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- 8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Holy Communion  
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11:00am Other Sundays Parish Communion  
6:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Informal Service  
4:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Messy church (no service in August)

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

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## “THE RIPPLE” (Whittington Parish Church Magazine) Vol 36 No 1

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### Rectors Ramblings

As I sit to write my letter for May's magazine, we are having unseasonably warm temperatures for the beginning of April, and the Easter bank holiday weekend. And as we look ahead to May, and the Coronation of King Charles III and the Queen consort Camilla, I've realised that this will be a first for so many of us. The older members of our community will remember the Coronation of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, but the majority of us are either too young to remember, or were not even born.

I have found myself reflecting on the symbols used during the Coronation service, and the significance of them. For the last 900 years the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey in London. And since 1066 the service has almost always been conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

There will be significant points at which King Charles will be anointed with holy oil; receive the orb, Coronation ring and sceptre; and be blessed, and then consecrated, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. These actions are symbolic of the importance of the role the King is undertaking, and the responsibility that goes along with it.

In reality the majority of us will never experience responsibility of that level. But in scripture we are told that we are sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, and adopted into a heavenly family in which each person is valued, loved and precious to God.

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Each of

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us has a heavenly purpose that is revealed to us as we seek God. And as we take up our God given place our community will become all the more vibrant and beautiful. So, as we celebrate along with the whole country over the Coronation weekend, let's reflect on the welcome in a heavenly kingdom that we are part of through the love received in Christ.

Every Blessing

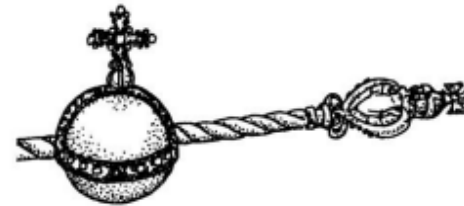
Suzan



**Join us in Whittington Church  
on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 10:00am**

**Come along to watch the Coronation  
celebrations with others and enjoy an  
afternoon tea**

**Contact Suzan to book: Tel 01691 774958  
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May  
2023

**DIARY**

- 1 BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**  
10:30-5:00pm Open Gardens in Aid of Save the Children; Garden Croft, Daisy Lane and Gable Croft and The Church House in Church Street
- 2** 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church
- 3** 7:30pm Monthly Whist Drive in the Senior Citizens' Hall, £2.50 including light refreshments
- 4** 9:30am Holy Communion
- 6 CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**  
10:00am Screening of the Coronation of King Charles III in church; further details on page 3
- 7 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
11:00am Informal Family Service  
12:00noon – 4:00pm Coronation Picnic at the Castle; further details page 7
- 8 CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**
- 9** 12:00noon Whittington Senior Citizens Ploughman's Lunch in their hall; further details on pages 11-13  
2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church
- 10** 7:00pm Whittington WI meets in the Community Centre
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- 11 9:30am Holy Communion
- 14 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – ST. MATTHIAS**
- 11:00am Parish Communion
- 4:00 – 5:30pm Messy Church
- 15 **LAST DAY** for magazine material for the June edition of “The Ripple” all material to Anne Ward, 5 Boot Street, Whittington – eaw4@btinternet.com
- 10:30am-12:00noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)
- 16 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church
- 7:00pm Annual Parish Meeting in the Senior Citizens’ Hall
- 17 7:30pm Whittington Music Festival Day 1 in church
- 18 **ASCENSION DAY**
- 9:30am Holy Communion
- 7:30pm Whittington Music Festival Day 2 at Kinokulture, Oswestry
- 19 7:30pm Whittington Music Festival Day 3 in church  
9:45pm Whittington Music Festival continues at White Lion
- 20 9:30am Whittington Music Festival Day 4 with Workshops and Masterclasses in church  
3:00pm Whittington Music Festival Family Concert in church  
7:30pm Whittington Music Festival in church
- 21 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
- 11:00am Parish Communion  
6:30pm Informal Service
- 3:30pm Whittington Music Festival Day 5 in church
- 22 10:30am-12:00noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)5

- 23 12:00noon Whittington Senior Citizens monthly lunch at the White Lion; further details page 11-13  
2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church
- 25 9:30am Holy Communion  
12:00noon Soup Lunch at the Rectory; further details page 21
- 26 Whittington Church of England School breaks for the Half Term holiday
- 28 **PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)**
- 8:00am Holy Communion  
11:00am Parish Communion
- 7:00 for 7:30pm Bingo at the White Lion
- 29 **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**
- 30 9:30am Senior Citizens’ trip to the Shire Horse Centre, Cotebrook, Tarporley: further details on page 11-13

Extracts from the Parish Registers  
for the month of March 2023



**HOLY BAPTISM**

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Rowan Jack Anthony Morris  
of Western Avenue



**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

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

9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 William Thomas Lloyd  
aged 87 of Ellesmere Road

15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 William Edward Vaughan  
aged 84 of Llys Avenue, Oswestry



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## Whittington Music Festival

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY

15 INTERNATIONAL MUSICIANS with  
**RODERICK WILLIAMS OBE** (baritone)  
 (2 weeks prior to which he will be performing at the Coronation)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>: 7:30pm 'Take Five' with various musicians

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>: 7:30pm Two original short silent films at Kinokulture  
 + live music from two of the artists

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: 7:30pm 'From Bach to Bollywood; a night at the  
 movies'  
 9:45pm Free Live Gig at the White Lion

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am – 1:00pm Workshops and Masterclasses for  
 local talent  
 3:00pm Family Concert  
 7:30pm 'Romance with a Fair Maid' with various  
 musicians and Roderick Williams OBE

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>: 3:30pm Concert 'The Lark Ascending' with various  
 musicians and Roderick Williams OBE



After leaving school Roderick was a choral scholar at Magdalen College, Oxford, later studying at the Guildhall School of Music. His first appearance at The Proms was in 1996, returning in 2013 and 2014. In 2016 he won the Royal Philharmonic Society's Singer of the year award. He has sung major roles at leading opera houses worldwide and has sung concert repertoire with all the BBC orchestras as well as many other ensembles. Roderick is also a composer and he has been commissioned to write a new piece for the coronation, at which he will be one of three soloists to perform; two of his nephews will also be singing, as choristers in the Westminster Abbey Choir.

## WHITTINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month we had a Cheese Man booked to come and give us a talk about, and demonstration, as well as a tasting, of cheese. Sadly, due to unforeseen circumstances our speaker couldn't make it, but that didn't spoil our evening! After our usual meeting and announcements, we proceeded with our own fun. Many of the members stepped up and we rallied to create our very own cheesy themed evening. We had a very amusing cheese quiz with Sandy Forde getting the most points, some cheese facts and history read by Margaret Nicholas, which was interesting, a brief talk by me about the differences in dairy allergy (lactose and casein), before some funny cheese themed home stories from Marian Young, Pam Wright and Sandy Forde. I also added a story of stinky cheese in the lost luggage, when I was a small child. We finished with a few mild cheese jokes: "A person threw a cheese at me. I said "That's mature!"; "There was an explosion at the cheese factory. There was de brie everywhere"

After this silliness we went on to have some cheese tasting from a large selection of different cheeses brought by members including some goats, sheeps, Yarg (covered in nettle leaves) and even a vegan cheese (!) As well as some of our more familiar, delicious choices there was a little wine to set it off. Our tea was particularly lavish this week provided by Julie Sheffield and Sue Barclay. We felt like queens; it was so delicious and beautifully presented.

Members were so generous with the raffle, there were more than 10 prizes to be won, including some large chocolate Easter eggs, books, jewellery, fancy biscuits and toiletries. There were some fabulous entries in our Easter bonnet competition, such beautiful ones! Jane Walker was voted first with Julie Sheffield second. Our monthly swap this time was for seeds; the swaps are always free; there was a great selection of flower and vegetable seeds to choose from and next month our swap is for plants and seedlings, so we'll see the results then!

Finally, our charity spot-light this month was from Jo Goodall who told us about a particular charity that she supports in Africa where they collect unwanted bras; making things from them before selling them to earn money to live. At our May meeting we will be having a bra collecting bag to send

more to them.

We always make a particular point of making new members welcome so there is no worry about coming along on your own. Why not try the WI? You might just love it.

**Louise Idoux**

### AN AFTERNOON IN THE GARDEN

1. Prune out the old flowering stems of forsythia, winter jasmine and spring flowering viburnum. Take off the dead heads of hydrangeas.
2. Earth up potato shoots showing above ground to protect them from late frosts.
3. Keep asparagus and strawberry beds free of weeds.

**Flowers of the month:** Incorporated into the design of King Charles III's logo are: a rose, a daffodil, a thistle, and a shamrock; the floral emblems of the four nations of the United Kingdom. This botanical cross-section of a shrub, a bulb and two flowers, is a good reflection of his commitment to conservation.



**Tree of the month: Pin Oak** (*Quercus Palustris*). This attractive tree has elongated leaves which colour bright crimson in Autumn. In common with other oaks, it is grown for its timber and would most certainly be used for the King's throne. Along the local footpath leading from Daisy Lane there are two big oaks. The larger one, due to its size is estimated to be at least 300 years old, and is in the process of being registered as a veteran tree at the Woodland Trust. The Pin oak is probably used more than any other native oak in the land-



scape. The common name "pin oak" is possibly due to the many small, slender twigs, but may also be from the historic use of the hard wood for pins in wooden building construction. The bark was used by some Native American tribes to make a drink for treatment of intestinal pain.



**Found in a church pew-sheet...**The youth group will be presenting Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in the church hall this Friday at 7:00pm. The congregation is warmly invited to attend this tragedy.

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

I apologise for having to postpone the Annual General Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Unfortunately, we were unable to muster enough committee members to hold a meeting; we will rearrange it once we can get enough together. We are short of people willing to be part of the committee and we do need a certain number before we can “officially” call a meeting so if anyone would consider joining us you would be very welcome. It does not really involve a great deal of commitment, just some enthusiasm. Marion Lycett, our current treasurer, has decided it is time to stand down from the role as she feels there is need for someone slightly younger than some-one in their mid- eighties. Marion has worked tirelessly for the club during all of the years she has held the post, obtaining various grants for us, along with keeping our bank account in order. We are extremely pleased that she has agreed to continue as a committee member for the foreseeable future. We do have someone to take over the Treasurer’s role and need to hold the AGM to officially appoint them.

We did hold our advertised Easter Tea last month, and 30 people enjoyed a buffet which included various types of sandwiches, sausage rolls, quiches, hot cross buns, cakes, and trifle. All were provided by various members of the club and entry was by donations. Members appear to enjoy being able to contribute.

The next monthly Tuesday lunch at the White Lion will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 12:00 noon. The meal costs £10 per person and includes two-courses and a cup of tea or coffee. **Please contact ME on 01691 662236 if you wish to join us;** club membership is not a necessity, so if you would like to join us one month, you do not have to commit indefinitely, though many who come do become club members – we are a friendly bunch.

Subscriptions for 2023 are now due for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024; once again it has been decided to leave it at £10 per person. Please try and submit your subscription as soon as possible.

Our next get-together will be a lunch to celebrate the coronation of King

Charles III and Queen Camilla. This will be on Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 12:00noon in the hall, at 12 noon; once again it is open to anyone. Members are contributing to a ploughman type lunch and entry will be by donation. Please feel free to wear something appropriate – red, white and blue, crown etc. and maybe a bottle of something to toast the new king and queen.

Unfortunately, the Monday afternoon whist session is still on hold due to lack of support. As the weather improves, and if enough people show some interest, we will consider re-starting it. Please contact Liz Corrin on 773733 if you would like to play, or be interested in learning how to play. The monthly evening whist session, on the first Wednesday each month, are well attended, with nine tables being in play at the April event. It starts at 7:30pm and costs just £2.50 with tea/coffee and biscuits included. These evenings are run by Carol and Derek Pope and are open to anyone.

The weekly Thursday coffee mornings continue to be very popular; club membership is not a requirement and we enjoy a good natter and catch up. Come along between 10:00 – 11:30am, we ask for just £2.00, which is not a lot for a coffee, or two, and a biscuit. If someone is celebrating a birthday then cakes and a tippie are sometimes on offer. As well as being a very friendly gathering it means you can save on your heating for an hour or so.

**Events currently held at the hall:**

**Monday 7:30 – 9:30pm** – Line dancing with Steve Mason for beginners/uppers/improvers (phone Steve for details 07963662426).

**Wednesday 1:30 – 2:30pm** Exercise Class – this starts sitting down to warm up, and then graduates to standing, if comfortably able. This class is a great chance to forget your troubles, so do come along for a laugh and a giggle.

**Thursday 10:00 – 11:30am** Coffee

After school – Junior Ballet classes during term time with Ellie Moss.

7:30pm TNS hold a Youth Group gathering during term time

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday Monday 12:00noon Celebrating the coronation of King Charles III a Ploughman’s Lunch

30<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am Coach trip to the Shire Horse Centre, Cotebrook, Tarporley – £30 to cover entry and coach

20<sup>th</sup> June Coach trip to Anglesey – £25

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11 <sup>th</sup> July	Coach trip to New Brighton – £25
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Coach trip to the Black Country Museum, Dudley – coach £15, museum entrance £15 and canal boat trip £10 – total £40
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Coach trip to Llandudno – £25
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Lunch
November	Fish and Chip lunch and a Coffee and Mince Pie morning
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tea
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch at The Navigation, Maesbury

If you would like to join us on any of the above, please contact me.

**Gillian Roberts – Secretary 662236**

### FUND RAISING AT THE WHITE LION

Our fund raising has been going well this year. Thanks to the support that our customers have given us at the monthly Bingo Nights, on the last Sunday of the month, we were recently able to give Parish Councillor, Steve Pugh, £200 towards the Coronation Memorial Coins to be presented to the children attending the Under 5's. We have also been able to support Dean Hornsey, a Whittington resident, who ran in the London Marathon last month in aid of the Orthopaedic Hospital, with £532.50. £200 of this was raised by a raffle for of an Easter hamper, and the remainder at a very successful Quiz Night held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to everyone who supported us.



**Bryan Williams**



The League bowling season opened on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, on a wet and extremely windy evening; fortunately, the 'A' team managed to overcome the conditions to record an 8-2 victory over Llanymynech, with the 'B' team

narrowly losing to Johnstown 6-4 and the aggregate by one. The 'C' and 'D' teams are in the same division and opened their account playing each other with the bragging rights going to the 'C' team, winning 8-2 on an extremely cold night. The 'Vets' team came away from Llanrhaeadr with a 5-4 victory.

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### **Home Bowling Fixtures for May: Start time 7:00pm**

<b>"A" Team</b>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	v	Llangollen
	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	v	Ceiriog Valley
<b>"B" Team</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	v	Llanymynech Foxes
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	v	Cynwyd B
<b>"C" Team</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	v	Llanrhaeadr D
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	v	Llandrillo
	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	v	Chirk C
<b>"D" Team</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	v	Chirk C
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	v	Brymbo B

### **Vets Team: Start at 1:00pm**

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	v	Weston Crofte
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	v	Llandrillo
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	v	Llanymynech

Further information is available from Club Secretary: [jacquiwhitley@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquiwhitley@yahoo.com) or Bowling Secretary Hannah Hampson - [whittingtonbowlssec@outlook.com](mailto:whittingtonbowlssec@outlook.com)

A spring clean weekend of the Clubhouse, and general ground tidy up, proved to be very successful; a big vote of thanks to those who helped.

The cricket season started on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April with a free taster session for 5-11 year olds, starting at 6:00pm with the All Stars/ Dynamos starting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Further information is available on the club website/ Facebook.

The new 3-lane cricket nets are now complete, and were officially opened on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April by the Director of Women's Cricket for Central Sparks, Laura McLeod, and Captain Eve Jones. Also in attendance were representatives from the English Cricket Board, Shropshire Cricket Board, Parish Council, Committee and Club members. Following the official speeches, and the ribbon cutting Laura and Eve undertook a question and answer forum with both the County girls under 15 and 18 squads, who were using the new facilities on the day. The Whittington Witches and Wizards start their league campaigns this month with further information available from the website/ Facebook.

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**Car Boot Sales** have been arranged as follows: Pitch Fee £6

Bank Holiday Monday	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am – 1:00pm
	Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 1:00pm
Bank Holiday Monday	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 1:00pm
	Friday June 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 1:00pm

Refreshments available.

**Mike Brunt**

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## **C A M E O – COME AND MEET EACH OTHER** in WHITTINGTON PARISH CHURCH

**MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

**10:30AM – 12:00 NOON**

**Come along to our weekly get together to  
meet other people from the community,  
there'll be tea, coffee and toast**



**Contact Suzan: revwilliams1991@icloud.com or Tel: 01691 238658**

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### **CROSSING THE BRIDGE**

**Keeping connections through advancing dementia**

My dad lived with dementia for the last 10 years of his life – and that involved a journey of the heart for our whole family, as we stayed in step with him. Through his advancing dementia, we found it helped to cross the bridge and meet him in his own world. Christopher Eccleston, whose father lived with dementia, said, “I eventually learned that, instead of trying to pull people with dementia into your world, you have to enter theirs.”

What are the things that help us to cross the bridge, as dementia advances? If language is fraying at the edges, shorter sentences may help. Beyond words, there may be connection through pictures – on an iPad or in a magazine or a book. ‘Pictures to Share’ books are designed for people with dementia – and ‘Strength for the Journey’ from that series focuses on Christian faith. Or you might enjoy making your own scrapbook of pictures.

Music can make such deep connections too. Perhaps you can enjoy singing a favourite hymn or song together. I went to see my aunt one day, and I was

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waiting for her in the entrance hall of the sheltered accommodation where she lived. A woman was in the hall and it was clear we weren't going to connect through a rational conversation. I wasn't sure how to cross the bridge to connect with her. So I made a stab at finding a bridge of connection by starting to sing, “Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do”. Within a moment, we were both happily singing and dancing round the hall together.

My dad connected with dogs in a new way: they seemed to understand one another, without the need for words! Also, we loved playing with a beach ball together. For his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, my brother gave my dad 80 seashells and there was complete, absorbing delight in arranging these. And a Memory Box of objects that bring joy can be a source of on-going connection. Also,



touch can be so important – simply staying in touch.

And of course, God always keep connection with us, crossing the bridge to meet us where we are, even when we are in uncharted or unchosen territory. God is always alongside, asking, “Where do we go from here?” I love the words from Joshua 1:9, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Dementia Action Week runs from 15-21 May this year. I wonder whether your action might be to try crossing the bridge, meeting someone living with dementia where they are.

**Sarah Thorpe, is the Dementia-Friendly Church Enabler  
for Lichfield Diocese**

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**MAY at Whittington Castle –**

**The Castle is open daily 9:00am – 5:00pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May** **craft@thecastle** Join our informal crafters – patch-work, paint, scrap book, sketch or knit, do it with others. Both novices and experts share their skills. Find inspiration or do your own thing – there is coffee, cake and laughter. Everyone is welcome, a small fee applies

**7<sup>th</sup> May** **12:00noon – 4:00pm Coronation Picnic; see page 7**

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**8<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am Eco-Warriors join the National Big Help Out (and everyone else is welcome as well)** as they do a

village-wide litter pick-up. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. End with complimentary refreshment at kitchen@thecastle

**27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May 10:00am – 4:00pm SIEGE! – The local Corbett Household Re-enactors recreate the 1404 siege of Whittington Castle by Owain Glyndwr.** Entrance £5 per car and by donation for those on foot.

**Kimberley Powell, Castle Manager**

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### WEST MIDLAND POLICE FRAUD AND SCAM WARNING

#### **‘ANYDESK SCAM’**

Recent reports in our area of residents falling victim to this Scam include: in one case a text was received claiming to be from telephone number “101” with crime numbers and advising that there had been criminal activity on a bank account. They were then persuaded to download the AnyDesk App which then gave the fraudster access to their bank accounts. In a second case, the call allegedly came from the victim’s bank itself who convinced them to download the AnyDesk app as there had been unusual activity on the bank account. Funds were then removed via the App.

AnyDesk in itself is secure, trusted and used by many people without problem. When installed correctly, It is completely secure and a tool for when IT experts want to work on remote devices without being on-site. However there have been reports of members of the public receiving phone calls from Scammers asking them to download AnyDesk and then accessing that computer or mobile phone to glean personal details, bank details etc.

If anyone cold calls you and asks you to download AnyDesk you are advised not to respond and hang up on the caller. They could use this software to steal your money.

If you’ve fallen for a scam, report it to **Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040** or via [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk)

**Scam Text messages can be forwarded to 7726** to help phone providers

take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks. Forward **Fake Emails** received to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

### OSWESTRY LIBRARY

The library will be closed on all three Bank Holiday Mondays this month so please do not attend any weekly event advertised on those particular days.

**Family & Local History Group:** Monday 10:00am-12:00noon

Friday 1:30 – 4:00pm

Teams of knowledgeable volunteers work alongside library staff to help both newcomers and experienced researchers. Drop in.

**Digital Support Weekly Drop-In Session:** Monday 1:00-3:00pm

Needing help with their device? Just bring it in. Drop in.

If you are over 65 years of age and seeking support to learn digital skills from scratch, contact us and we can refer you onto the waiting list for our ten-week course to get you started.

**Hearing Loss Support Hub – Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Booking is essential for this, please contact 01743 342168 or email: [shls@community-resource.org.uk](mailto:shls@community-resource.org.uk) to confirm date and make an appointment.

**Shropshire Local Drop-In – Wed 10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May** 10:00am – 2:00pm

come to see the team for help to access Shropshire Council services, such as Blue badge applications, Concessionary Travel cards and so on. Drop in.

**Singing for Memories – Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May** 11:00am-12:00noon

An informal hour to sing favourites from the 50s to 70s. Suitable for all, especially those with some memory loss. This is a FREE but please do call to book, or email: [heather.rodenhurst@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:heather.rodenhurst@shropshire.gov.uk)

**Admiral Nurse Information (Dementia Action Week) – Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May**

2:00-4:00pm They can provide free, expert advice, care and understanding on all aspects of living with memory loss or caring for a loved one. Drop-in.

**Carer's Support Drop-in – Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May** 10:30am –12:30pm

If you are a carer for someone you can seek support and advice from Shropshire Council's Carer Support team here. Drop in.

Contact Shropshire Carers support line on 01743 341995 (Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm) or email: Shropshire.Carers@shropshire.gov.uk

Siobhan Shaw CMgr MCMI – 01743 255394 direct

### The Wonders of Comfrey

*Symphytum officinalis*, or Knit bone, is now generally referred to as Comfrey. This is a long-established stalwart of the herbal medicine chest. As the old name suggests, this common plant has been used to help repair broken bones and all manner of injuries. The leaves and roots are found to contain allantoin, a very useful constituent used for healing and softening problem/dry skin. Allantoin is still used in many skin care products. These days, Comfrey is only used externally and internal use is discouraged. The plant contains pyrrolizidine alkaloids, which can harm the liver if taken over a period of time.

Comfrey cream and oil are available in herb shops and a poultice is easy to make at home. Simply use fresh, chopped and bruised leaves or rehydrated dried herb, apply the poultice to an area that needs help, wrap in cling film, or similar and leave for a while. The plant has been shown to speed up granulation of wounds, thus helping them heal more quickly. This is not recommended on deep wounds as we don't want to seal in any potential infection, but is very useful for shallow cuts, grazes and abrasions. Comfrey is also a remedy for arthritic joints, as an oil externally. The oil has repairing qualities and the action of massaging is also beneficial.

Most Comfrey growing in this country is now the Russian comfrey which is a bit more of a thug than our indigenous English comfrey and is therefore more successful as a plant but also contains more of the poisonous alkaloids. There are also many cultivars of *Symphytum* with different habits, all of which are useful medicinally, to some extent.

Gardeners have homemade fertiliser, which is very effective, but terribly smelly if made with water. An alternative method is to add the leaves to a double bucket with holes in and allow the juice of the plant to drip through into the lower bucket. Bottle and use when needed on fruit and vegetables.

Louise Idoux

If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain

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### Beware your dog's tracker app

A number of apps which offer to keep an eye on your pet are also recording the login details and locations of YOU. Such is the finding of a recent study. It seems that many tech companies which offer smart collars, GPS trackers, and wearable cameras for pets, may also be creating cyber security risks for their owners.

A recent study at Newcastle University and Royal Holloway, University of London, evaluated 40 such apps. It discovered that a good number of them were recording the login details and location of the owners without encryption. In addition, all but four of the apps included some sort of tracking software, which was gathering information on the owner, without their consent.

As one doctoral student at Newcastle University's school of computing explained, "Pet tech brings with it new security, privacy and safety risks to the pet owners. "We would urge anyone using these apps to take the time to ensure they are using a unique password, check the settings and ensure that they consider how much data they are sharing or willing to share."

### TANAT to PERRY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

We have been looking for Curlew, Lapwing, Kestrel, Cuckoo and Red Kite since last March, in our area which extends from Oswestry in the north to Kinnerley in the south, and eastwards from the Welsh border to Ruyton-XI-Towns; from the Tanat to the Perry.

We are trying to find all Curlew nests this year, to protect them with an electric fence. If you have seen, or heard, any of these species, please don't assume that we know about them.



Please report all of your observations, especially any Curlew, "the most important bird conservation priority in the UK" to Leo Smith – Tel: 01694 720296 or email: leo@leosmith.or.uk

**Life abundant** – Two students from a theological training college decided to

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spend part of their holiday in the countryside doing outreach. They stopped at an old farm house and proceeded up the path through a group of screaming children and a washing line heavy with wet clothes. When they got near the door, the woman of the house stopped scrubbing the steps, brushed her hair and perspiration from her brow, and asked them what they wanted. "We'd like to tell you how you can live forever," they answered.



The exhausted woman hesitated for a moment, and then replied, "Thank you, but I don't think I could stand it!"

**Four worms** – A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon on temperance. So, four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third was put into a container of chocolate syrup, and the fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol . . . dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke . . . dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup . . . dead. The fourth worm in good clean soil . . . alive. So, the minister asked his congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?"

There was silence, until one farmer at the back hazarded: "That as long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms?"

## SOUP LUNCH AT THE RECTORY

**AT 12:00 NOON ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

THURS 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY

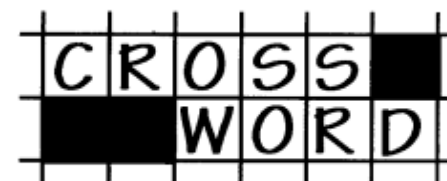
THURS 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE



**CONTACT SUZAN FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO BOOK**

**YOUR PLACE:**

revwilliams1991@icloud.com – 01691 674948



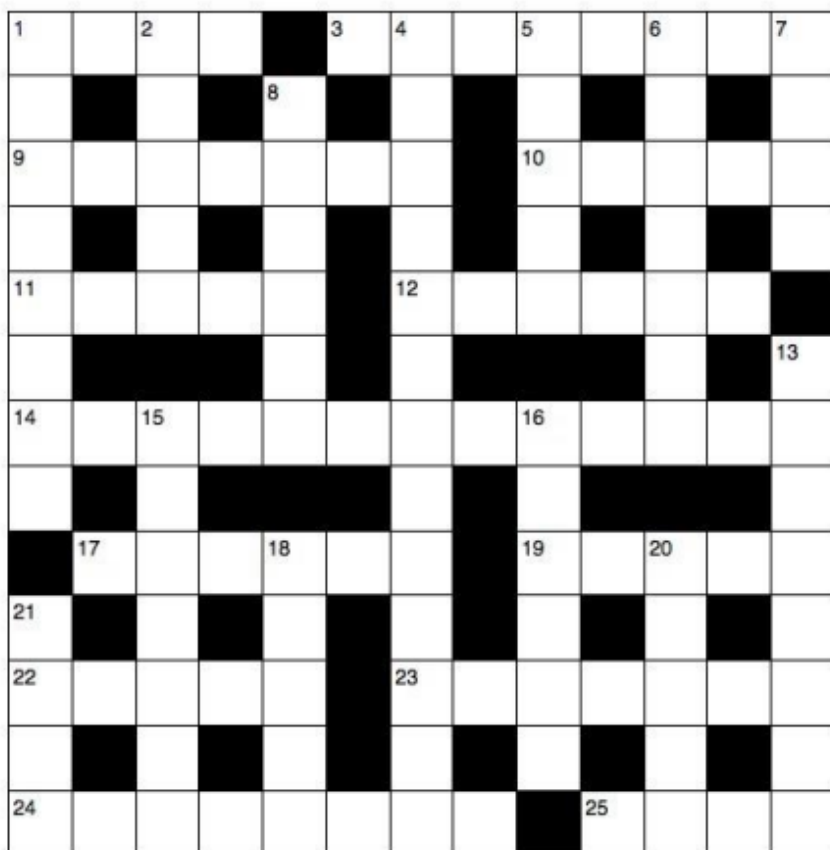
### ACROSS:

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4) (4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6) (5)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

### DOWN:

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4) (8)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
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21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)



**ANSWERS TO APRIL'S CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS:** 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell.  
11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil.  
23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

**DOWN:** 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere.  
9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance.  
20, Debar.

Every path has its puddle

**The Vicar's lost his iPad!**

The Vicar's lost his iPad –  
Disaster's come to church!  
His sermon's on that iPad  
It's left him in the lurch!

He's been looking for that iPad  
For most of half an hour,  
He's searched the chancel and the nave  
So now he's up the tower!

Oh! Where's he put that iPad?  
He had it when he came!  
He's searching high and searching low  
It's driving him insane!

The angels in the hammer beams  
For several hundred years  
Have witnessed proper order  
But now they're all in tears.

For chaos reigns below them  
Upon this modern day  
For everyone is searching now –  
Both clergyman and lay!

The Vicar found his iPad  
Tonight, we'll all be sleeping!  
He sent a message from his phone  
And set his iPad beeping!

And as he holds his iPad  
We feel his happy glow;  
But could he not have done that trick  
That half-an-hour ago?

The answer comes upon us  
That trick he could not do!  
For, in the caverns of our church  
He'd lost his smartphone, too!



## LE MANS

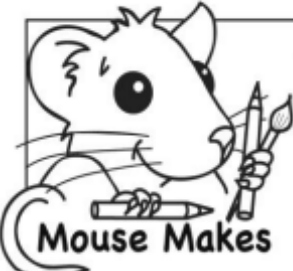
The 24 Hours of Le Mans was created by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest and was first raced over the 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 1923. This day-long race winds through the little French hamlet of Le Mans in northwest France, but those in the motoring world simply refer to it as “Le Mans”, just as the great Tennis Championship in London is called simply “Wimbledon”.

The 10.7 milelong circuit has seen photo-finishes and terrible crashes over the years. It has been modified, for safety reasons but remains a course designed for speed and spectacular racing action. The track, known as the Circuit de Sarthe, after the river running through the town, is made up of part private roads used exclusively for racing and in part public roads, and remains the world’s oldest active endurance race. Whilst it is a test of metal fortitude for the drivers the race was originally intended as a trial ground for automobiles to test their mechanical endurance. The race was initially going to be a three-year cumulative effort, with the car that accumulated the best overall time in aggregate after three runs taking first place; that idea was soon scrapped.



The winners of the first Le Mans 24 Hour Endurance race were Andre Lagache and Rene Leonard driving a 3 litre Chenard and Walcker, which travelled a total of 1,300 miles; in total 66 drivers in 33 cars started the race. In 1930 two women took part in the race for the first time, finishing seventh; four years later a woman took fourth place, their best place ever. The race of 1936 was cancelled due to general strikes in France and the outbreak of World War II resulted in its suspension in 1939 for 10 years. Ferrari won for the first time in 1949 and it was a Ferrari which was the first car to reach 300 kph in 1963. The worst tragedy at the circuit was in 1955 when a car was struck and launched into the crowd, exploded, killing the driver and 83 spectators. 1970 was the year that drivers stopped running across the track to climb into their cars, and began it instead already seated with their safety harnesses in place. 400kph was achieved in 1988 by a Peugeot car, however the vehicle only survived 59 miles into the race. As improvements in the cars has continued, more recently there has been a move towards electric cars taking part. This year the race will be run on 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

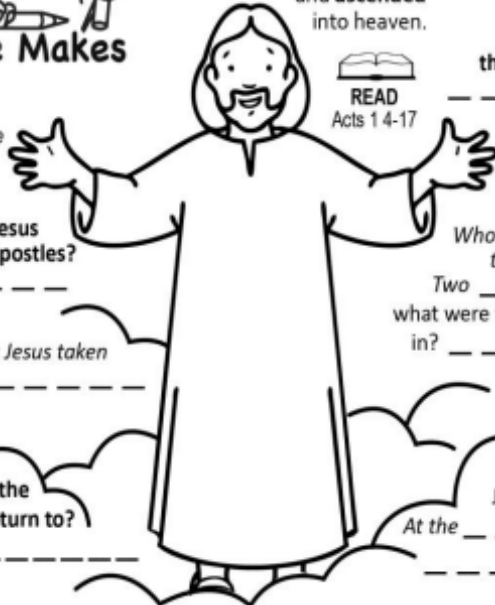


**Mouse Makes**

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

**What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?**

to be Jesus' witnesses.  
Acts 1:8



**READ**  
Acts 1 4-17

Find the answers in the word search

**What did Jesus say from the Apostles?**  
a \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to?  
Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to?  
Acts 1:12

Who appeared to the Apostles?  
Two \_\_\_\_\_ and what were they dressed in?  
Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated?  
At the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
Mark 16:19

W G A C J S A P O S T L E S D C M P  
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### The launch of 'Bell Sunday'

If you like church bells, you will be pleased to hear that there is now an 'official' Bell Sunday – this year to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, the Sunday prior to 19<sup>th</sup> May because that is the feast day of St Dunstan, patron saint of bell ringers and who, back in the 11<sup>th</sup> century, experimented with designing bells and bell-forging. (Does anyone know if any of his bells have survived?). Dunstan, who worked as a scribe, artist, hymn writer, musician and metalsmith at Glastonbury Abbey, recognised the power of music to call people to worship.

The Central Council for Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR) has declared Bell Sunday to encourage churches to celebrate their bells and ringers in Sunday worship. The CCCBR hopes that many local church towers will join in, and that, where possible, churches will open their towers to the public on the day, so that visitors can watch the bells being rung.

The Central Council's spokeswoman, Vicki Chapman, says: "With co-operation between church and bell-ringers, it may be possible for bell-ringers to be involved in a service on the day. Bell ringers could read lessons, give a talk, and demonstrate the playing of handbells. The church service could include bell-related hymns, bell-related prayers, and even bell-shaped biscuits with the after-service coffee.

"We hope that Bell Sunday will help raise awareness of the importance of bells in our communities, and also help strengthen relationships between clergy and bellringers."

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**Beware those modern choruses**



The Rectory  
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I am afraid we shall have to agree to disagree on yet another topic – although I suspect the list of items that we agree to agree on would be considerably shorter. I like to think my appreciation of hymns resembles a connoisseur of fine wines savouring a grand cru claret, yours seems to resemble a Russian female tractor driver

who is a Hero of the Nation.

We at St James the Least are more than happy with *Hymns Ancient & Modern* – the original 1861 edition, naturally - the later editions display a dangerous tendency towards modernism. Sadly, St. Paul was not able to sing *Onward, Christian soldiers*, but I am sure he regretted the fact that it had yet to be written. The hymns our grandparents pretended to sing when they were in church are quite good enough for the ones we pretend to sing when we sit in the same pews.

At least when we come to the last verse, we know that we can then sit down, mission accomplished. The last time I attended your church, just as I saw the last words and therefore the finishing line of one of your choruses coming into sight, we were told it would be splendid to sing the thing another three times. At least it gave me another analogy to use when I next preached on eternity in hell.

And your method of singing would plunge our congregation into an existential crisis. What do they do with their hands when they don't have books to hold and are obliged to look at a screen? To be deprived of being able to hold a book in church is like a smoker who is trying to give up being unable to grasp a cigarette when in the pub.

The ladies do not know whether to clasp their handbags, which then makes it look as if they suspect the rest of the congregation of theft, or to hold some flowers, which looks a little too matrimonial. The men experiment with putting hands in pockets, which they then realise looks scruffy, so they try to hold on to the pew in front, which is inevitably too low, so they have to adopt some form of half crouch, which makes them look as if they have recently had hernia operations.

Your choral tradition – if I can flatter it with such a description – also seems to require half an hour before the Service spent singing for our congregation, that time is more usefully spent discussing Government incompetence, livestock prices and why Miss Threlfall always wears a red felt hat with her tangerine coat.

Should we ever have a joint Service, I can't imagine how we'll all get through the first hymn together.

**Your loving uncle,  
Eustace**

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Their Majesties have shared a recipe for a:

### CORONATION QUICHE (serves 6)

|                                                  |                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Pastry:</b>                                   | <b>Filling:</b>                      |
| 125g plain flour                                 | 125ml milk                           |
| Pinch of salt                                    | 175ml double cream                   |
| 25g cold butter, diced                           | 2 medium eggs                        |
| 25g lard                                         | 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon  |
| 2 tablespoons milk                               | salt and pepper                      |
| (Or 1 x 250g block ready-made shortcrust pastry) | 100g grated cheddar cheese           |
|                                                  | 180g cooked spinach, lightly chopped |
|                                                  | 60g broad beans or soya beans        |
| 20cm Flan Tin                                    |                                      |

To make the pastry sieve the flour and salt into a bowl; add the fats and rub the mixture together using your finger-tips until you get a sandy, breadcrumb like texture.

Add the milk a little at a time and bring the ingredients together into a dough.

Cover and allow to rest in the fridge for 30–45 minutes

Lightly flour the work surface and roll out the pastry to a circle a little larger than the top of the tin and approximately 5mm thick.

Line the tin with the pastry, taking care not to have any holes or the mixture could leak. Cover and rest for a further 30 minutes in the fridge.

Preheat the oven to 190°C/170°C fan/Gas mark 5

Line the pastry case with greaseproof paper, add baking beans and bake blind for 15 minutes, before removing the greaseproof paper and baking beans.

Reduce the oven temperature to 160°C/140°C fan/Gas mark 3

Beat together the milk, cream, eggs, herbs and seasoning.

Scatter ½ of the grated cheese in the blind-baked base, top with the chopped spinach and beans and herbs, then pour over the liquid mixture.

If required gently give the mixture a delicate stir to ensure the filling is evenly dispersed but be careful not to damage the pastry case.

Sprinkle over the remaining cheese. Place into the oven and bake for 20–25 minutes until set and lightly golden.

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## Whittington Parish Council News, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Meeting

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Pugh.

**Representatives present spoke on the following:** **Whittington Together:** Provided details on the Community Event they intend to hold in the Castle grounds on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the Coronation. A leaflet drop to every household in the parish is being proposed in order to advertise the event and a request for a £550 grant to fund the event was agreed by the Council. **Whittington Under 5's:** To provide the 44 children with a commemorative Coronation item; a request for the Parish Council to purchase teddy bears in mugs at the cost of £5.99 + VAT each was agreed. *(Councillor Johnson declared a bias and did not take part in these discussions).* **Whittington Under 5's Jubilee Tree:** Has now been purchased and will be planted in line with others on the green next to the play area, as previously agreed by the Parish Council.

**KEY ITEMS: Notice of Casual Vacancy** – to note Steve Charmley's resignation as Parish Councillor. The Council can co-opt another representative as soon as practically possible. The role has been advertised and applications are to be considered at the April meeting.

**Police Report:** PCSO Roberts was in attendance and reported a spike in burglaries and car thefts. People are being advised to be vigilant and take extra precautions and security measures. The issue with parking at school times was raised and it was confirmed that the police will have a presence whenever possible. The mobile police van, which includes speed monitoring, will be out and about in the Rural North Area.

### **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.

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Officers 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 PACT meetings), on the phone or online. In the event of a Police emergency call 999 for urgent attention; or ring 101 for non-emergency calls. The Police mobile numbers above will only be answered if the Officer is on duty. If your call is not answered please leave your name, number and a brief message; officers will respond at their earliest convenience when next on duty.

**Get in touch** - 📞 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

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@Oscops - Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

**Play Area – Fitzgwarine Play Area:** Councillor Davis reported no new issues with the area and it was noted that the fixings to the single point swing will be done this month. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the contractors to request that a couple of rolls of turf be used at the end of the toddler slide to reduce the distance between the end of the slide and the ground.

**The King’s Coronation:** The Chair reported that the Coronation coins to be presented to all the children attending Whittington Church of England School have now arrived. The Clerk has contacted the school to enquire about the possibility of holding a special Coronation Assembly, to present them, on either 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> May; this is still to be confirmed.

**Shropshire Councillors Report** – Councillor Charmley was not present.

**Planning a)** To note recent planning decisions published by Shropshire Council **I. Reference:** 23/00129/FUL (validated: 12/01/2023) **Address:** Sumtyme, Iron Mills, Gobowen, SY11 4NQ **Proposal:** Single Storey side extension and alteration to existing layout/window locations **Decision:** Grant Permission.

**II. Reference:** 22/05655/FUL (validated: 10/01/2023) **Address:** Whittington Church of England School, Station Road, SY11 4DA **Proposal:** Erection of single storey extension connecting into the existing school building to provide 3 new classrooms and associated ancillary spaces **Decision:** Grant Permission.

**b)** Consider the following Planning Applications: **I. Reference:** 23/00827/FUL (validated: 27/02/2023) **Address:** Rose Cottage, Lower Frankton, SY11 4PB **Proposal:** Erection of single storey ground floor rear extension. The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application **II. Reference:** 23/00950/TCA (validated: 28/02/2023) **Address:** Castle Acres, Station Road, SY11 4BT **Proposal:** Removal of 1 Wych Elm tree, and the removal of branches, overhanging the applicant’s property, from 1 apple tree within Whittington Conservation Area. Ratify comment submitted 17/03/23 under delegated powers (deadline before the meeting). The Parish Council have no comments on this application.

**III. Reference:** 23/00936/OUT **Address:** Proposed Residential Development to the north of Top Street, Whittington. **Proposal:** Outline application for the erection of six single-storey dwellings to include layout and scale. It was RESOLVED to OBJECT with the following comments: The Parish Council object to the application on the basis that this is outside of the Local Plan Development Boundary and the Parish Council reiterates their previous comments from 2013, referring to the Parish Council’s Planning Policy Statement which states that, to retain the character of the Parish, building should be within the Development Boundary. The Parish Council have considered the Traffic Management proposals; however, they do not eliminate or improve the visibility splay issues.

**Highways, Pavements and Footpaths:** The Clerk reported that there were no further updates on items to report and Highways will be chased for one ahead of the next meeting.

**Next meeting:** – This will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at **7:00pm** in the Senior Citizens’ Hall and will be the Council’s Annual Meeting with limited space for members of the public wishing to attend. Please note that the start time has been moved to **7:00pm**. **The Annual Parish Meeting** for all village residents will be on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm** in the Senior Citizens’ Hall. Future meeting dates will be published on the Parish Council website.

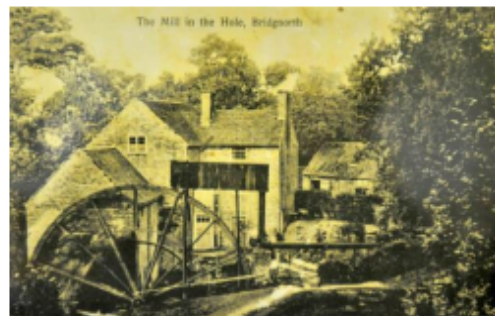
The Agendas for forthcoming meetings are available 3 clear days before the meeting, either on the Parish Council Website or the two Parish Noticeboards, one in Park Hall and one outside the School. The full minutes (in draft form) can be read on line two days after each meeting, <https://whittingtonpc.com>,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

**Jill Whitby**

## DANIELS MILL

This ancient mill can be found at Knowles Sand, near Bridgnorth, it has the largest cast iron waterwheel in England, spanning 38 feet in diameter; but it was not the first to be built on the site. The mill was worked to grind various grains for animal feed until 1957 when the miller died. The first reference to a mill appeared in the latter part of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, when it was known as 'Donynges Mill', becoming 'Dunnings' Mill' in the 17<sup>th</sup> century; it was listed in the 1841 census as 'Dunnells Mill' before becoming Daniels Mill by 1880. It is thought that it was probably worked by a journeyman Miller, who would come to the mill when there was work for it to do. This first mill stood below the dam of the current top pool and was built around 1600. It had a fourteen-foot wooden wheel and was known locally as "The Mill in the hole", it was also referred to as a Clover Mill. All that now remains of this building is the back wall and the wheel pit.

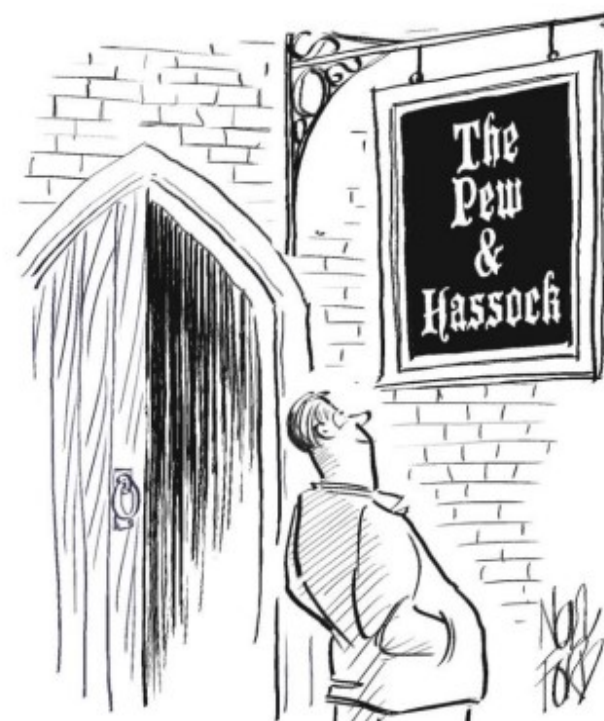
Business improved, and with the arrival of a resident miller, the Crowther family, a little over 250 years ago, a larger mill was built which was subsequently enlarged to include living accommodation. The 'L' extension, provided a kitchen, bedroom, and attic/bedroom; this extension has since had the roof raised at some stage.



The present wheel, originally cast at Coalbrookdale in 1854 was installed, and documents show that as early as 1843 a steam engine had been purchased to work in conjunction with the present wheel; it is likely that it was felt the mill had an insufficient water supply. Other documents show that the sluice was constructed and the gearing modified, presumably to line up with both the new wheel and the steam engine, at the same time. The living quarters remained in the Victorian era until 1946 when the then miller, Henry Thomason, installed electric light; but he would not have it in the mill, saying it would be too dangerous; and this remained the case until his death in 1957 at the age of 69; milling ceased with his passing.

The mill is now owned by a charitable trust and it has required a lot of work

to restore both the Mill and the house to its present condition. As much of the original mill has been preserved and any replacements required have been obtained from demolitions of old properties. The work included fixing water damage to the wheel, rebuilding several walls around the wheel pit, installing a new steel axle, replacing millstones and their timber framework, replacing floorboards, windows and more. The Mill was flooded in 2007 but thanks to a grant more work meant the reinstatement of the secondary water feed to the wheel and the reconstruction of the over-wheel water tank which had been removed in the mid-1960s when it became unsafe. There are walks around peaceful pools and the old mill ruin with conducted tours available. A gift shop sells 100% wholemeal flour from the mill and the scones served with tea or coffee are made from milled flour.



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

## WHITTINGTON ORGANISATIONS

**CRICKET/BOWLING CLUB SECRETARY:** Tel:830901  
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**WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:**  
Amy Jones (Clerk to the Council) Tel: 829571  
Held the fourth Tuesday in the month – clerk@whittingtonpc.com  
<http://www.whittingtonpc.com>

**WHITTINGTON YOUTH CLUB:** (Facebook page: Whittington Youth). Meets Thursday evening 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Senior Citizens' Hall; entry fee £2. Activities for 10-16-year-olds supervised by qualified youth workers and activity coaches from The New Saints FC Foundation Ltd. Telephone 01691 889791 or email: [info@tnsfcfoundation.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sally@leppanen.co.uk)  
Mike Brunt Tel: 01691 661874 or Mob: 07855772527

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**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:**  
Second Wednesday in the month in the Community Centre  
Secretary: Sophie Anderson Tel: 07951 793350

**WHITTINGTON CASTLE PRESERVATION TRUST:**  
Chairman: Jonjo Evans Tel:671300  
Castle Manager: Ms Kimberley Powell Tel:662500

**BELL RINGING:** Details from Brian Rothera Tel:657778

**BROWNIES, GUIDES:**  
6:00-7:15pm Thursday except in school holidays in the Community Centre  
Brown Owl: Mrs D. Gough, 2 Newnes Barns, Ellesmere Tel:624390

**BEAVER, CUBS & SCOUT INFORMATION:**  
Group Scout Leader + Akela: Mrs B Cassidy, 2 Heather Bank, Gobowen  
Tel: 07907972657 or 01691 658016  
Beavers 6-8yrs Tues 6.00-7.15pm; Cubs 8-11yrs Fri 5.45– 7.30pm  
Scouts 11-14 yrs and Explorer Scouts 14-18 Fri 7.45–9.30pm

**WHITTINGTON UNDER FIVES GROUP:**  
Sessional and extended hours Carer and Toddler Sessions  
Leaders: Dawn and Mandy Tel:670127  
Meet in the Community Centre 9:00am – 3:00pm

**SENIOR CITIZENS:**  
Monday Whist Drive, Thursday Coffee Morning  
All meetings in the Senior Citizens Hall  
Secretary: Mrs Gillian Roberts, 4 Western Avenue Tel:662236

**MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE:**  
The Mobile Library will stop in the cul-de-sac by the Three Trees/White Lion on alternate Tuesdays between 2:55pm – 3:55pm.

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