

THE RIPPLE

January 2023

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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,

It feels so odd to be sat at my desk trying to pin myself down to write this letter for January’s edition of the Ripple, when it is only the beginning of December and we haven’t even celebrated Christmas yet; let alone heralded in the New Year!

And yet deadlines must be met in order that the next edition of our much-appreciated magazine is to reach our valued readers. At this point, can I take the opportunity to thank Anne for all her hard work in chasing contributors, including me often, and the amount of time it must take to format everything and make sure things are where they should be. I genuinely wouldn’t have a clue even where to begin.

It’s interesting isn’t it when we find out, or take the time to discover what our interests are, our skills, and maybe even those things that we enjoy doing and that we’re passionate about. It got me to thinking about New Year’s resolutions and how for the last few years I haven’t even bothered to try. I wonder if you’re one of those who starts the New Year with the best of intentions, and maybe you stick to it during the first two or even three weeks, but when surveyed, most people admitted that any resolutions they had made had been forgotten by the end of the month.

On the second Sunday of Advent last year, I found myself in West Felton church for their weekly service, and we sang a hymn that I hadn’t sung for quite a while, and on this occasion, it was a particular verse that jumped out at me:

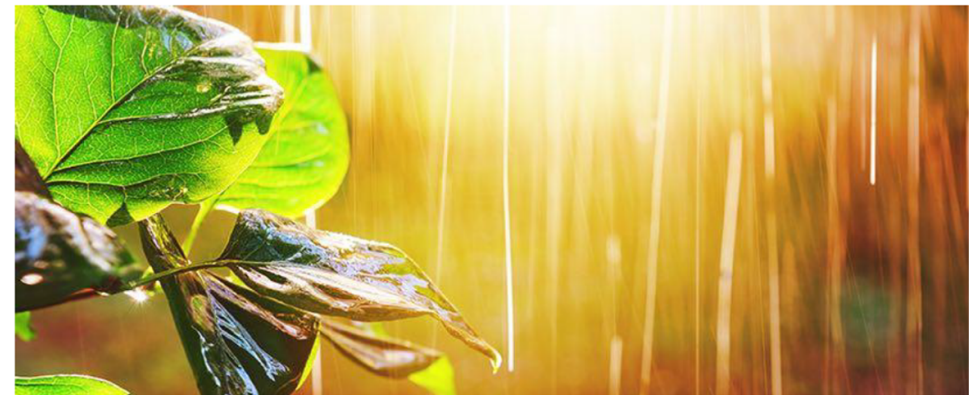
*He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,*

*Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains,
From hill to valley flow.*

My hope, as we enter into this New Year of 2023, despite the continuing uncertainty that we are still probably living with, is that we might begin to recognise, and see, not just physically in nature the first signs of spring emerging, but also those encouraging, hope filled signs of God’s love, that sustains and holds us and our loved ones. Encouraging us to look forward and be hopeful as we journey through his new year.

Every Blessing

Suzan



Extracts from the Parish Registers
for the month of November 2022



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

14th November 2022 Patricia Hurst
aged 86 of Monkmoor Court, Oswestry

24th November 2022 Doreen Christine Brazier
aged 82 of Meadowbrook Court, Gobowen



CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our warmest congratulations to Mervyn and Chris Hughes who will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 5th January. Mervyn first met Chris when visiting her parents' home; they married in St Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry and honeymooned in London.



SAVE THE CHILDREN

A very big thank you to all the helpers and supporters of the Christmas Jumper Day. Altogether we raised a total of £648.

Barbara Molesworth

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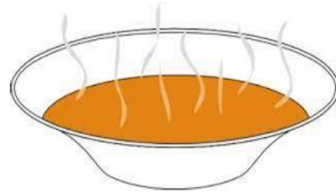
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AT 12:00 NOON ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

MONDAY 16TH JANUARY

THURS 23RD FEBRUARY

THURS 23RD MARCH



CONTACT SUZAN FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO BOOK
YOUR PLACE:

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CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES 2022

Thank you to those who donated boxes and gifts to the charity. We share the scheme with Ellerdine Methodist Church. Fifty-two boxes were donated from Whittington school, church and Hope church in Oswestry.

Kath Griffiths



Some of the performers in the Messy Church Nativity on
Sunday 11th December

Shropshire Council offer advice and support on cost of living this winter

Shropshire Council and partners are offering support for those who are worried about money or struggling with day to day living this winter. Their website offers a wide range of information and advice on:

- Money • Energy costs and advice • Food
- Information/Support for those who care for others
- Help getting work • Mental health and wellbeing
- What benefits/financial support you could claim from your council • Warm welcome locations – nearly 60 locations where residents can just turn up for a chat and find out what support there is in their local area.



In addition to the above support, there is a handy 16-point cost of living checklist that can help you focus on things that can help reduce costs, and increase your income as well as supporting your mental health. Gwilym Butler, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member for finance and corporate resources said: "We know that many people are struggling to cope with the rising cost of energy, food and fuel and are working with our partners in the voluntary sector to ensure residents know how to access the help and support they need. Since 2021 the council has spent millions of pounds on those who need it most, and this targeted support will continue throughout 2023. If you, or someone you know, is worried about money or is struggling right now there may be simple steps you can take to cut costs or maximise your income. If you are getting into debt or your mental health is suffering, do not wait to get help. There is a webpage full of valuable advice, tips and guidance." Check out: www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help.

NB: A YouGov poll carried out for Christians Against Poverty has found that nearly 1/5th of adults in the UK, about 10 million people, are struggling financially. CAP says that of its clients who have done so, 44% of them have a disability, 42% are single parents, and 47% have suffered abuse.

Higher earners are using up savings, while those on medium to low incomes are having to turn to high-cost credit to survive. One quarter of low earners (earning less than £15,000 a year) have already fallen behind on bills. More than 4 million people in the UK are now being forced to borrow money to cover the cost of essentials, such as heating and food.

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle. – Anon



Why Record Wildlife?

In my article I often ask you to let us know what wildlife you see in your local churchyard, but why? How does it help to record a single flower or frog?

Biological records form the bedrock of our understanding of biodiversity; which places are the most precious, how is our country changing over time, how is climate change affecting things and much more. All of these questions need information, created by individuals, piece by piece, taking time from their busy lives to stop, look, listen and note things down. An individual record is of limited value but put them all together and a picture starts to emerge. Caring for God's Acre, working closely with the Church of England and the National Biodiversity Network are building that picture for the biodiversity found within our burial grounds and its starting to look really interesting.

In the Lichfield diocese the burial ground with the most records is Newcastle-under-Lyme cemetery with a stunning 3,985. The most commonly recorded species there is the Large Yellow Underwing moth. Shrewsbury Cemetery comes next with 370 species, then St Luke's in Sambrook with 199. Both of the cemeteries have local entomologists regularly searching for insects and are also large sites; two features that can lead to a high species count. All three sites have hedgehog present which is useful information for the cemetery managers and church wardens to know. So please, when you think and plan for a new year, make some time to have a go at submitting a biological record. Why not try to use iNaturalist? You'll find helpful hints and videos on our website under Get Involved. You can look up your local churchyard on our system (burialgrounds.nbnatlas.org/) and see whether anything has been recorded yet. You could be the first to record a yew tree, ivy, bramble, rooks, robins or jackdaws. It's very likely there is a goldcrest hiding in the yew tree, ready to reward the patient observer! How about a new year resolution to make a record of a different species every month this year – I think you will enjoy this and look forward to hearing how you get on.

All the best, Harriet Carty

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cfga.org.uk,
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FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY

from 6:30pm

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(At approx. 7:30pm)

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WHITTINGTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Over 50's Club – Recycled Teenagers



HAPPY NEW YEAR to all members and friends of the Re-cycled Teenagers club. We had a very enjoyable 2022 with several days out to Chester, Liverpool and Southport and enjoyed a few afternoon teas. Nothing has yet been finalised for 2023, but we have put our thinking caps on.

December was busy with more than 20 people sitting down to our Christmas Tea on 6th December when we were entertained with Christmas music by Ray Golder. Many thanks go to the members that contributed sandwiches and cakes. This was followed on the 16th by our annual lunch at The Navigation, Maesbury and we are very grateful to Mike from Owens Travelmaster for use of a coach and driver.

A few of us went to the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' at Theatre Severn on 30th November; we try and go on the first matinee as it is attended by local schools, and it is encouraging to see the young generation get as much pleasure and excitement as we "wrinklies" did back in our youth. The highlight of the matinee is when the dame picks on a male member of the teaching staff and refers to him continuously throughout the performance. The children love it if the master is from their school. That afternoon Ellesmere College and Crifins and Cockshutt Primary Schools were in attendance – all very well-behaved pupils. Next year it will be 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' A dozen of us also went along to watch the under-fives nativity production at the Community Centre. There is something special watching pre-school children performing. It was very emotional. We were served mince pies and a cup of tea – well done Under Fives – hopefully we will be invited again next year.

January's lunch at the White Lion will be on Tuesday 24th, the fourth Tuesday in the month as usual; **please remember to book your place with ME on 01691 662236**. The cost is currently £10 per person and includes a two-course meal and a cup of tea/coffee; once ordered the meal must be paid for as the club will be expected to pay should you not turn up. Membership of the club is not a necessity, you do not have to commit indefinitely but many who do join us end up becoming club members.

The Monday afternoon whist sessions have now been suspended due to it getting dark earlier and the average age of those attending. Watch out for the resumption date – possibly March. The monthly evening game on the first Wednesday at 7:30pm will continue under the auspices of Carol and Derek Pope; the cost is £2.50 and includes tea/coffee and biscuits. In December everyone enjoyed the addition of cakes provided by Carol and Rita Moir. Once more everyone is welcome not just club members.

The coffee morning each Thursdays continues to be very popular, it is a

chance for good natter and catch up. Once again club membership is not necessary and everyone is welcome, there are currently around 30 members and friends who come along. We meet any time after 10:00am and finish when the washing upper starts collecting the mugs! We ask for only £2.00, as everyone knows that utility bills are spiralling; it is not a lot for a coffee (or two) together with a biscuit. Should someone have a birthday, then cakes and a tippie are usually on offer. It is a very friendly gathering and it means you can save on your heating for an hour or so. In the hall's small room we have three bookshelves full of novels available for people to borrow, accessible when hall is open – a suggested donation of 20p to our funds would be appreciated.

There are line dance classes 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. Both new dancers and those that may not have danced for some time are always welcome. Sonya holds Exercise Classes on a Wednesday afternoon, during the school term, 1:30 – 2:30pm; it is great fun and open to all ages and capabilities. Exercises can be done sitting or standing, come along and give it a go for just £5; regulars please note the revised cost. Eleanor Moss provides after-school junior ballet classes on Thursday afternoons and TNS hold Youth Club meetings on Thursday evenings during term time.

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

Gillian Roberts (Secretary) 01691 662236

Conscientious – A minister walked into his church office and found his eager young assistant minister had emptied a huge box of various teaching resources that had been sent to the church, including a Noah's Ark for the very young children. The assistant had most of the animals lined up along the desk, and he was searching for more. "Whatever are you doing?" asked the minister in bewilderment.

The assistant minister looked up eagerly. "The box clearly said: 'Do not use if seal is broken'. So – I'm looking for the seal."

A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman,
of the next generation. – James F Clarke



The Children's Society

Time to open the boxes! This has been such a difficult year for so many, so kindly bring your boxes to church, **or leave at the Rectory, by Sunday 15th January 2023**, or alternatively ring me to make other arrangements, if necessary, please.

We can then get the boxes opened, and the contents to the Society's Head Office quickly. Once again thank you for your support in helping the young people in the Children's Society care.

Mike Phipps - 01691 670940

Parish Secretary to the Children's Society

WHITTINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As the revival of Whittington WI continues, we are even beginning to thrive! During December we were invited by Gobowen WI to join the Oswestry North group to the WI Carol service at a full Preeshenlle church; a tiny, but charming, church on the St. Martins Road. We sang our hearts out as the organist played before enjoying mince pies and hot beverages in the old school room; it was fun, uplifting and felt very Christmassy.

Our visit to the Attfield Theatre, Oswestry to see "A Christmas Carol" was a wonderful show with mulled wine and ice cream in the interval. More of these outings will be organised in the near future. We were all invited to Barbara Molesworth's Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of Save the Children. This was a warm and friendly get together to share homemade refreshments, meet people and raise money for this good cause. Barbara has been a WI member for over 60 years and is a shining example and true ambassador for the movement. There were plenty of cheerful, seasonal jumpers to see and even one on Diesel the terrier, as well as an array of Christmas jewellery and festive hats. Everyone was so good natured to get into the spirit of it. Barbara raised another wonderful amount of money.

Our jewel in the crown was the Yearly Christmas party with seasonal games, best Christmas earrings competition as well as best wrapped present. There were crackers, seasonal poems, music, and a lavish buffet tea brought and shared by the members along with hot beverages, including mulled wine. A

raffle was held with proceeds going to our branch funds. It was an evening that had a truly warm & festive atmosphere.



The new Swap Table causes interest and intrigue; this time it was (naturally) unwanted Christmas decorations to swap. This helps with direct recycling and prevents useable items from going to landfill. What isn't taken is donated to a local charity shop or kept for our next table top sale.

We would very much like to be joined by any new members from the village or around; we are welcoming to everyone. The purpose of the WI is all about friendship, supporting each other, learning new skills and campaigning for good causes. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Community Centre. Our speaker in January will talk about life as Muslim women and our swap table will be for all types of scarves. Come along, you will probably love it!

Louis Idoux

CELEBRATING THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW YEAR

Most of our traditions originated in Scotland; first footing and singing 'Auld Lang Syne'. Internationally it has become an opportunity for capital cities such as London, New York and Sydney to put on firework displays, trying to outdo each other! But how do ordinary citizens celebrate?

In Denmark for instance if you open your front door to find that friends or neighbours have left a pile of smashed plates then it means good luck for the next 12 months! Some say that it is a means of leaving any aggression and ill-will behind before the New Year begins; the bigger your pile of broken dishes, the more luck you can expect. Japanese Buddhist Temples ring their bells 107 times on New Year's Eve and once more as midnight strikes. This tradition, known as joyanokane, is meant to both dispel the 108 evil desires in each and every person and cleanse the previous year of past sins. Burmese people throw water on each other as a sign of cleansing for the year to come.

In Ecuador scarecrows, built to look like popular politicians and cultural icons, are paraded around the capital Quito and at the stroke of midnight are burnt to a crisp to cleanse the new year of everything evil. Whilst in Brazil it is customary to light candles and throw white flowers into the water as an offering for Yemoja, the Queen of the Ocean. Romanians dress up as

dancing bears to chase away evil spirits whilst in Johannesburg, South Africa some residents like to start the year without any unwanted items which can result in them throwing old furniture – out of the window!



For the past 25 years or so, it has been a Russian holiday tradition for two divers, aptly named Father Frost and the Ice Maiden, to venture into a frozen Lake Baikal, the world's largest freshwater lake, and plant a New Year tree—typically a decorated spruce – more than 100 feet below the surface. Despite the temperature being well below freezing people travel from all over the world to partake in this frozen fête. Another, older, Russian tradition is to write wishes down on a piece of paper, and then burn them with a candle before drinking the subsequent ashes in a glass of champagne.

Italians have a tradition of wearing red underwear to ring in the new year as the colour is associated with fertility, hoping it will help them conceive in the coming year. In Chile celebration masses are not held in church but in cemeteries. This allows people to sit with their deceased family members and include them in the New Year Eve festivities.

In Germany all of the festivities centre around a rather unique activity known as Bleigießen, or lead pouring. Using the flames from a candle, each person melts a small piece of lead or tin and pours it into a container of cold water. The shape that the lead or tin forms is said to reveal a person's fate for the upcoming year, not unlike tasseography, the name given for those said to be able to interpret patterns in tea leaves, coffee grounds, or wine sediments. And finally in Ireland young girls will go to sleep with mistletoe under their pillow as supposedly this will help them find their future husbands – in their dreams, at least.

WEST MERCIA POLICE FRAUD AND SCAM BULLETIN

Loan sharks will have tried to cash in over the festive Christmas period; nearly 1 in 10 people turned to them in 2021 and more than 50% of them turned to illegal money lenders. There is a new campaign #SleighNoToLoanSharks which aims to protect us from the devastating effects of illegal money lending. News of this campaign came too late for the December issue of the Ripple – but if you, a family member or friends have

been targeted and become trapped in a cycle of debt with exorbitant interest rates then contact Loan Sharks 24/7 Helpline on 0300 555 222 for support or visit: www.stoploansharks.co.uk. Live chat is available on the website between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday; they offer confidential advice and support.

Remember, if you are struggling to make ends meet and need cash fast, these lenders **are not** your friends. Loan sharks operate illegally without the correct permission from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Do check the firm or person you're dealing with is listed on the FCA Register. There are ethical, local, not-for-profit alternatives available. Credit unions are a lifeline for many people, with their services helping members to save regularly, borrow responsibly and keep track of their finances. There are other community lenders who are mostly not for profit, and who reinvest any surpluses into serving vulnerable customers, which can be found on: <https://www.findingfinance.org.uk/>.

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175 years ago, on 24th January 1848 the California Gold Rush began, when a construction worker, James W. Marshall, found flakes of gold in the South Fork River near Sacramento, California.

Maths lesson - The only place where you can buy 64 watermelons without anyone wondering why.

The ecumenical dimension of a crisis

During a recent ecumenical gathering, a secretary rushed in shouting, "The building is on fire!"

The Methodists gathered in the corner and prayed.

The Baptists cried, "Where is the water?"

The Anglicans formed a procession and marched out.

The Quakers quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings.

The Lutherans posted a notice on the door declaring the fire was evil.

The Roman Catholics passed the plate to cover the damage.

The Jews posted symbols on the door hoping the fire would pass over.

The Congregationalists shouted, "Every man for himself!"

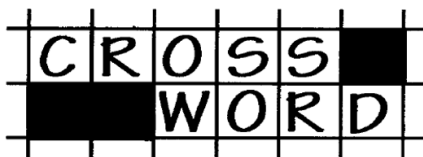
The Fundamentalists proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of God!"

The Charismatics praised God for another falling of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian Scientists concluded that, actually, there was no fire.

The Presbyterians appointed a chairperson who was to appoint a committee to look into the matter and submit a written report.

The secretary grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.



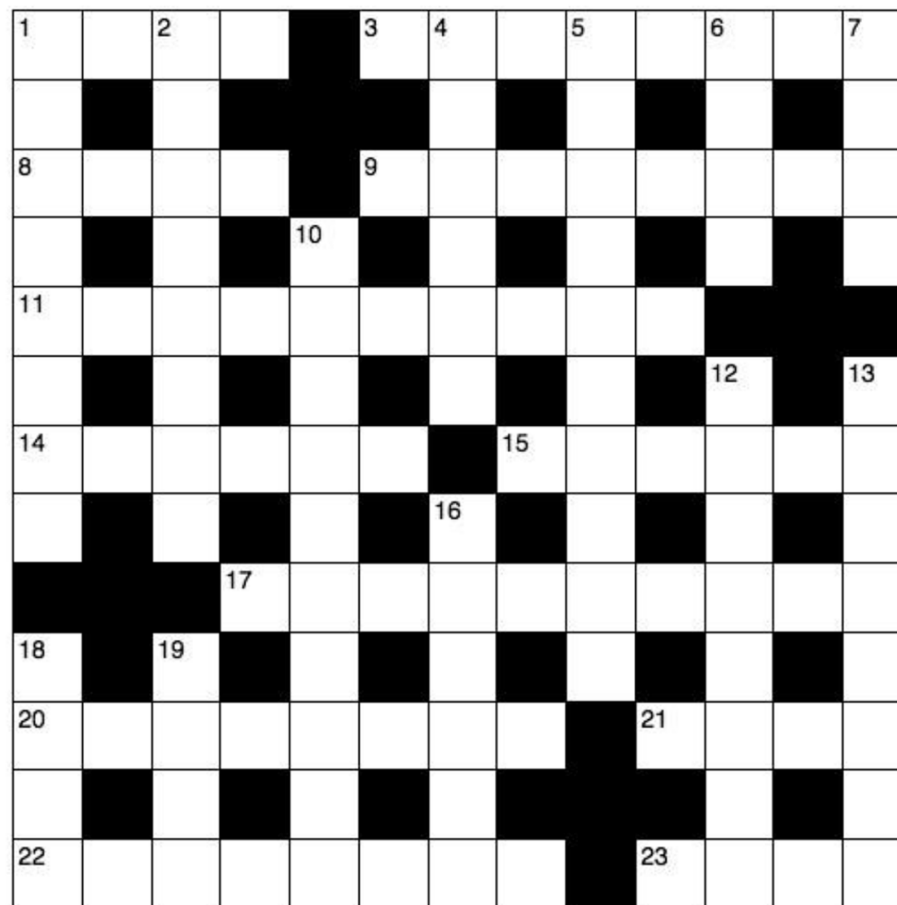
Across:

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
- 11 Loyal (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

Down:

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)

- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
- 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
- 19 Pans (anag.) (4)



Sin – A very earnest member of the local church was praising the obvious spiritual gifts of the new vicar, adding, "We never knew anything about sin until he came."

Written in response to the frequent website option, and you can honestly say that never have you seen a question which is even vaguely similar to the one you wish to ask!

Frequently Asked Questions

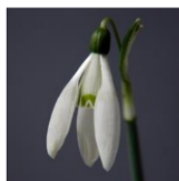
Why are frequently asked questions
The ones I'd never ask?
Why do cookies make suggestions
Intruding on each task?
Why does ev'ry Tom and Harry
Assume my phone is smart –
That it's something I must carry
An inch beside my heart?
I prefer to store my files
But that is not allowed
They go ten thousand miles
To somewhere called a 'cloud'.
I do not own my software
Whatever my intent
It's somewhere up aloft there,
And I must pay a rent.
The modern world is bumpy
And hard to navigate
It often makes me grumpy
Despairing of my fate;
And frequently – each hour I ask the question why
Computers have such power
O'er folk like you and I?

By Nigel Beeton

NOT TOO LONG IN THE GARDEN

1. Remove yellow and decaying leaves from winter greens.
2. Cut sprigs of forsythia and winter flowering honeysuckle from the garden to open up into flower in the house.
3. Make up your seed list for a good growing later this year.

Flower of the month: **The Snowdrop** 'Cambridge'. A tall scented Galanthus which flowers from late November to early January, originally from Corfu. It was presented to



Cambridge University Botanical Garden in the 1960s and is considered an excellent cultivar for its vigour and size. It received an RHS Award of Merit in 1989.

Tree of the month: **Cherry Laurel** (*Prunus Laurocerasus*) grows up to



around 26 feet in height and has glossy evergreen leaves. Fragrant flowers appear in April and shining black fruit in the autumn. As the tree belongs to the cherry family the small, bitter tasting, poisonous fruits contain a small hard stone. When crushed the leaves give off a strong almond smell due to the small amount of prussic acid they contain. Laurel makes an excellent, quick-growing and dense hedge; it naturalizes in open woodland where it sometimes seeds down too freely for those who conserve our woods.



On the art of ringing in the New Year

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren



I am sure I had warned you about church bells. They are simply not to everyone's taste. And the idea of switching on your recorded bells - no matter how digitally enhanced - at midnight for an hour, in order to welcome in the New Year, may have seemed inspired at the time, but considering that most of your inner-city parish is Moslem, that you are surrounded on one side by a hospital and another by a care home for the elderly, it is not too surprising that the joyful sound was not well received.

But to be fair, we too had a small misjudgement on New Year's Eve. Our bell-ringers, who practise the art of campanology, and don't use electronic equipment, have always been something of a trial. They ring with great enthusiasm for half an hour before our services each week, but then as we are singing the first hymn, they emerge from the church tower, putting on hats and coats while loudly discussing who made the error in the middle of that morning's grandsire triples.

This New Year's Eve they met in the bell tower at 11:00pm to have some champagne, and then a period of ringing before further refreshment became

necessary. By midnight, the champagne had so refreshed them that they somewhat exceeded their accuracy, and the village heard the New Year being joyfully welcomed by a set of eight bells being rung in an entirely random order.

I still managed to drift off to sleep, only to be woken three hours later by one bell being mournfully but persistently tolled. Finally, I felt obliged to go and find out why. I discovered Colonel Bradshaw alone in the bell tower. When the party had ended and the ringers trooped out, the Colonel had dashed back in to retrieve his hat. The others, ignorant of his absence, then locked the church and went home to their beds. That lone bell was his way of announcing his predicament.

At least I was able to reassure him that his six-hour vigil in the church tower partially made up for his absence from Mattins for the previous 12 months.

**Your loving uncle,
Eustace**

**JANUARY at Whittington Castle – Please note:
The Castle is now open every day 9:00am – 4:00pm**

3rd January **craft@thecastle** Whether you patch-work, 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.

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curtain 7:30pm Tickets £12, Members £8 direct from the castle. NO unaccompanied children under 15

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New Year: New You!

After all the excitement of Christmas and new year celebrations, January arrives and many of us can get to feel a little flat. We may have over-indulged over the festive period or suffered with all the stress of being so busy and still being in the dark of winter. But there are plenty of things to do to help put ourselves right again. Give yourself a gentle liver detox with Milk thistle seed. The powder can be added to your morning power smoothie or sprinkled over cereal. It has a slight bitter taste, but not too strong and it really gives your liver and digestion a boost. Although subtle at first, if taken regularly you might notice an increase in your energy and your outlook as well as feeling a little less sluggish. This herb combines well with one of the aromatic herbs such as Cardamom or Fennel to give our digestive processes extra support.

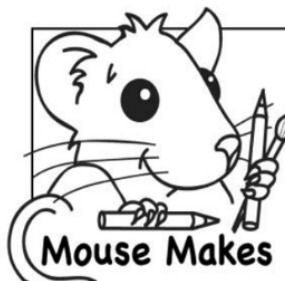
Cinnamon, taken regularly as a capsule or added to morning porridge can also be very useful when doing a sugar detox after all the indulgence. If you are still craving sweet things or just "using up" what is left over, this can help you get off it again. Cinnamon can be used to balance blood sugars in early stages type II diabetes too, but advice must be sought for this.

Drinking extra water; hot or cold, can be a quick and easy way to rehydrate your body after all the extra alcohol you may have been offered. Add some liver support herbs to it to get extra oomph! Try; Swedish Bitters, Gentian, Agrimony, dandelion root or Artichoke. A little mint, cucumber or lemon will give a little welcome flavour, and support the kidneys too.

Tiredness can also be a feature during January; get a pep up with tonic herbs. Avoid caffeine if you have any degree of anxiety but a decoction of Siberian ginseng or Ashwagandha capsules are great. Simple, effective herbs to use at home.

Louise Idoux, Medical Herbalist
Oswestry Herbarium – 01691 656934

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Mouse Makes

A JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

When the **Magi** (wise men) came to **Bethlehem** where had they travelled from?
The _____

Why did they make the journey? _____

What did they follow to get there? _____

A _____

What did they see? _____

Read *Matthew 2:1-12*

Why did **Joseph and Mary** travel to **Bethlehem**?
Read *Luke 2:1-4*

When **Samuel** came to **Bethlehem** who sent him? Who did he go to see?
_____ and his sons.

Who had he come to anoint as king?

Read *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

Naomi and Ruth came to **Bethlehem** where had they travelled from?
_____ and why?
When did they arrive?
At the _____ harvest.

Read *Ruth 1:22*

The name **BETHLEHEM** means 'House of Bread'

Look up the Bible references to find the missing words, find them and these words below in the wordsearch

JOURNEY
BETHLEHEM • GOD
JOSEPH • MARY
JESUS • BORN
MAGI • MESSIAH
NAOMI • RUTH
FOOD • HARVEST
SAMUEL • ANOINT
KING • BREAD

WORDSEARCH:
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R R M R A N O I N T O D M E A
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B E T H L E H E M I Y M A G I

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

'Clout' is broad Scots for 'cloth'; hence Cloutie Dumpling was a dumpling boiled in a cloth. Nowadays a basin is more commonly used. The dumpling is associated with Hogmanay – New Year when First Footers, the first visitors to cross the threshold after midnight, are given a slice, together with a dram.

CLOOTIE DUMPLING (serves 4 – 6)

- 3 oz (75g) self-raising flour
- 3 oz (75g) white breadcrumbs
- 4 oz (100/125g) suet, shredded
- 4 oz (100/125g) caster sugar
- 2 oz (50g) **EACH** of raisins, currants and sultanas
- 1 tbsp marmalade
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 1 tbsp treacle
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ pint (150ml) milk
- a little butter for greasing

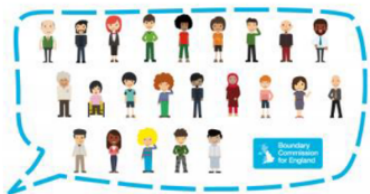
Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl to form a dough. Spoon into a greased 2 pint (1.1 litre) basin and prepare for steaming. Using a piece of greaseproof paper slightly bigger than the basin create a crease across the centre to allow for expansion as the pudding expands. Secure around the basin with string.

A 2-tier steamer is best, filling the lower saucepan ¾ full of boiling water and placing the covered pudding in the top saucepan with the perforated base. Or if using a single saucepan fill it so that the boiling water comes halfway-up the basin; adding 1 tablespoon of vinegar or lemon juice to the water in either case to prevent discolouration of the pan. To maintain the level of boiling water top it up from time to time with more boiling water. If using a pressure cooker follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Cook for 3 hours.

Slide a round-bladed knife around the edge before inverting the pudding onto the serving dish and serve with custard, brandy or lemon sauce, or serve cold, cut in slices and sprinkled with caster sugar. The cold slices are also good fried in butter and sprinkled with caster sugar.

The Local Government Boundary Commission



A new pattern of electoral divisions is being developed for Shropshire Council by the Local Government Boundary Commission; the number of councillors will remain at 74.

The Commission wants to hear what residents and organisations think about their local area. A 10-week consultation inviting proposals is running until 30th January 2023. A high-resolution map is available at: Shropshire existing – white mask.jpg (1430×993) – for those with access.

The Commission is looking to make sure councillors represent about the same number of electors in each division and wants to be sure reflect community ties and identities. Is our community part of the same division? What facilities do people share, such as parks, leisure centres or schools and shopping areas? What issues do neighbouring communities face that they have in common, such as high numbers of visitors or heavy traffic? Have there been new housing or commercial developments that have changed the focus of communities? And are there roads, rivers, railways or other features that people believe form strong boundaries between neighbourhoods? It will use those local views to help it draw up proposals for new electoral division boundaries. There will be a further round of consultation once the Commission has drawn up those proposals.

You can go to the website: www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/38217
or Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk or you can write to: Review Officer (Shropshire), LGBCE, PO Box 133, Blyth NE24 9FE
More information about the review can be found on the Shropshire webpage: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/west-midland/shropshire/shropshire-unitary-authority-ua>

A STING IN THE TALE OF CHRISTMAS

The enchanting story of the Wise Men visiting the infant Jesus has a sting in its tail. Having drawn King Herod's attention to the birth of 'the King of the Jews' he determines to wipe out any rivals to his throne and orders the slaughter of all boys under two years old, among whom was Jesus. So, with

traumatising suddenness the lives of Joseph and Mary are turned upside down and they flee to Egypt. As the spectre of violence looms over them, they leave the security of their homeland with its familiar language and culture, the presence of their extended family, the fruits of a hard-earned career, and a circle of friends and acquaintances who make up the rich tapestry of their life. Instead, they become strangers in a foreign land, homeless, jobless, friendless and without any real sense of identity or continuity with the past.

87 million people, half of them children, are currently seeking refuge in other countries, who are usually ambiguous about receiving them; they find themselves locked up in detention centres in appalling conditions: the UK had 4,000 migrants in a centre with the capacity for 1,600. Or they are lined up for deportation – the UK choosing Rwanda as a destination. Yet still they come – desperate and desolate but daring. Daring to hope they can survive.

What difference can Christians make? St James' Piccadilly hung an inflatable used by migrants above its chancel as a reminder of their plight. Prayer on their behalf has been accompanied by protest from the Archbishop of Canterbury to an often-indifferent society and government. A church in Shrewsbury raised £6,000 by holding concerts and donated the proceeds to the Ukraine Relief Fund. My wife and I hosted a Ukrainian couple and their two young children in our home for five months and other clergy in the Diocese have done the same.

Epiphany means 'appearing' and these actions remind us of what we celebrate in the appearing of Jesus. We celebrate God making Godself present and active in the world, not by waving an invisible 'magic' wand but by working in and through the human body and mind of Jesus. 'He is the place where God is active with an intensity that is nowhere else to be found' writes Rowan Williams. But in less intense ways God is also active in those who are open to the influence of God's Spirit. 'God's action works not by displacing but *intensifying from within* the capacity of human beings to do good.' Divine action is veiled by human flesh and blood.

'Christ' wrote St Teresa, 'has no hands but your hands; no feet but your feet; no mouth but your mouth.' So, the challenge of Epiphany becomes this: What are you and I doing to embody God's action in today's world?

The Ven Paul Thomas, Archdeacon of Salop

The man who made the first-ever vaccine

200 years ago, on 26th January 1823, Edward Jenner, the British physician and immunologist who created the first vaccine (for smallpox), died of a stroke. He was the son of a Gloucestershire clergyman and the brother of another – who brought him up when his father died. He was also a violinist, a poet and a naturalist, but he chose medicine and became the pupil of a distinguished surgeon, John Hunter, at St George's Hospital in London. Hunter also had wide interests, and the two kept in touch for many years.



Jenner, a committed and sincere Christian, married a near neighbour, Catharine Kingscote, in 1788. He was described as amiable and quiet, but his work in creating a smallpox vaccine was said to have saved more lives than any other man on earth, though his treatment in making inoculations using cowpox lesions, initially from a dairymaid in 1796, was laughed at by some to start with. The word 'vaccination' (relating to cows) stems from this experiment. Previous smallpox inoculation attempts were known as variolation and were both less successful and dangerous to health. Jenner himself had received this treatment as a child.

Jenner was a member of the Royal Society, primarily because of his work as a naturalist. He published valuable observations and interpretations on, for instance, the life of the cuckoo, which was little understood at the time. But in the end, he gave so much time to vaccination work that his personal affairs suffered badly, though he was voted a total of £30,000 by Parliament. His wife died of tuberculosis in 1815, after which he retired from public life. In 1980 the World Health Organisation said that smallpox had finally been eradicated from the world, though a few lab samples were kept.

ANSWERS TO DECEMBERS CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.

DOWN: 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

Whittington Parish Council News, Tuesday 22nd November Meeting

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Johnson and Charmley.

Top Street Traffic Management Proposals: Councillors were updated following the latest consultation with the residents of Top Street. The intention is to make a planning application for 6 dwellings and the traffic order, to create access only, would be funded by the applicant, if planning is granted. The residents have been consulted regarding the proposals for traffic managements which initially involves white lining the street. The meeting established that the preferred way forward would be for an 'only for access' order and discussions have taken place informally with Shropshire Highways. The next stage is to prepare an application for the development ready for submission; there may be another consultation about the development prior to that submission.

KEY ITEMS: Damaged Bus Shelter, Inglis Road – The Clerk presented a report providing 4 quotes for supplying a replacement shelter; and is currently awaiting a quote to repair it. It was RESOLVED to delegate the Clerk authority to authorise repairs up to the value £1,000.00. If the repair quote is over £1,000.00, it was FURTHER RESOLVED to delegate the Clerk authority to raise an insurance claim and APPROVE the agreed quote from ACE Shelters to remove the existing shelter and supply and install a new one, like for like.

Play Area – Fitzwarine: As the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents report was only received, and circulated, a few hours prior to the meeting it was RESOLVED to defer consideration of the contents to the December meeting to allow Councillors time to read, and consider the cost of replacing the timbers. The report highlights two units as being of MODERATE Risk: (a) The Junior MultiPlay - 16 issues were identified but the one considered a moderate risk is the rotten timbers which required action to replace them. (b) Single Point Swing – the moderate risk relates to bearings and fixings which Councillor Davis will rectify as all parts have been supplied. The newly installed Inclusive Swing has been graded as low risk due to it being too close to the ground – this is to be raised with Ray Parry Playgrounds.

Police Report: No officer was present; one offence, the theft of Oswestry Showground gates, had been reported.

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 – 078702 19190; 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



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Planning: To note recent planning decisions published by Shropshire Council. **I. Reference:** 22/04085/FUL (validated 06/09/2022) **Address:** 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 - Grant Permission.

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

III. Reference: 22/02023/VAR (validated 27/05/2022) **Address:** Castle Teas, Whittington Castle SY11 4DF **Proposal:** Variation of Condition no.2 (approved drawings) attached to 20/03753/FUL to allow for the siting of a

roof mounted extractor fan with associated ducting - Grant Permission

Festive Lighting: It was reported that the hole has been dug for the new tree at Drenwydd; council is now waiting for its delivery. Christmas lights will be turned on December 3rd; Shropshire Council have been notified for electricity charges.

Emergency Bleed Control Kits: The Chair reported that she will not be claiming the £350 Chair's Allowance for 2022/23 and proposed to the Council that these funds could be transferred to the defibrillator budget heading and used to purchase 4 kits for each defibrillator cabinet (£85 each, total cost £340) from the Daniel Baird Foundation. RESOLVED to APPROVE. It was noted that the kits have a 5-year shelf life.

Highways, Pavements and Footpaths: (a) Receive an update on the installation of a pavement between The Venue and Inglis Road. (b) Receive an update regarding the flooding in Burma Road. (c) Penybryn Pedestrian Crossing – consider the costing received from Shropshire Council to carry out an on-site Feasibility Study. (d) Receive an update on an extension of the 30mph speed limit on the B5009 Whittington – Gobowen Road. (e) Receive an update from Councillor Charmley following a site visit with Shropshire Council's Traffic Engineer in Whittington.

A Warm Space: This Countywide initiative is a collaboration between the Shropshire Council and partners to highlight community venues where residents can go for free to socialise, meet friends and take part in activities whilst also keeping warm. The Parish Council have supported the Senior Citizens' Hall and the Parish Church through the process of signing up as Warm Welcome Hubs and approved grants at the meeting to support these 2 venues with the increased costs they will incur. The Senior Citizens' Hall hosts a Coffee Morning every Thursday from 10:00am and also has a library that can be used, along with free wifi internet access if people wish to take along their computers. The church is open every day between 10:00am – 4:00pm and there is a drop-in on a Monday between 10:30am-12:00 noon when hot drinks and toast will be available.

Next meeting: – This will be face-to-face meeting on Tuesday 24th January at 7:30pm in the Senior Citizens' Hall with limited space for members of the public wishing to attend. Future meeting dates 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**

King Charles's favourite dog breed surges in popularity with public

When Queen Elizabeth II died last summer, there was a surge in the number of people wanting to buy Corgis; I'm sure you recall how many toy corgis were left in remembrance of her late majesty along with the floral tributes.



Now, as the Coronation of Charles III approaches, it seems there is a trend to buy Jack Russell terriers. King Charles III has long been a fan of Jack Russell terriers. He and the Queen Consort currently own two,

Bluebell and Beth, whom they rescued from Battersea Cats and Dogs Home more than a decade ago.

A spokeswoman for the Kennel Club said: "Breeds certainly wax and wane in popularity – and there are a number of factors that can play a part, such as high-profile ownership."

Why we'll be driving more older cars

By 2027 around 15.4 million cars on Britain's roads will be at least 10 years old, recent analysis by Auto Trader reveals. The reason is due to supply chain issues and the disruption partly caused by the pandemic.

Shortages of semiconductors and other parts have meant that there is a shortage of affordable new cars. The BMW 3 Series, Volkswagen Golf and Ford Fiesta are the most popular decade-old models among potential buyers.

From 2030, the sale of new petrol and diesel cars will be banned in the UK. But as the ban only affects the sale of new vehicles, people will still be able to buy and sell used petrol or diesel cars after 2030. The impact of the ban could mean that even more people continue to use older vehicles, to avoid paying for more expensive electric models.

COALPORT CHINA MUSEUM

The Coalport museum is just one of the ten parts of the Ironbridge Gorge Museums complex; Coalport Porcelain China was produced here until 1926. The museum, which holds the national collections of both Coalport and Caughley china on display, has preserved two of the bottle-shaped kilns and enables visitors to watch demonstrations and take part in workshops when visiting.

The factory was founded by John Rose in 1795 and just one year later it is recorded that: The Prince of Orange visited the new factory. "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Orange... thence proceeded to the china factory at Coal-park, where his Highness bought some pieces of Mr Rose". Until about 1815 the porcelains being produced at Coalbrook were of the hybrid hard-paste type: while often rather heavily potted, they were durable and in general well-produced and the blanks were often supplied to independent decorators. Five years later, in 1820, Rose bought the Nantgarw porcelain works which produced porcelain of very high quality; acquiring at the same time the skills of William Billingsly as chief painter and Samuel Walker, a chemist, who brought the Nantgarw technical recipes which improved the quality of the Coalbrook output.

From the 1840s to 1870s, Coalport vied with Minton to copy Sèvres shapes, ground colours and added decoration. A soft shade of pink, known as *rose du Barry* after one of Louis XV's mistresses, was perfected just in time for the 1851 Great Exhibition in London, where it proved a great success. The original, known first as *rose Pompadour* after another of the king's mistresses, was developed at Sèvres in 1751. Also on display was an elaborate table service with deep borders of mazarin blue which had been Commissioned by Queen Victoria as a gift to Tsar Nicholas I of Russia.

Around this time Coalport developed the technique called "jewelling"

A Coalport jewelled cabinet cup and saucer circa 1895



whereby small beads of coloured enamel were applied, most often to a gold ground, though some believe that this was first developed and introduced by the Worcester porcelain factory. Turquoise seemed to be the prevalent colour of choice as both tea and ornamental wares were decorated, often accompanied by a rich raised gold decoration.

The company's decline began in 1860s as a result of poor management and an over-reliance on ornamental pieces by the founder's heirs. The company went into receivership, was purchased, but then failed when an economic slump in the United States and Europe followed World War I negated all efforts to revive the business. The works at Coalport were closed in 1926 and production was moved to Stoke-on-Trent; in 1967 Coalport became part of the Wedgwood Group who ceased all production under the Coalport name.



"That's two t's in Matthew", said Osric

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

FRIENDS OF WHITTINGTON CEMETERY: Working parties are held throughout the year – we are always grateful for any help
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

Second Wednesday in the month in the Community Centre
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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

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