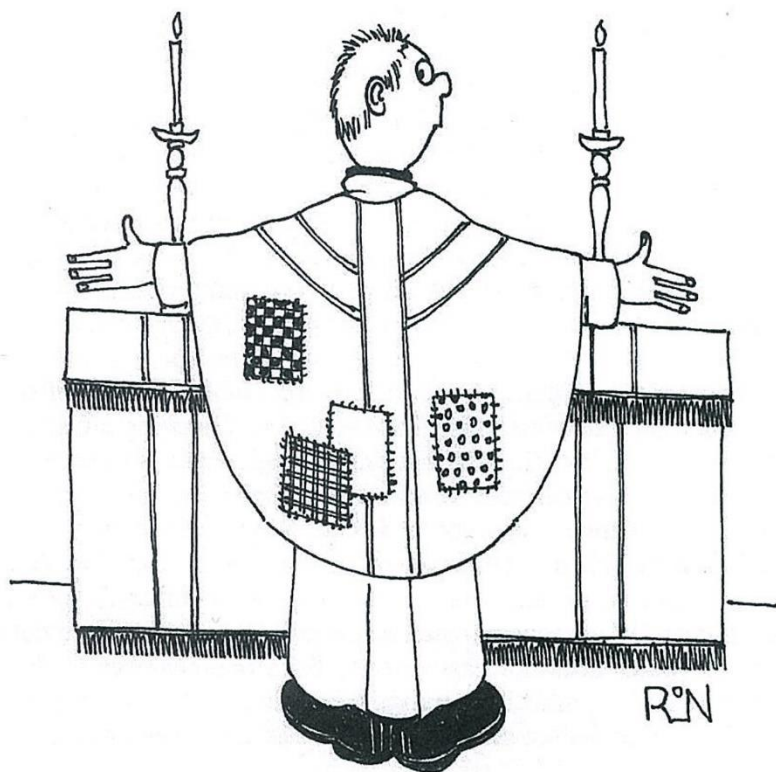
Repair work was done on the locks at Grindley Brook in 2014 and visitors



were able to descend into a drained lock to see the work done to preserve and protect this historic structure. The Llangollen Canal at 46 miles in length, is one of the busiest canal systems in the country.



This view shows the locks in about 1967 when the brick finish was still in place; this prevented horses and men from slipping on the wet ground.



*Trevor hated asking for money, but he sometimes made subtle hints*

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**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:

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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:

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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  
Castle Manager: Ms Kimberley Powell

Tel:671300

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:

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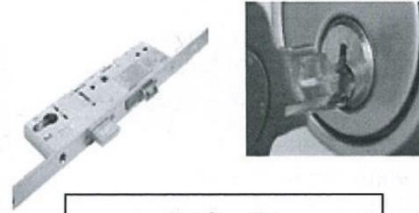
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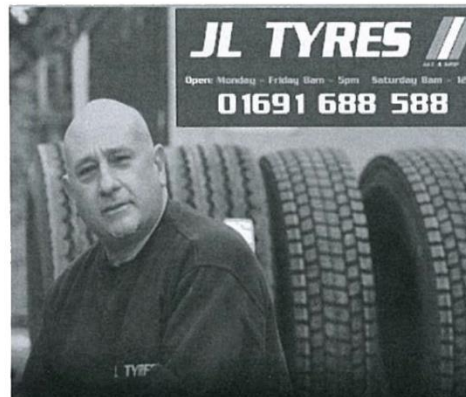
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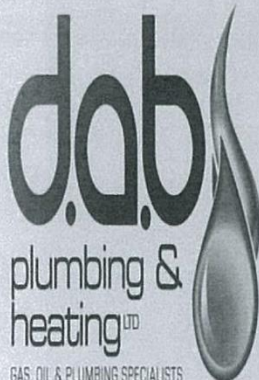
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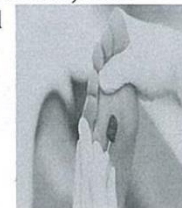
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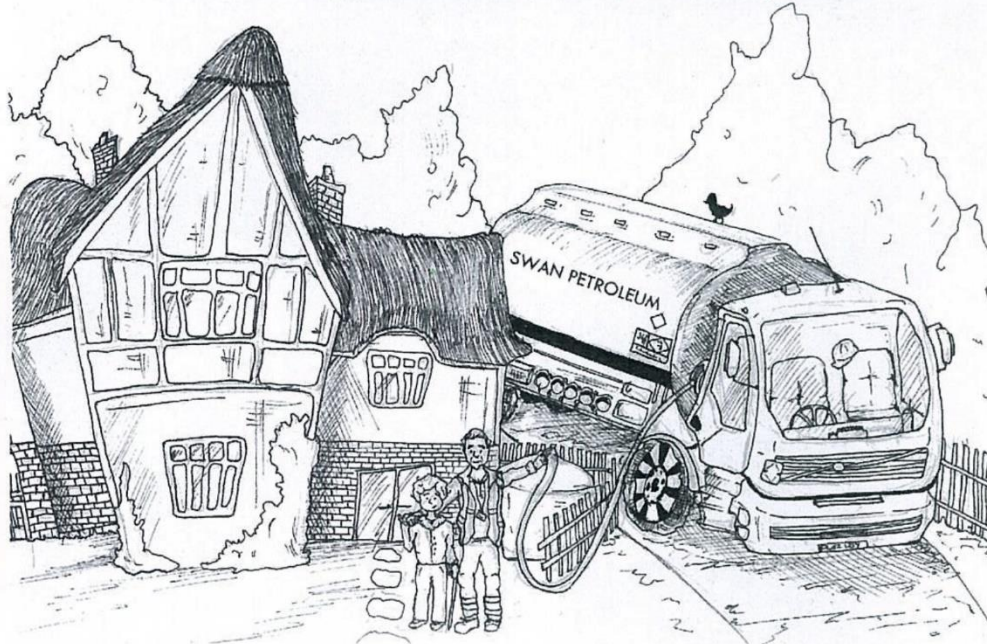
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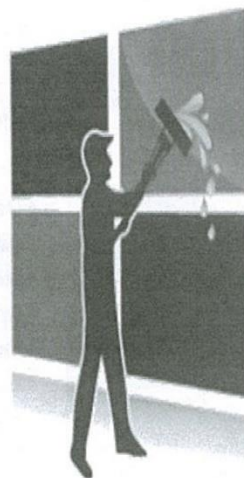
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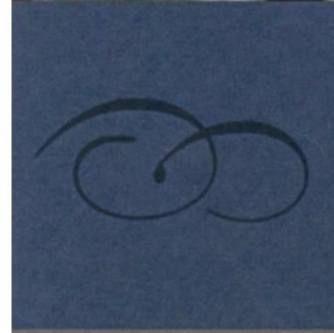
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