

THE RIPPLE

July 2023



PARISH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:00am 4th Sunday Holy Communion

11:00am 1st Sunday Informal Family Service

11:00am Other Sundays Parish Communion

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

Once again, I am sat at my desk putting together my contribution to the next magazine, which seems to come around quicker than you think!

We have been blessed by the most glorious sunny weather for most of May and lots of folk have taken the opportunity to get out in their gardens, or visit National Trust properties around the area, or head off to the seaside. We ourselves did the latter on Whit week Bank Holiday Monday. Did you know that ‘Whitsun’ is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word ‘Wit’ meaning understanding. In the past Whit Sunday or White Sunday was the Sunday when Baptisms would take place and those who’d been prepared by their local Priest would make their public profession of faith. For some, from a Methodist background, Whit Sunday was the occasion to celebrate their church membership and being part of the family of God. A number of people have spoken fondly of memories of their annual Sunday school picnic at this time too.

I wonder what childhood memories you have, or the traditions that have been passed down in your family from one generation to the next. In my own family, owing to the fact that over the years nieces and nephews and even a great nephew, grandchildren and brothers-in-law and sons-in-law, and one daughter-in-law, have swelled the number of our extended family, we meet for an annual barbecue in August to celebrate both our own wedding anniversary, but also three birthdays. It’s an occasion to catch up with one another and to give thanks for all that has happened in the last year. However difficult, or challenging, it may in reality have been, there are always things to be thankful for. Psalm 107 says Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story.

I wonder what your story to tell is? What things there are for you to bring before God in lament or in thanksgiving? In reality life is never either or, it’s both, and let’s be grateful and give thanks.

Every Blessing

Suzan



SUNDAY 9th JULY

1:00 – 4:00pm

**ANNUAL CHURCH
BARBECUE**

with Crafts, Games and more!

BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE

**Contact Suzan for more details,
to let us know you are coming
and any dietary requirements:**

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July 2023

DIARY

2 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

11:00am Informal Service

3 10:30am-12:00noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)

4 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

5 7:30pm Monthly Whist Drive in the Senior Citizens' Hall,
£2.50 including light refreshments

6 9:30am Holy Communion

2:30pm Fellowship Group meets at 4 Inglis Road, Park Hall

7 6:30pm A live auction at Halston Hall, tickets £10 including
refreshments; further details on page 7

9 **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

11:00am Parish Communion

1:00 – 4:00pm Barbecue at the Rectory; further details on page 3

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

11 9:20am First pick-up at Rosehill for Whittington Senior Citizens
Coach Trip to New Brighton; details on pages 8 – 9

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

12 7:00pm Whittington WI meets in the Community Centre

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13 9:30am Holy Communion

2:30pm Fellowship Group meets at 4 Inglis Road, Park Hall

16 **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

11:00am Parish Communion

6:30pm Informal Service

17 **LAST DAY** for magazine material for the August 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)

18 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

20 9:30am Holy Communion

2:30pm Fellowship Group meets at 4 Inglis Road, Park Hall

23 **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Parish Communion

24 10:30am-12:00noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)

25 12:00noon Whittington Senior Citizens monthly lunch at the
White Lion; further details pages 8 – 9

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

27 9:30am Holy Communion

2:30pm Fellowship Group meets at 4 Inglis Road, Park Hall

30 **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

11:00am Parish Communion

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

Extracts from the Parish Registers
for the month of May 2023



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

18th May 2023

Jane Mary Youens
aged 86 of Fitzalan Close, Babbinswo



This aphorism, the name given to a pithy observation which contains a general truth, was first recorded as a Pembrokeshire saying in 1866 “Eating an apple on going to bed, and you’ll keep the doctor from earning his bread”. It then evolved into the phrase “an apple a day, no doctor to pay”, while the phrase now commonly used came into use a couple of years before World War 1. However, it is

believed that the Romans and Anglo-Saxons knew about the health benefits of the fruit, which also appears in Ayurvedic medicine, an ancient Indian system of medicine dating back about 1,500 years in southern Asia.

VALIDITY OF NON-BARCODED STAMPS EXPIRES 31st JULY

Regular stamps without a barcode will no longer be valid after 31st July 2023. To exchange for new barcoded versions, use the Post Office Stamp Swap Out scheme:

1. (a) Print out a Swap Out form from the Royal Mail website; there are two versions depending on whether you are swapping more or less than £200s worth of stamps.
(b) Or pick-up a form, along with a freepost envelope, from the Customer Service Point at the local delivery office at Mile Oak Industrial Estate, Maesbury Road, or the Post Office in Whittington. Please note that the free post envelope is only valid if you are applying for no more than £200s worth of stamps.
2. Complete the form and include your stamps.
3. Send to “Freepost SWAP OUT”



The aim is to process applications within 15 working days.

FRIDAY 7th JULY

from 6:30pm



AN AUCTION

At Halston Hall, Whittington

SY11 4NS

IN AID OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
WHITTINGTON

A live auction of many desirable lots plus a
silent auction of a host of useful items

If anybody has items which they would like to
donate for either Auction
they will be gratefully received

Tickets: £10:00

Under 15 years old £5:00



Includes: Wine, beer, soft drinks and canapes

Please contact Lindsay Rutherford

via email: wlr2447@gmail.com

or text on 07976-700709

Techie trouble – The vicar had technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with ‘The Lord be with you’, he said: “There’s something wrong with the microphone.” Not hearing this, the congregation responded: “And also with you.”

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

On 30th May we had a fantastic day at the Cotebrook Shire Horse Centre, Tarporley. The weather was on our side and our driver, Louise, collected two of our group from the Ashwood Residential Apartments in town before picking-up the rest of us in Whittington. We left the village just before 10:00am and arrived at the centre in time for coffee at 11:00am. We were then able to wander around at leisure before meeting some Shire mares with their foals at 12:00noon when our guide told us that a mare carries a foal for approximately 11½ months. One foal had been born in January, another at the beginning of May and another was due the week we were there; there are about 20 Shire horses at the centre. We also saw some children being shown how to groom a Shetland pony. We saw red foxes and Scottish wild cats being fed. The foxes had been taken to the centre by the RSPCA as they had been reared in a domestic environment, which meant they would not be able to be released in the wild to fend for themselves, two were brother and sister. There are also, otters, red squirrels, deer, polecats and several breeds of ducks, chickens and peacocks; it was well worth the visit. Next month I will have news of our tour of Anglesey on 20th June. This month, July, we are heading to New Brighton; there is still room on the coach if you have not yet made up your mind.

Our next lunch at the White Lion is on Tuesday 25th July at 12:00 noon. Still currently £10 per person it includes a two-course meal and a cup of tea or coffee. **Please contact ME on 01691 662236 if you wish to join us;** membership of the club is not a necessity, so why not join us one month, you do not have to commit indefinitely; we are a friendly bunch. If you would like to become a club member the subscription is a very reasonable £10; if you are interested, please give me a ring on 01691 662236.

The continuation of the Monday afternoon whist sessions is still undecided due to lack of support. If anyone is interested in playing, or learning the game would they please contact Liz Corrin on 773733. The whist sessions held on the first Wednesday evening each month are well attended, there were 9 full tables in June. These start at 7.30 pm and have a small charge of £2.50 to cover tea/coffee and biscuits and are run by Carol and Derek Pope; an evening open to all players.

The weekly Thursday coffee mornings are very popular for a good natter and catch up; membership is not a requirement. Why not join us any time after 10:00am, we usually finish about 11:30 am and ask just £2.00 which is not a lot for a coffee (or two) together with a biscuit. If someone is celebrating a birthday then cakes and a tippie are sometimes on offer. This is a very friendly gathering and new people appear nearly every week and return, so we can't be a bad lot.

Events currently held at the hall:

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

Wednesday 1:30 – 2:30pm Exercise Class – beginning sitting down to warm up and then gradually to standing if comfortably able. A great chance to forget your troubles and enjoy a laugh and a giggle.

Thursday 10:00 – 11:30am Coffee

Junior Ballet classes (after school) during term time with Ellie Moss

7:30 pm TNS run a Youth Group during term time

ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY FOR 2023

11th July 9:00am First pick-up at Rosehill for a visit to New Brighton; it's not too late to join us if you have a free day – £25

15th August Black Country Museum, Dudley – coach £15, entrance to museum £15 and canal boat trip £10 – total £40 (note correction to the date)

12th September Llandudno - £25

10th October Harvest Lunch

November Fish and Chip lunch plus a Coffee and Mince Pie morning

December 5th: Christmas Tea

December 15th: Christmas lunch at The Navigation

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

Gillian Roberts – Secretary 662236

Experiences of Diabetic Care and Support



Healthwatch Shropshire wants to hear from people with diabetes, or who are at risk of developing diabetes, about their experiences of care and support. Organisations within the local

Integrated Care System (ICS), including NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and public health bodies, are looking at ways these services can be improved with the help of patient feedback.

Diabetes UK list 15 elements that are key to good diabetic care: (https://www.diabetes.org.uk/about_us/news/are-you-getting-the-15-healthcare-essentials-new-report-shows-they-could-save-your-life1).

Healthwatch Shropshire want to know if patients are receiving this care.

People can fill the survey out online at:

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HWS_diabetes/

Or ring Healthwatch Shropshire on 01743 237884 where a team member will take you through the questions.

Emily Marston, Project Officer, Transformation and System Commissioning for NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin said, “There are approximately 30,000 people living with diabetes across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and this number is increasing. In 2030 the number of people living with Diabetes across the UK is predicted to reach 5.5 million (Diabetes UK, 2022).” “To address the rising prevalence of diabetes in our community, we want to develop diabetic care pathways with a vision of improving the lives and treatment outcomes for patients affected by diabetes or those at risk of developing it.”

Lynn Cawley, Chief Officer of Healthwatch Shropshire, told us, “We are really pleased to be working with organisations from the Integrated Care System to ensure that patient experience helps to inform decisions as services change.” Healthwatch Shropshire is the independent health and social care champion in Shropshire; it gathers the views and experiences of patients, service users, carers, and the general public about services including hospitals, GPs, mental health services, community health services, pharmacists, opticians, residential care and children’s services. It also has statutory powers that it can use to influence service provision by encouraging improvements.

Contact: Lynn Cawley, Chief Officer Tel: 01743 237884 or Healthwatch Shropshire, 4 The Creative Quarter, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, SY2 6LG. Email: enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk

Website: www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk

Brian Rapson, Healthwatch Shropshire

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes?
Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?



Originally the Hollywoodland sign, situated on Mount Lee, in the Beechwood Canyon area of the Santa Monica Mountains was constructed as a temporary advertisement for a local real-estate development and was due to only last 18 months. The 50 feet tall letters covered a distance of 450 feet and on 13th July 1923 around 4,000 light bulbs began alternating between flashing in successive segments and as a whole; in addition, there was a searchlight built below it to attract more attention. The project cost \$21,000 equivalent to almost £30,000 today. Because of the rise of the American cinema and the sign’s popularity, it was not subsequently taken down, though the illumination was turned off around 1933 and the LAND letters were removed in September 1949 to reflect the name of the district instead. The sign was eventually replaced in 1978 with a more durable all-steel structure with the letters now 44 feet tall.

The sign has been the target of frequent pranks and vandalism over the years. In September 1932 a British actress, Peg Entwistle, climbed a workman’s ladder up to the top of the “H” and jumped to her death due to not finding success in the cinema industry. Ironically, a letter had been mailed to her just before her death offering her the lead role in a play about a young woman who commits suicide. The sign has been altered on more than one occasion: 1976 HOLLYWeed following the decriminalisation of cannabis in California; 1987 it became HOLYWOOD to mark the visit of Pope, John Paul II and in 2021 it became HOLLYBOOB to challenge censorship.

Harvey and Daeida Wilcox founded Hollywood in 1887 as a community for likeminded followers of the temperance movement. No one knows for sure why they chose that name. One theory is that Daeida met a woman on a train with a summer home called Hollywood or it may have been a reference to the local toyon tree, a red-berried shrub also known as California holly. Hollywood was incorporated as a municipality in 1903 and merged with Los Angeles in 1910, the year before the first film studio moved there.

JULY at Whittington Castle –

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

1st July 10:30 – 12:00 noon **Eco-Warriors** –
Our regular children’s club; dress appropriately for the weather, don’t forget to bring a hat if the weather is hot and finish with a complementary hot chocolate. at kitchen@thecastle. All children must be accompanied.

2nd July 10:00am – 4:00pm **Plant Hunters Fair** – A second visit this year of a touring group of specialist nurseries and artisans providing advice on all garden types. Admission is FREE, £2 parking charge applies.

4th July 10:00am – **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.

Kimberley Powell, Castle Manager

Telephone 01691 662500

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



The All Stars/ Dynamos are proving to be very successful with some forty youngsters being coached on Friday evenings between 6:00-8:00pm; it is hoped that more parents will help with the coaching and administration.

Home Bowling Fixtures for June: Start time 7:00pm

“A” Team	Tuesday 4 th July	v	Johnstown A
	Tuesday 18 th July	v	Corwen
	Tuesday 25 th July	v	Llanrhaeadr A
“B” Team	Wednesday 12 th July	v	Ponciau Park
	Wednesday 26 th July	v	Plas Kynaston A
“C” Team	Wednesday 5 th July	v	Llanrhaeadr C
	Wednesday 19 th July	v	Plas Kynaston C
“D” Team	Thursday 13 th July	v	Llanrhaeadr B

Thursday 27th July v Llangynog B

Vets Team: Start time 1:00 pm.

Friday 7th July v Church Club A

Friday 21st July v Llangollen

Car Boot Sales: Pitch Fee £6.00 and refreshments are available.

Friday 7th July 9:00am – 1:00pm

Friday 21st July 9:00am – 1:00pm **Mike Brunt**

Ladies Cricket at Whittington

After 7 years of no cricket, the ground on Babbinswood Road has been brought back to life. Initially in the Summer of 2022 the juniors, Dynamos and All Stars, started training and from that, the mums that were watching were invited to have a go at the Ladies Softball, encouraged by representatives from the Women and Girls Recreational Cricket Officers from the Shropshire Cricket Board. As a result, we now have a Ladies team, “The Whittington Witches”. We range from 12 to, well that would be telling, but suffice to say we cover a range of ages and are of all abilities as well. We would love to see anyone who might be interested down at the club. We train on a Friday evening, following the juniors, at 7:00pm; and the bar is open too! We’re a very sociable bunch and often have a BBQ or picnic following weekend matches. Annual membership is £40 and match fees are just £3 per match. Matches are ordinarily on a Sunday morning, but we do sometimes play friendlies on weekday evenings. You are very welcome to come and join us for a taster session, and if you do decide you'd like to join we can discuss membership in more detail.

Fixtures: We are hosting a Festival on 2nd July – Up to 10 teams will be playing – Start Time: 10:30am and spectators are very welcome

Strategic Super 10’s League: 10:30am start and spectators welcome
Sunday 23rd July – Whittington v Whitchurch
Sunday 13th August – Whittington v Knockin & Kinnerley
Sunday 3rd September – Oswestry v Whittington (Oswestry Ground)

For more information contact: Caroline O’Reilly, Whittington Cricket Secretary 07525 212 905 cjoreilly74@gmail.com

A COOL EVENING IN THE GARDEN

1. Dead-head roses.
2. Pick lavender when flowers are showing blue on the lower half of the flowering head.
3. Plant out winter leeks. Cutting back long roots and shoots before dibbling them into holes 6 inches apart. Water them in.

Hot Tip: Gather Comfrey leaves and stems, stuff them into long socks tied at the top and place into water containers. After a couple of weeks use the diluted cumfrey feed to add potash to your plants.

Flower of the month: Rose Plantain (*Plantago*

rosularis) The ribwort plantain normally produces a spike of flower. Chromosome in the rose form have doubled and trebled to produce a dense green flower, resembling an Elizabethan-like-ruff. In those days, much prized for its rarity, leaves of plantain were used as a wrapping for wounds and as a butter wrap. It has been used in various medicinal forms for toothache, halitosis, insect bites, eczema, fatigue and even cancer.



Tree of the month: Handkerchief Tree (*Davidia*

Invohocrata) A tree to stop you in your tracks when in full bloom. The numerous single purple flowers are enveloped in large triangular white bracts

which flutter in the breeze.

Native to China and growing up

to 60 feet it is an arresting sight in parklands. In Chinese legend, the handkerchief, dove or ghost, tree is the most romantic tree in China.



Bathroom tidy – Constant nagging didn't seem to provide any relief from having to clean up the bathroom after each of my three teenage children. After I cleaned it one day, I resorted to posting a sign that read: 'Please leave the bathroom as you found it'. Then I noticed the bathroom was in the usual mess after my son used it, so I called sharply:

"Brian, how did you find the bathroom?"

After a brief pause, he replied, "Straight down the hall, first door on the right."

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

EACH MONDAY

10:30AM – 12:00NOON

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

Whittington Village Fete 2023



Whittington Together is gearing up for our 6th Village Fete which takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th August, in the grounds of Whittington Castle. The Fete traditionally starts with the Crowning of the Fete Queen at 12:00 noon and we intend to finish about 4:00pm. It is free admission to the fete, but we will be asking for donations for car parking at our designated car parks.

In addition to fairground attractions, we have a wide range of stalls selling exiting products and services. In the arena we have a variety of activities for all ages. We shall have entertainers, demonstrations from our local clubs, and to finish the very popular family Tug of War. As part of our fund-raising activities, we shall be holding our traditional bottle tombola so if you have any bottles that you would like to donate, please give me a call but please no cleaning fluids; details are below.

We cordially invite the people of Whittington, and beyond, to join us for what has proved to be an enjoyable old fashioned family day out. We expect the traffic to be very busy and ask that visitors follow the road signs to the designated parking areas. A full programme of activities can be viewed on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Whittingtontgether

Ian Johnson, Whittington Together, 07917025003

the King only once, in a commission for the opening of the Royal Academy's first official home at Somerset House in 1780. Unfortunately, his technique was not always entirely sound, the pigment he used for his flesh tones was not permanent and even in his lifetime the over-pale faces of many of his portraits began to fade. In the 1760s he added bitumen and waxes to his pigments and varnishes, but unfortunately these caused big problems during the drying, resulting in deep cracks of the paint surface. There is evidence that Reynolds himself tried to restore some of his early paintings in later life. But his experiments continued and today conservation of his paintings is notoriously difficult.

In 1789, Reynolds lost the sight of his left eye, which forced him into retirement. When he died in 1792, his body lay in the Royal Academy before being moved to St. Paul's Cathedral; the procession included ninety-one carriages carrying many distinguished persons, and was followed by all the Academicians and students from the RA Schools. In 1931 a statue by Alfred Drury of the artist was installed in front of the Royal Academy; the lights arranged around the statue reflect the alignment of planets, the moon and stars at midnight on the night of Reynolds' birth.



Self portrait



Ellesmere Town Hall Saturday 1st July / 5th August

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Do you want something fixed for free?

Bring along your broken or damaged item and our volunteer repairers will try to fix it, for free. You can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, and a cake, and chat to your neighbours while you wait.

Typical item repairs include: **Electrical items** e.g.: toasters, kettles, vacuum cleaners; **Clothing** e.g.: jeans, bags, shirts; **IT** e.g.: PCs, laptops; **General** e.g.: toys, ornaments, small furniture; **Bikes** e.g.: basic bike maintenance

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for
Lingen Davies

10th
September
2023

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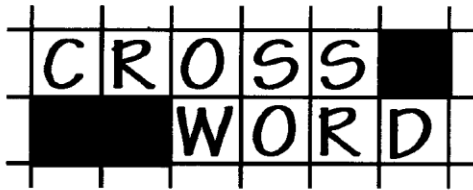
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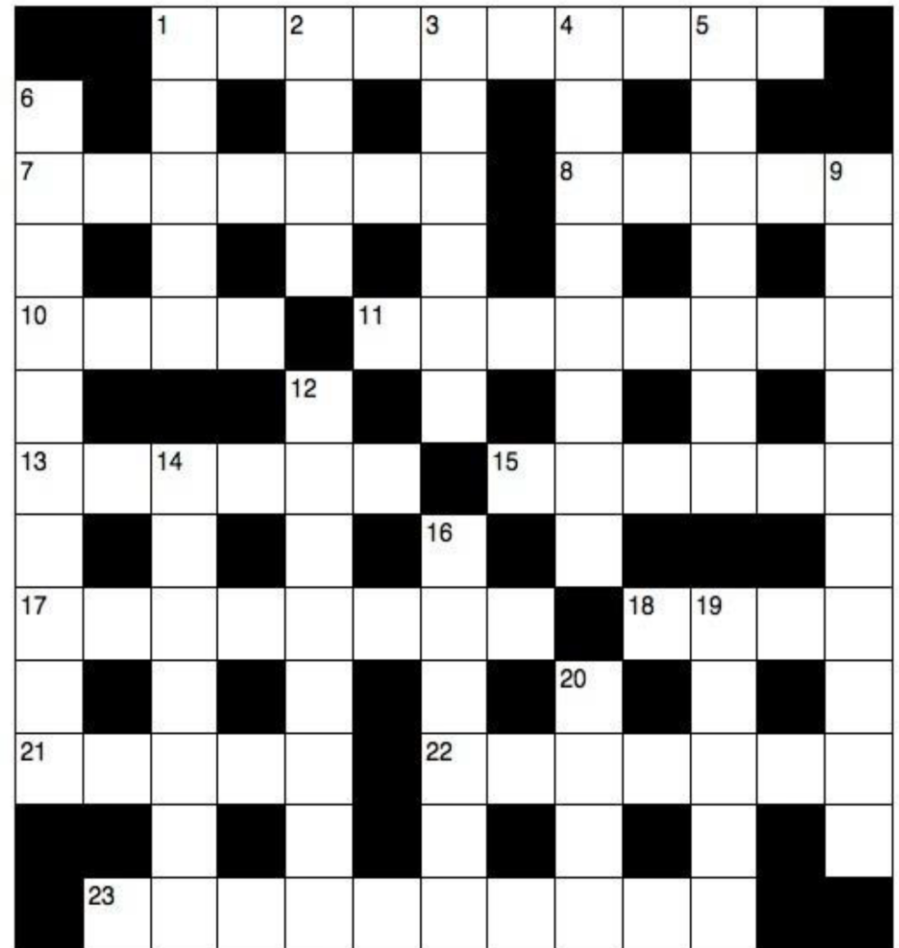
Across:

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Down:

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10) (7)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

Golf – Golfer to caddy: "Why didn't you watch where my ball went?"
 Caddy to golfer: "I'm so sorry. Your ball doesn't usually go anywhere, and this took me completely by surprise."



ANSWERS TO JUNE'S CROSSWORD

Across:

1 care; 3 paradise; 8 null; 9 profaned; 11 legalistic; 14 closed; 15 stores;
 17 missionary; 20 covenant; 21 Thai; 22 trade-off; 23 Eden

Down:

1 conflict; 2 religion; 4 arrest; 5 affliction; 6 Iona; 7 Eddy; 10 allegiance;
 12 preached; 13 Assyrian; 16 a son of; 18 Scot; 19 DVLA

Oops! – A father had given his daughter a young puppy for Christmas. Next day, he found her in the kitchen, looking sadly at a puddle in the centre of the floor. "Look Dad," she said, "My pup runneth over!"

On why we don't bother to lock the church



The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Since I happened to be in your area last week, I tried to call in at your church, and was sorry to find it was locked and bolted, with surveillance cameras watching me.

We tend to be a little more relaxed about matters of security. The key to the medieval lock was lost some time during Queen Victoria's reign and never replaced. How someone managed to misplace a foot long piece of cast iron, weighing about 10 pounds is a mystery. If it had fallen out of someone's pocket, it would certainly have broken their foot. Ever since, no one has bothered with locking the door – which makes me wish our burglars last year had thought of trying it, before wasting so much energy smashing a stained-glass window when they visited in the early hours one morning. On the other hand, were the key still in use, I should probably be arrested these days for carrying an offensive weapon.

As with most rural churches, keys which open just about everything in the village are hidden in various parts of the church. The vestry key is under my seat cushion, the organ key under a vase on the altar, the church hall key on top of the hymn book cupboard, and Miss Simpson's spare front door key inside the font. I have never been certain whether the latter is there for safety, or as a general invitation. I am sure someone could usefully produce a book suggesting the many places that keys are likely to be found secreted in churches for the use of vergers, flower arrangers, cleaners – and thieves wanting to save themselves time and effort.

I suspect that the burdened look that many urban clergy wear is not because they are weighed down with parish troubles, but because they are obliged to carry with them a superfluity of keys needed to negotiate every door in church, hall, school, and vicarage. And why is there always one for which no one has any idea what it opens?

The only occasion I have ever thought it would be useful to be able to lock a church is when you have a party of visitors inside. So often, on hearing the words "let us pray" or the start of an appeal for funds, they bolt for the door.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

God's Garden

Plant three rows of peas:
Peas of mind
Peas of heart
Peas of soul

Plant three rows of squash:
Squash gossip
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant three rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce love one another

Plant three rows of turnips:
Turnip for services
Turnip for meetings
Turnip to help one another

Plant three rows of thyme:
Thyme for God
Thyme for Bible study
Thyme for prayer.



Finally –
Water freely with patience,
Cultivate with love,
And remember – you will only reap what you sow.

Author unknown

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cherries should now be available in the shops, so enjoy –

CHERRY AND CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE TART (serves 10)

125g (4½ oz) butter
250g (9 oz) digestive biscuits, crushed
2tbs cocoa powder
250g (9oz) cherries, halved and pitted
3 tbs caster sugar
1 x 250g pot mascarpone cheese
1 tsp vanilla extract
200ml (7 fl oz) double cream

To decorate: chocolate shards or grated chocolate

Melt the butter over a low heat.

Stir in the biscuit crumbs and cocoa powder thoroughly.

Pour into a 22cm (8½ in) flan dish and press over the base and up the sides firmly using the back of a spoon.

Chill in the freezer for at least 30 minutes.

Put half of the cherries into a saucepan with 2 tablespoons of the caster sugar and 4 tablespoons of water.

Simmer gently for 3 – 4 minutes, then purée in a blender (or use a hand-held stick blender) to make the cherry sauce. Cool.

Beat the mascarpone cheese in a bowl with a wooden spoon till smooth.

Add the vanilla extract, then gradually add the double cream and stir in the remaining tablespoon of caster sugar.

Pile the cream mixture into the chilled flan case and spread it out.

Drizzle with the cherry sauce, then arrange the remaining cherries on top.

Finish off by sprinkling with chocolate shards or grated chocolate.

Keep chilled until ready to serve.

The trouble with referees is that they just don't care which side wins

Sunday school lesson – Very lively little Dora had returned from Sunday school, where she had been for the first time. “And what did my little girl learn this morning?” asked her father indulgently. “That I am a child of the devil,” was the beaming reply.



FRAUD AND SCAM WARNING:

'TV LICENCE FRAUD'

TV Licence Scams are on the rise again with Action Fraud receiving over 3,400 reports of these scams in the 2 weeks up to early May.

The fake emails use authentic TV Licensing logos but the URL promoted is clearly fake. In addition, they will contain spelling and grammatical errors. There are currently 2 common styles of fake emails in circulation. The first one will tell you that TV licensing could not take your latest monthly payment and you need to set up a new Direct Debit.

The second fake email will say you are due a refund on your licence but due to invalid records you need to submit a request via the website link provided, which begins with the genuine *tvlicensing.co.uk* but is followed by *cs.update.your.licence'* followed by a series of random letters. Genuine emails and letters from TV Licensing are personalised to include information such as your name, part of your postcode or your licence number.

Share these messages with any vulnerable friends, relatives or neighbours.

If you think you are being scammed or do not recognise the contact: **STOP** – Think before parting with money or information; could it be fake? Only criminals will try to rush or panic you. **Contact** your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam.

Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk) – Scam text messages can be forwarded to 7726 so that action can be taken to block numbers that generate spam on phone providers networks.

For more information visit: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Qube (Oswestry Community Action) Recruiting for Volunteers



Qube is on the lookout for volunteer Community Transport Drivers, Passenger Helpers and Social Group Helpers! To enable us to retain and grow the fundamental services we offer to the people in the

local and wider Shropshire area. Those services have been developed in response to the need of the local community and the majority of those services are aimed at the disadvantaged including disability, health (including mental health), unemployment, rural poverty and isolation.

The transport service is essential to enable people in the community to get out and about with ease, it makes a huge difference in their lives. The Dial-a-Ride service makes up a large proportion of this service offering door-to-door transport for people without access to public transport or a car. In addition, there is a Shopmobility scheme, where Mobility Scooters and Wheelchairs are available to hire.

Qube aims to keep people connected and engaged through running Social Groups, which meets twice weekly, enabling local people to meet new friends, reminisce, learn different skills, take part in fun activities, and get the support they need.

Kim Wootton, Chief Officer at Qube says; “Our current volunteers undertake fantastic work on behalf of Qube and we are incredibly appreciative of the time they give. The recruitment of additional volunteers will enable Qube to help more local people and we are keen to expand our services.”

Without their volunteers, Qube wouldn't be able to make the difference they do, and they'd love to be able to offer their services to more of the local community, so if you have some spare time and want to immerse yourself in a fabulous community project, please get in touch: email info@qube-oca.org.uk or call 01691 656882.

Charlotte Roberts, Marketing and Communications Officer

The rise of sourdough

Britons love bread – we buy 11 million loaves every day, and it was just the base for our breakfast marmalade or lunchtime sandwiches. Now sourdough has exploded in popularity and global sales are forecast to grow to £1.92bn during 2022-2026. UK craft bakers point to its flavour and perceived health benefits. Sourdough is different in that traditional bread yeast is supplanted by lactic acid bacteria and naturally occurring wild yeasts. A single teaspoon of sourdough starter can contain 50 million yeasts and 5 billion lactobacilli (lactic acid bacteria) which scientists believe are better for us.



Brimming with Butterflies



July is the month for sunshine, flowers and butterflies.

Butterflies are seen as indicators of a healthy, well managed habitat – if you have several species of butterfly, it is likely that you have a rich variety of native plants. The UK has 59 species of butterflies – 57 resident species and 2 regular migrants (the Painted Lady and Clouded Yellow). Butterflies that overwinter as dormant adults include Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Comma and can often be seen in churches, chapels or outbuildings from which they emerge when the weather warms up.

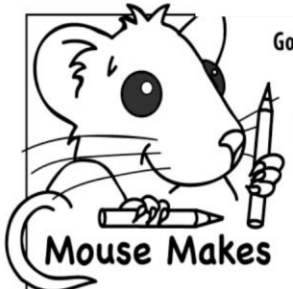
While most butterflies are not choosy what plant they obtain their nectar from, they are particular about where they lay their eggs. For example, Skippers, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper and Ringlet all lay their eggs on grasses while Peacock caterpillars like munching on nettles, and Painted Lady on thistles. Brimstone, choose buckthorn (purging or alder buckthorn), while Common Blue's caterpillars need bird's-foot trefoil, black medick, rest harrow or red clover. Churchyards with their mix of sunny and shaded places can hold both grassland and woodland butterflies and if you see a butterfly high in the canopy of an oak it is probably a Purple Hairstreak. Speckled Wood is a common find in shady places, its caterpillars favour the coarse tussocky, grasses that you might have against a wall or hedge. Commas by contrast prefer shorter vegetation and will be emerging in July, so look out for the distinctive wing shape and tiny white 'comma' on the underside of the wing.

We would love to know what species you see – please visit our website to download spotter's guide to butterflies and see what you can find.

Harriet Carty Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor
harriet@cfga.org.uk, www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk

This next one... A local DJ was introducing a record at our annual church fete/parish party. “This next one,” he said, “is for Charlotte, a choir member, who is a hundred and eleven! Hey, Charlotte, congratulations on a ripe old age!” There was a short pause and then the DJ said in a somewhat more subdued voice, “I'm sorry, I got it wrong. This next one is for Charlotte, who is ill.”

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Goliath, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.
"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"

The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:
"The Lord who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

So David went out to face Goliath on his own...

Read the story of how David defeated Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 verses 1-58



Where did Goliath come from?

1 Samuel 17:4

How tall was Goliath?

_____ cubits.
 1 Samuel 17:4

What was Goliath's armour made of?

1 Samuel 17:5,6

What weapons did Goliath carry?

a JAVELIN,
 a _____
 and a _____
 1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones did David take from the stream?

1 Samuel 17:40

Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his

1 Samuel 17:49

ISRAEL • SAUL • DAVID • LORD • GOD • PHILISTINES • BATTLE • CAMP
 CHAMPION • GOLIATH • HELMET • ARMOUR • JAVELIN • SHIELD • FIGHT • BEAR
 LION • SHEPHERD • STAFF • STONES • BAG • SLING • STRUCK • HIT • FELL • GROUND

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Beware of that pizza

Summer evenings make it so easy to want a pizza – but before you reach for your next slice, there's something you should know. Pizza is very high in salt.

When the campaign group Action on Salt analysed the salt content of more than 1,300 pizzas from restaurants, takeaways and supermarkets, it found that half contain a whole day's recommended intake. That is 6g of salt a day, which amounts to roughly one level teaspoon, according to the NHS.



Takeaway pizzas were found to be the worst culprits. A basic Domino's cheese and tomato pizza contained 10.77g of salt, and a Papa John's double pepperoni stuffed-crust pizza contained 14.31g. Franco pizza, with spicy salami fried onion & chilli-infused honey, contains 7.18g, more than a whole day's worth. A Zizzi's rustica pizza margherita contains the equivalent of 1.2 teaspoons of salt.

The human body needs some salt to function properly, but too much can lead to high blood pressure, which can lead to heart disease.

Swim? – If a lot of swimming is so good for your shape, then why do the whales look the way they do?

Whittington Parish Council News, Tuesday 23rd May 2023 Meeting

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davis and Manford.

KET ITEMS: Election of Officers: Councillor Beaumont was nominated, proposed, seconded and after a vote was elected to be Chair of the Parish Council; the declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed. Councillor Hickman was, following the same procedure, elected as Vice Chairman and he also duly signed a declaration of acceptance. Council committees, panels, working groups and delegations for the upcoming twelve months were then elected.

Police Report: A verbal report was made by PC Katie Le'Clere.

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.

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

✉ oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

🌐 www.westmercia.police.uk

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

Fitzgwarine Play Area: Councillor Davis had carried out an inspection on 16th May and there were no issues to report. It was noted that the contractors have now placed turf at the bottom of the toddler slide as requested.

The King's Coronation: The Council was updated on activities in the Parish to mark the event: The Council was thanked for the presentation of Commemorative Coronation memorabilia to the children at Whittington Church of England Primary School, and to the Under Fives, which were well received. The Castle Picnic, described as “a genuinely free event”, has received excellent feedback and the funding received from the Parish Council enabled them to provide some new activities.

Shropshire Councillors Report: Non received from Councillor Charmley.

Planning: a) Recent planning decisions published by Shropshire Council:
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 **Decision:** Grant Permission

II. Reference: 22/05667/LBC (validated: 19/12/2022) **Address:** Old Manor House, 1 Boot Street, Whittington, SY11 4DG **Proposal:** Removal of the bath from the existing ground floor bathroom and return it to a w.c./cloak-room with new sanitary ware, under drawing of ceilings; in breakfast room, in part of hall and in living room removal of non-breathable paint from inglenook in living room; addition of 2 en-suite shower rooms between two existing bedrooms on first floor including reinstatement of doorway in the existing wall between the two bedrooms; addition of en-suite to the existing main bedroom on first floor; addition of a shower to the existing bathroom on second floor; additional of wc to the remaining bedroom on second floor; addition of new drainage where shown on the enclosed drawings (internal) and slate vents for new extract fans affecting a Grade II Listed Building. **Decision:** Grant Permission

b) Consider the following planning application: **Reference:** 23/01531/FUL (validated: 09/05/2023) Pen-Y-Belan House, Hindford, SY11 4NL

Proposal: Erection of new three bay garage block on land to right front of house elevation, to rear of next-door property garage. The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

c) Consider planning applications not listed above that are received after the issue of this agenda and are included on Shropshire Council's website. **I. Reference:** 23/02040/ADV The White Lion Hotel, Castle Street, Whittington. **Proposal:** Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

Highways, Pavements and Footpath: **a)** Receive an update regarding Burma Road flooding (by the traffic calming, near the Venue) and clearing of the woodland area. After consideration it was agreed to instal a bin to discourage littering. **b)** Receive an update on the installation of a pavement between The Venue and Inglis Road (CIL Funding). **c)** Penybryn Pedestrian Crossing – receive an update on the ownership of the hedge. **d)** Extension of the 30mph speed limit on B5009 (Whittington to Gobowen) receive an update. It was RESOLVED that, due to the lack of update and poor communication from Officers at Shirehall, the Parish Council should write directly to the Leader of Shropshire Council voicing their frustrations and to record a formal complaint about the lack of progress in relation to items a) – d) above. A meeting to be requested as soon as possible to discuss these

matters in person.

Pen-y-Bryn Affordable Housing Development: Councillor Johnson reported that a completion date of the end of August is still the target; advertising of the properties will commence six weeks before they become available. The initiative was initially supported because there is a need for affordable housing in Whittington. It is important to encourage the people of Whittington to put themselves forward. NOTED.

Next meeting: – This will be on Tuesday 18th July at **7:00pm** in the Senior Citizens' Hall with limited space for members of the public wishing to attend. Future meeting dates, the full minutes (in draft form) along with membership of committees, working groups etc. will be published on the Parish Council website two days after each meeting, <https://whittingtonpc.com>, or via a copy from the Clerk Amy Jones. Tel: 01691 829571 email: clerk@whittingtonpc.com

The Agendas for forthcoming meetings are available 3 clear days before the meeting, either on the Parish Council Website or the two Parish Notice – boards, one in Park Hall and one outside the School. **Jill Whitby**

THE GATEWAY HOUSE

The Gateway House, a Grade I listed building standing inside the outer bailey of Shrewsbury Castle, was built in 1620 as the entrance to the local meeting place (Council House) of the Council of the Marches whose main headquarters was at Ludlow Castle.

The Council was formed during Edward IV's reign, ratified by Henry VII, and finally abolished in 1689. It was both a judicial and administrative body, virtually governing Wales and the border counties to the west of Offa's Dyke. *(Rear view)*



Although the house has extensions of the 17th century and later, the core comprises two phases. The first is a cross-wing with a felling date range of

1465-75 (calculated by using tree dating) and comprises a roof of tie and collar-beam construction with one open arch-braced collar-beam truss, and another of lesser importance. The 'hall' range dates to 1501 with its higher roof line designed to make use of the roof-space coincides with a deed dated 18th September 1500 which specifies a transfer from Elizabeth Kynaston to Peter Newton who was Chancellor to the Council under Henry VII. The front elevation panels display heart-shaped motifs, a design which was popular in other 17th century framed buildings whilst the rear frontage has star patterning over the entrance, but the remainder is plain square-framing. .

This is just one of a staggering number of listed buildings in Shrewsbury, there are around 660 listed buildings in all. Lovely example of historical houses can be found all over the town; in Butcher Row, Fish Street, Bear Steps, High Street and St Alkmund's Place. The 14th century Bear Steps Hall and the 16th century Draper's Hall and Ireland's Mansion are just some lovely examples.



Bear Steps itself is named for The Bear Inn Pub which sat on the corner of Fish Street and Grope Lane; local legend claims the area was historically home to one of Shrewsbury's bear pits. The building is now home to the Shrewsbury Civic Society who restored the building in 1969; its hall is open to the rafters and now contains an art gallery.



The Draper's Hall was built around 1575. The Drapers were powerful members of Shrewsbury society with a monopoly over the border cloth trade. The decorative motifs, an early example of the Shrewsbury style, are seen in the cable moulding in vertical sheaths and sunken quatrefoil panels in the main timbers. Although brick buildings were fashionable elsewhere by now, the Drapers chose to build in the traditional timber-framed style which allowed the decorative detailing which epitomised the Guild's importance. During the 16th and 17th centuries the Hall would have been sparsely furnished with a Master's chair, oak tables, benches and Deed chest and most of this original furniture still survives.



The most ambitious surviving 16th century timber building in the town stands on the corner of High Street and Pride Hill. Ireland's Mansion was home to Robert Ireland, a wool merchant who came from Oswestry. The three-storey house plus garrets was built between 1580 0 – 1590 2 of the original archway entrances still survive today. It was partly a speculative build being not 1 house but 3, with a large central block and 2 adjacent tenements which he intended to rent out as separate shops on the ground floor, with offices

above and accommodation in the garrets. By 1700 it was known as 'Ireland's Folly'. Although a freeman of the Shrewsbury Drapers' Company and several times a warden, Ireland allowed the drapers to purchase his support for the bill which, in 1566, forbade any but the drapers to trade in Welsh cloth. He died on 6th October 1599 and is buried in St Chad's church.



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!

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Amy Jones (Clerk to the Council)

Tel: 829571

Held the fourth Tuesday in the month – clerk@whittingtonpc.com

http://www.whittingtonpc.com

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

FRIENDS OF WHITTINGTON CEMETERY: Working parties are

held throughout the year – we are always grateful for any help

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WHITTINGTON ORGANISATIONS

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:

Contact: District Commissioner Nickie Phillips for details at:
Nickie.Phillips@scouts.org.uk

WHITTINGTON UNDER FIVES GROUP:

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

SENIOR CITIZENS:

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

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE:

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

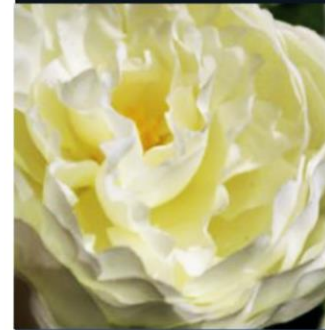
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