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**May 28, 2020**

**From the editor**

I hope you had a good week, and are not too overwhelmed by the non news we have had inflicted on us.

This is week 10 I have been told, I do know some people have been lockeddown even longer.

As you will see again a number of members have come forward with items for the newsletter, many thanks guys.

Keep safe

Paul

*PS*

*And Please send in your articles for the newsletter, items such my favorite book', film, podcast, joke, hobby etc.*

**VE Day by Tim Potter**

This is how Trimpley Court celebrated VE Day, keeping 2 metres apart.



We do not have individual gardens, but our communal lawn serves us very well. The event was attended by 23 residents.

To watch Hancock's Car  
click on this link



<https://youtu.be/v93mA-WcqMY>

## Close encounters with the Royals

By John Shone

*In sixty years as a journalist, working in newspapers, radio and television, I've covered numerous stories involving celebrities from the world of sport and show business. I've also been privileged to report on many royal events and visits involving The Queen, Prince Philip, Prince Charles, Princess Diana, Princess Anne and other members of what is known as 'The Firm.' This is how it all began...*

A question for The Queen

It was a simple straight-forward question: "Can you tell me what you're wearing?" But how do you address that question to... Her Majesty The Queen?

It was 1967. I was a young reporter on the Islington Gazette, a twice-weekly newspaper covering a bustling inner-city borough in north London with a high crime rate, poor housing and widespread social deprivation.

So it made a pleasant change from reporting murders, robberies and gang fights to find myself walking through cheering flag-waving crowds into Hungerford infants' school in Holloway where pupils staff and governors were waiting to welcome The Queen,

It was the first time I'd covered a royal visit, and myself and photographer Joe Bulaitis were given exclusive access by Buckingham Palace on condition that we shared our story and pictures with rival media, including a local news agency for which I occasionally freelanced in my spare time.

The agency had decided to send along its own reporter, an attractive flame-haired go-getter in a mini-skirt who arrived in a smart sports car and was rather put out when told to wait at the school gates while I walked inside. Her name was Anne Robinson, then an ambitious 22-year-old hack from Crosby on Merseyside who went on to become a star columnist in Fleet Street before achieving fame and fortune as the presenter of television's The Weakest Link and Watchdog.

As Joe and I entered the building, Anne called out to remind me: 'try to get an exact description of what she's wearing. That's what women will want to know.'

Not being a dedicated follower of fashion, even in the swinging sixties, I made mental note to ask.

So as the Queen toured the classrooms, speaking to children and teachers, and being entertained by a junior calypso band, I carefully considered how I was going to put the question.

Aware, of course that the Head of State didn't give interviews, and certainly not with a spotty oik from the local rag, I had a quiet word with her then assistant press secretary, an affable, helpful Aussie by the name of Bill Heseltine, later to become Sir William Heseltine, who went on to serve as the Sovereign's private secretary from 1986-1990.

Bill was fairly new at the Palace, but he knew exactly how to deal with my query. As The Queen finished speaking to some of the pupils' parents, he whispered my request to the Queen's Equerry. There was more whispering, as the Equerry passed it on to the Lady-in-Waiting, who then had a hushed conflagration with Her Majesty. Within seconds, the crucial information that I needed was relayed back down the line.

More than half a century later, I can't recall the answer, but I seem to remember that the outfit was one of the latest creations by the Monarch's dress designer, Norman Hartnell, who was famed for ensuring that Elizabeth the 2<sup>nd</sup> was always impeccably turned out in clothes that managed to be stylish without making an overt fashion statement.

So as the Queen completed her visit by signing a photograph of herself in more traditional state clothes, I headed out triumphantly to write my story and to share the key sartorial details with an impatient Anne Robinson, waiting in her sports car and keen for me to provide the women's angle. I didn't get a wink – and I certainly wasn't the Weakest Link!

Bad timing

On another visit, a few years later, I inadvertently caused Her Majesty to stop in her tracks, as she was touring another school in the company of the Duke of Edinburgh.

By this time, I was working for the BBC, running a local radio station in North East Wales and, for one leg of the visit, I was following the royal couple around Ruthin School, which was celebrating the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding in 1284, making it one of the oldest educational establishments in Britain.

Once again, I had privileged access, standing just a few feet from the Monarch as she talked to students and staff in an upstairs room housing a special exhibition tracing the school's history down the centuries. As the party moved on, I stopped to record interviews with some of those who had just been speaking to Her Majesty, but as I tried to catch up, I found myself completely lost in a labyrinth of corridors.

It took me several minutes to find my way down the darkened stairs, then to head outside through the nearest door at the front of the building.

As I emerged into the sunlight, clutching my microphone, a gasp went up from the waiting crowd and as I turned to get my bearings, I became instantly aware that I'd walked right into the path of you-know-who just as she was about to unveil a magnificent new clock in the school's central tower.

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At that point, it wasn't the central tower I was focused on – it was thought of being taken away to the *bloody* tower! Mercifully, one of my police contacts in Special Branch, who was part of the security detail, came to my rescue – and ushered me to the safety of my media colleagues who could hardly contain themselves. “Nice timing, Shoney,” he quipped.

But my embarrassment was nothing, compared to that of the school's head boy, who had been chosen to sit next to the Queen during lunch.

I discovered later that as he sliced into his meat and nervously tried to engage in polite conversation, a roast potato went flying from his plate and landed on the floor. Red-faced, he stuttered his apologies.

“It's all right,” she assured him and patted his hand. “It happens to all of us.”

And I guess that's why she's called *Gracious* Majesty.

***More royal encounters next week***

**The Battle of Shrewsbury**

*by Ellen Castelow*

Although the powerful Percy family had supported the Lancastrian King Henry IV when he took the throne from Richard II in 1399, the rebellion of 1403 stemmed from the king's failure to sufficiently reward the family for the costs they had incurred in doing

so.

In addition, as if to add insult to injury, the infamous Sir Henry Hotspur Percy (so named for his fiery temperament) who had been successfully campaigning against the rebellious Welsh patriot Owain Glyndŵr had not received payment for his services.



A tad annoyed with the king, the Percys formed an alliance with Glyndŵr and Edward Mortimer to conquer and divide up England. With a hastily mustered force Hotspur set off for Shrewsbury to join forces with the other rebels.

By the time he reached the town Hotspur's army had grown to around 14,000 men; most notably he had recruited the services of the Cheshire archers.

Hearing of the plot against him, the king had hurried to intercept Hotspur and both armies faced each other on 21 July 1403.

When negotiations for a happy compromise failed, the battle finally started a few hours before dusk.

For the first time on English soil, massed troops of archers faced each and demonstrated “the deadliness of the longbow”.

In a closely fought encounter Hotspur was killed, apparently shot in the face when he opened his visor (as shown on the picture to the right). With the loss of their leader, the battle came to abrupt end.



To quash rumours that he had in fact survived the battle, the king had Hotspur quartered and put on display in various corners of the country, his head being impaled on York's north gate.

The brutal lesson learned in the effectiveness of the longbow would be remembered by Prince Henry, later Henry V, just a few years later on the battlefields of France.

[Click here for a Battlefield Map](#)

Key Facts:

Date: 21st July, 1403

War: Glyndwr Rising & Hundred Years' War

Location: Shrewsbury, Shropshire

Belligerents: Kingdom of England (Royalists), Rebel Army

Victors: Kingdom of England (Royalists)

Numbers: Royalists around 14,000, Rebel Army around 10,000

Casualties: Unknown

Commanders: King Henry IV of England (Royalists), Henry “Harry Hotspur” Percy (Rebels)

Location:



Another look in the archive of Speakers reports. This is one is from one of our members Edward Pugh, who is sadly no longer with us.

August 6th Meeting 2015

At the meeting on 6th August the speaker was one of our members Edward Pugh his subject was “Snipers”.



Edward turned up with a couple of Rifles and some other exhibits He gave the members a well researched talk backed up with slides and statistics. Edward explained that extreme marksmanship has been a part of war ever since firearms became the tools of choice. There are just some people who can do things with a rifle that others cannot. And before the development of rifling, firearms were smoothbore and inaccurate over long distance. Barrel rifling was invented at the end of the fifteenth century

Early forms of sniping, or marksmanship were used during the American Revolutionary War, and he gave us some examples of the top snipers of the time. During World War I, snipers appeared as deadly sharpshooters in the trenches. At the start of the war, only Imperial Germany had troops that were issued scoped sniper rifles, Edward said this was because most men in Germany at that time shot regularly for Game to feed their families and guns were commonplace whereas in England the only people who could afford Rifles were the landed Gentry.



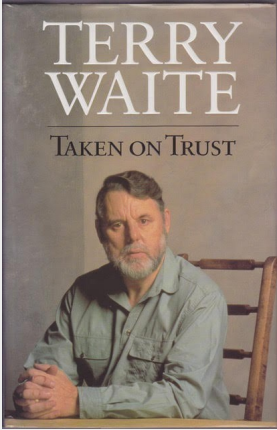
Snipers reappeared in World War II as important factors on the battlefield from the first campaign of World War II. During Germany's 1940 campaigns, it appeared that lone, well-hidden French and British snipers could halt the German advance for a significant amount of time. For example, during the pursuit to Dunkirk, British snipers were able to significantly delay the German infantry's advance.

A book I have read by Clive Maddock

I am not a great reader except the daily newspaper and a few quarterly society magazines. However, on holiday I do read books mostly crime fiction as I have the time to relax and I am not interrupted with the normal day to day activities.

Along comes Coronavirus and lockdown.

As our local library is shut I look at my own book shelves and find the autobiography of Terry Waite “TAKEN ON TRUST “ which, also gives his account of 5 years locked up on solitary in Beirut from 1987 to 1991 when he was seeking to negotiate the release of the other hostages held at that time.



It seemed so appropriate that I should read this book when we were not allowed to go outside. As I read the book it became even more poignant to me because I could feel for his situation in Beirut.

The copy I was reading was signed by Terry and handed to me by him at a Rotary Conference in 1994 only 3 years after his release.

Clive Maddock

One of Tim Potter’s bright ideas.

We have all saved money by not using the car, not going out for meals etc, but probably the greatest saving has been ‘no hairdressers’. Now I think we in the Probus club should take advantage of this. When we greet ladies, doff your hat, good morning or afternoon and say “ Oh you do look nice with long hair”, and if we all do this we might brain wash them into thinking “they don’t need hairdressers”.



Any other bright ideas ?  
Tim

PS My wife thinks it’s a load of bollocks! Hairdressing is an essential service

### Light Music part 3

So here we are on the last of three instalments. Two reminders: Firstly, every tune mentioned is easily accessible. Most are on YouTube but Spotify will give more choice and better sound quality. Secondly, “Light Music” is what it says on the tin; it is light, not heavy, it is light, not dark and most importantly it has a Tune. (Denis Nordon said that Light Music is “Tuneful not just round the outside but tuneful all the way through”)

So let’s listen to some more Tunes.

**Haydn Wood** (1882-1969) was a Yorkshireman who eventually escaped to the Isle of Man. He trained as a violinist and wrote much popular orchestral music including suites of English, Scottish, Irish Welsh and Manx dances. He also many songs including “*Roses of Picardy*” dedicated to his wife, the soprano Dorothy Court. Another well known piece is his *London Landmarks* which includes *Horseguards*, *Whitehall*. If you are my age you will remember this as the signature tune to “Down Your Way”

**Leroy Anderson** (1908-1985) was an American composer of many popular tunes. and was associated with the Boston Pops Orchestra. He was also a skilled linguist who worked for U S Counterintelligence. Many of his pieces contained unusual effects such as sandpaper and clocks. This one uses the typewriter as inspiration. Surprisingly it is called “*The Typewriter*”. It is strange to think that the present generation has never heard the clatter of a fast typist, punctuated by carriage returns.

**Barry Gray** (1908-1984) was born in Blackburn, the town where I spent 30 years of my working life. He received his musical education at Blackburn Cathedral which still has a strong choral reputation, then went on to the RNCM in Manchester. His tutors could not have foreseen that his future career would involve writing music for films such as *Thunderbirds* are Go, *Joe 90*, *Captain Scarlett* and the *Mysterons*. He also composed much music for TV commercials for products like *Sunsilk* shampoo, *Tide* washing powder and the *Hoover* Keymatic.

As well as conventional orchestration he was interested in the sounds he could produce with the electric organ and with the Ondes Martinot. Another feature of his music was a Wagnerian use of the leitmotiv for different characters and machines.

See how many tunes you can spot in his *International Concerto*. His best known piece is *Thunderbirds*.

**Robert Farnon** (1917-2005) was a Canadian who settled in Britain after leading the Canadian Army Band during the war. Originally a jazz trumpeter rivalling his friend Dizzy Gillespie, he was later described by André Previn as “the greatest writer for strings in the world” Mantovani he was not! Apart from light music he scored over 40 films. He composed three full length symphonies, a piano concerto and a bassoon concerto.

Listen to two of his most famous pieces (both used as theme tunes. “*Portrait of a Flirt*” was the theme tune for *In Town Tonight*. “*Jumping Bean*” introduced *Send for Skinner*). If you play them it will all come back.

**Ernest Tomlinson** (1924-2015 ) is the last in my selection of composers of light music. For Kirsty and I he has a special place because in 2014 we were at a concert in Longridge where he was celebrating his approaching 90th birthday. A scratch orchestra of mainly professionals was conducted by Gavin Sutherland, the Music Director of English National Ballet. The hall was packed. It was an evening to remember.

Born in Rawtenstall he was head chorister at Manchester Cathedral and studied composition at RCM, interrupted by two years active service in RAF. Then he moved to London where he was employed as a music arranger but was also a composer, a church organist and by 1955 had his own band, the Ernest Tomlinson Light Orchestra. Eventually he returned to his roots, taking over the Rossendale Male Voice Choir from his father, winning national competitions on the BBC. He also founded the Northern Concert Orchestra which gave many concerts and broadcasts.

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One of his best known pieces is *Little Serenade* but he was a prolific composer with a particular interest in English Folk Music. Try his *Second Suite of English Folk Dances*. Of the six tunes three are from Playford's "The English Dancing Master" of 1650 (Nos. 1, 3 and 4); the other dances are 100% "traditional" Tomlinson.

In 1984 he found that the BBC was, quite literally, throwing out its' archive of light music which was now out of fashion. He acquired it (over 50,00 items) and founded "The Library of Light Orchestral Music" which is now in his former barn in Longridge and available to loan.

"Light Music" still has its' fans, as you may have guessed. I hope that you have enjoyed reading about it and listening to my selection.

**Mike Grundy**

### Getting Fitter, not Fatter

In the first Edition of the Probus Lockdown Newsletter Paul kindly provided members with examples of exercises to do whilst under house arrest. Are you all doing these regularly? I thought not. It's difficult if you don't have an online programme of instructions and encouragement.

I am lucky to have the encouragement of my wife Kirsty who was a physiotherapist in an earlier life and was doing regular zumba and pilates classes before all this started. With her help we have now found internet programmes which work for us and would like to share these with you.

There are many such programmes out there. My younger brother follows an energetic coach called Joe Wicks who is all the rage on YouTube just now. However my brother is only 78 and can cope with this. Kirsty and I are a few years older and need something gentler. There are many such programmes but we recommend this one: "20 Min Exercise for Seniors, Elderly, & Older People". The YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/8CE4ijWIQ18>. When beginning, these exercises can be done sitting in a chair which is a great confidence booster. Three or four times a week is enough and you should be able to progress to standing and gradually putting in more effort. Before lockdown my mobility was so poor that we had a stairlift installed but now I rarely use it!

There are many other good programmes on t'internet. It is just a matter of finding the right one for you. And if you want to improve your mobility and strength whilst relaxing in a chair then try chair yoga: <https://youtu.be/KEjiXtb2hRg>.

**Mike G**

## What happened in History this day 28th May

**1588** Spanish Armada under the Duke of Medina-Sidonia departs Lisbon to invade England.

**1644** Bolton Massacre by Royalist troops under the command of the Earl of Derby (English Civil War)

**1742** 1st indoor swimming pool opens (Goodman's Fields, London)

**1871** Paris communards revolt put down

**1923** US Attorney General says it is legal for women to wear trousers anywhere

**1934** Sir Jack Hobbs scores his 197th & last first class cricket century at 51 years 163 days

**1952** The women of Greece are given the right to vote.



## General Knowledge Quiz

**This 20 question quiz also has an added bonus question.**

The first letters of each correct answer spell out the sub-title above.

1. Into which sea does the Nile flow?
2. Three continents lie on the Tropic of Capricorn, South America is one, name any of the other two?
3. In American currency 10 cents make a what?
4. Afrikaans was developed from which European language?
5. An Ortanique is a cross between a tangerine and what other fruit?
6. What Italian word for 'Scratched Drawing' can be found on walls all over the world?
7. What musical features 'Some Enchanted Evening' and 'There Is Nothing Like A Dame'?
8. What was the name of the first manned lunar landing mission in 1969?
9. Which boxer was nicknamed 'The Dark Destroyer'?
10. What was the name of Ritchie Valens' girlfriend?
11. What is the procedure called where an anaesthetic is injected close to the spinal cord?
12. What poisonous oily liquid occurs naturally in tobacco leaves?
13. Who had his first UK top 10 hit with 'Wichita Lineman'?
14. Which sign of the Zodiac is represented by the Scales?
15. In which country was Rudyard Kipling born?
16. What is the gemstone for September?
17. What instrument has been nicknamed the 'Mississippi Saxophone'?
18. One and a half litres of champagne is known as a what?
19. In alphabetical order name the three particles that make up an atom?
20. What is the common name of the 'Auora Borealis'?

**BONUS QUESTION - WHAT DOES THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH ANSWER SPELL OUT?**

**For those who love the Philosophy of Ambiguity, as well as the idiosyncrasies of English:**

1. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila..... floor.
2. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
3. If man evolved from Monkeys and Apes, why do we still have Monkeys and Apes?
4. The main reason that Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
5. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, where's the self-help section? she said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
6. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
7. If a deaf child signs swear words, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
8. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
9. Is there another word for synonym?
10. Where do forest rangers go to get away from it all?

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words

## History Of Roses

From the earliest times, indeed throughout the history of civilization, people from around the world have held the rose close to their hearts. The earliest known gardening was the planting of roses along the most travelled routes of early nomadic humans. Earliest roses are known to have flourished 35 million-years ago and hips have been found in Europe and petrified rose wreaths have been unearthed from ancient Egyptian tombs.

### Roses in Ancient Historic Period

The Romans outdid the Greeks when Nero, the hedonistic emperor, 1st century AD, dumped tons of rose petals on his dinner guests.



Cleopatra had her living quarters filled with the petals of roses so that when Marc Antony met her, he would long remember her for such opulence and be reminded of her every time he smelt a rose. Her scheme worked for him. Such is the power of roses.

Not only in Christian literature, also in ancient Confucian and Buddhist religious documents we find references to the rose.

The Romans cultivated this great beauty and named it Rosa Gallica. Newly married couples were often crowned with roses.

Roman high society women used petals much like currency believing that they could banish wrinkles if used in poultices. Rose petals were often dropped in wine because it was thought that the essence of rose would stave off drunkenness and victorious armies would return to be showered with rose petals from the civilians that crowded the balconies above the streets.

### Roses in Medieval Period

The first known paintings of a rose are actually frescoes. The earliest example was discovered in Crete around 1600 B.C.

The apothecary rose, R. Gallica Officinalis, first recorded in the 13th century, was the foundation of a large industry near the city of Provins, France. Turned into jellies, powders and oils, this rose was believed to cure a multitude of illnesses.

In ancient Mesopotamia, Sargon I, King of the Akkadians (2684-2630 B.C.) brought "vines, figs and rose trees" from a military expedition beyond the River Tigris.

### War of Roses

The war started when the nobles of York rose against Henry VI of Lancaster who was a feeble ruler. Edward IV, of York, replaced Henry as king.



Later, Henry again became king, but lost his crown once more to Edward after the battle of Tewkesbury in 1471. The Yorkists held power until Richard III lost his throne to the Lancastrian Henry Tudor. Henry Tudor married into the House of York. This personal

union ended the conflict, and a new famous dynasty, the Tudors, emerged.

The War of the Roses was a civil war in England that lasted from 1455-1487. The House of York adopted a white rose (R. alba), the House of Lancaster decided to take a red rose (R. Gallica). The winner of this war, Tudor Henry VII, merged his Lancastrian rose with the red rose of his York bride and thus created the **Tudor Rose**, the Rose of England.

### Roses in Modern Period

The era of modern roses was established with the introduction of the first hybrid tea rose, "La France" by the French breeder, Guillot in 1867 . This variety was considered unique for a number of important horticultural reasons-

- 1) Hybrid tea rose possessed the general habit of a hybrid perpetual rose.
- 2) The elegant shaped buds of hybrid tea rose.
- 3) Free flowering character of a tea rose.

By the late 20th century, more than 10,000 hybrid tea roses were bred with great success. Introduction of 'La France' heralded the era of modern roses.

The renewed interest in the garden rose came with the 19th century empress - Josephine, wife of Napoleon Bonaparte. This ambitious woman's dream was to establish a rose garden in Malmaison containing a collection of all the roses of the world.

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Some Legends on Roses

In Greek mythology, Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, is said to have created the rose which arose from her tears and the blood of her lover Adonis.

The Romans, turning Aphrodite into their goddess Venus, also adopted the rose: it became the symbol of love and beauty. Cupid, offering a rose when trying to bribe the God of Silence to hush Venus's amorous escapades, made the flower into a symbol for secrecy: Roman dining room ceilings were decorated with roses, reminding guests to keep secret what had been said during dinner. Sub Rosa, under the rose, up to this day means "confidentially".

The world's oldest living rose bush is thought to be 1000 years old. Today, it continues to bloom on the wall of the Hildesheim Cathedral in Germany. In Ancient Greek mythology, when Venus' son Cupid was stung by a bee he accidentally shot arrows into a rose garden. It was believed to be the sting of the arrows that caused the roses to grow thorns. When Venus walked through the garden and pricked her foot on a thorn, it was the droplets of her blood which turned the roses red.

Legend has it that during the Roman Empire there was an incredibly beautiful maiden named Rhodanthe. Her beauty drew many suitors who pursued her relentlessly. Exhausted by their pursuit, Rhodanthe was forced to take refuge in the temple of her friend Diana. Unfortunately, Diana was of a jealous nature and when the suitors broke down her temple gates to get near the beloved Rhodanthe, she became furious. Enraged, Diana turned Rhodanthe into a rose and her suitors into thorns.

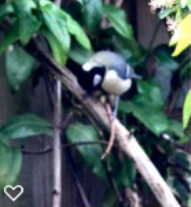
In an Arabic legend, all roses were originally white until one night when the nightingale met a beautiful white rose and fell in love. At this stage nightingales were not known for their melodious song they merely croaked and chirped like any other bird. But now the nightingale's love was so intense that he was inspired to sing for the first time. Eventually his love was such that he pressed himself to the flower and the thorns pierced his heart, colouring the rose red forever.



A recently photographed a Great Tit eating a larva. By David Atkinson

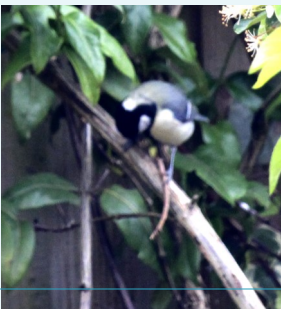
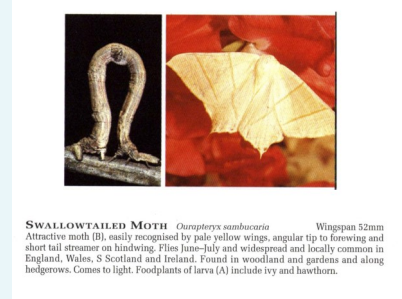
After Gwyn had been tidying some Ivy which is in a hanging basket on the side of the garage I noticed a "twig" on the path. When I came to pick it up it moved. On close inspection it had two tiny feet at the front then about 3 to 4 cms of body then two similar "feet" at the other end of its body. I had come across a similar much smaller animal in the past. When I looked it up I found it is the larva of the "Swallowtailed Moth". A copy of the picture from the "British Wildlife Photoguide" .

So! I placed the larva in another large tub by the fence containing ivy. While having lunch I can see into the garden and noticed a Great Tit on the main stem of the ivy so I grabbed for the camera, which is always at the ready, and took a few shots. The photos are not brilliant but do show what was happening.



The Great Tit was holding the larva under its foot so it could peck at it.

I always feel privileged when I see something unusual like that and considered myself lucky to grab a few photos while the action was still there.



## Local information

This is a new service which when it was trialed in parts of Shropshire proved very popular.



### We are now using eConsult

Submit an eConsult via our website

[www.churchmere.co.uk](http://www.churchmere.co.uk) and click on the button

Ask for advice with an eConsult and we will contact you by the end of the next working day.

You can contact our doctors online 24/7 for routine medical advice, trusted self-help from the NHS and administrative requests such as fit notes, GP letters or test results.



Take 1 minute each day and help fight the outbreak.

Get the Covid 19 Symptom Tracker App from the App store or Google

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance & Support

Click on this link—

[https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?utm\\_source=Members&utm\\_campaign=fdd441f999-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_06\\_08\\_03\\_15\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_206970988f-fdd441f999-348581597&mc\\_cid=fdd441f999&mc\\_eid=d02ed78b4c](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?utm_source=Members&utm_campaign=fdd441f999-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_08_03_15_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206970988f-fdd441f999-348581597&mc_cid=fdd441f999&mc_eid=d02ed78b4c)

## Urgent Care Centres

Urgent Care Centres (UCCs) at Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) in Telford and the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) will temporarily relocate to the Minor Injury Units (MIUs) in Whitchurch and Bridgnorth to form two Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs).

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURS .....

**Key contact details:** Ellesmere Covid-19 Community Support Group: 01691 596290 / 622689  
[www.ellesmerecovidsupportgroups.org.uk](http://www.ellesmerecovidsupportgroups.org.uk)

**Shropshire Council Helpline:** 0345 678 9028

**For people living in the Welshampton or Lyneal area -** please contact the Parish Council on 01948 710672 or go on their website <https://www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk/> where you will find information about their local Community Support group.

# Local Businesses providing Services as at 26th May, these services can change anytime.

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HAPPINESS  
BUT YOU CAN BUY  
LOCAL  
AND THAT'S KIND OF  
THE SAME”

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<b>Asian Spices</b> Tel 01691 623689	Friday & Saturday 5.00pm - 10.30pm	
Delivery 6.00pm - 9.00pm every day (except Monday).	Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sunday 5.00pm - 10.00pm.	YES
After 9.00pm collection only.	Closed Monday.	
<b>Black Lion Hotel</b>	Real Ales and Lager Takeaways	
Tel 01691 623999 (out of hours)	Wed & Thurs 4.30pm - 6.30pm	NO
	Fri, Sat & Sun 4.00pm - 6.30pm	
<b>Comrades Club</b>	Order Sunday Lunch by Friday.	
Tel 01691 622419 & 07871 733375	Ring any day between 9.00am & 5.00pm	YES
<b>Ellesmere Kebab House</b>	Tuesday - Sunday 4.30pm - 9.30pm	
Tel 01691 624638	Closed Monday.	YES
<b>Meze Greek Restaurant</b>	Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday	
Tel 01691 622660 & Facebook	Order by phone 9.00am - 8.30pm.	
	Collect 4.30pm - 8.30pm	YES
<b>New Wan Loy</b>	Tuesday - Sunday 4.45pm - 10.45pm	
Tel 01691 623479	Ring to check times.	
<b>Pete's Sandwich Bar</b>	Wed 27th, Thurs 28th, Fri 29th & Sat 30th May	
	Open 8.00am - 2.00pm for takeaway only.	
Tel 01691 623414	Details on Facebook. Telephone orders will be given time slots to collect.	
<b>Shropshire Fish Bar</b>	Open every day	
Tel 01691 624287	11.30am - 10.00pm	
<b>Thai Gate Restaurant</b>	Tuesday - Saturday 12 noon - 9.00pm	
Tel 01691 239478	Sunday 12 noon - 8.00pm	Delivery coming soon
5 High Street, Ellesmere	Closed Monday.	
<a href="http://www.thaigate.co.uk/order-online">www.thaigate.co.uk/order-online</a>	Takeaway available. Collection only.	
<b>The Red Lion Coaching Inn</b>	Thursday, Friday, Saturday,	
Tel 01691 622632	Order by phone 5.00pm - 8.30pm.	
& 07854 191238	Closed Sunday.	YES
<b>Pete's Meals on Wheels on temporary loan to The Red Lion</b>		
Tel 01691 622632	Order: Mon - Fri 10.00am - 12 noon	
Ring with any queries regarding meals and to place your order.	Orders delivered to your door 11.30 - 12.30 Monday to Friday.	YES

Ellesmere Businesses - CONTACT by telephone, email or Facebook ONLY	
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<b>A Mere Cycle Hire and Sales</b>	
Tel 07988 842038	Working mobile until further notice.
Email <a href="mailto:amercycle@gmail.com">amercycle@gmail.com</a>	Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 5.00pm
<b>Concept Town Planning</b>	
Tel 07890 428918	Office hours Tues & Thurs 10.00am - 4.00pm
<a href="mailto:mail@concepttownplanning.com">mail@concepttownplanning.com</a>	Available all other times Monday - Friday 8.30am - 6.00pm via email or mobile.
<b>Gough-Thomas &amp; Scott, Solicitors</b>	
Tel 01691 622413	GTS are still open for business however to protect both staff and clients they are not allowing visitors to the office. GTS can still be contacted by telephone or email.
Email <a href="mailto:ellesmere@gtssolicitors.co.uk">ellesmere@gtssolicitors.co.uk</a>	
<b>J A Milton Upholstery Supplies</b>	
<a href="http://www.jamilton.com">www.jamilton.com</a>	Online and telephone orders
	Open Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm
<b>Lily the Pink, Florist</b>	
Contact via Facebook	Contact to place an order. Delivery only.
<b>Morris Cook, Chartered Accountant</b>	
Tel 01691 622098	Open most weekdays
Email <a href="mailto:megan@morriscook.co.uk">megan@morriscook.co.uk</a>	Email or telephone if you need to bring anything into the office.
	Letter box on Watergate Street.
<b>Ortho-Bionomy UK</b>	
Tel 07377 315865	Open Monday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm
Email <a href="mailto:dr.anna.hayes@outlook.com">dr.anna.hayes@outlook.com</a>	Self-care packages tailored to cover your individual pain requirements.
<a href="http://www.ortho-bionomy-uk.com">www.ortho-bionomy-uk.com</a> or via Facebook	Contact Anna by email or telephone.
<b>Princes LHS Ltd</b>	
<b>The Rennet Works, Market Street</b>	Still operating during the lockdown and providing essential plumbing, heating, electrical and renewable energy services.
Tel 01691 624336	
<b>Pure Beauty</b>	
<a href="http://www.trappickincare.com/helenhale">www.trappickincare.com/helenhale</a>	Shop online for Tropic products.
<b>Sanchi Jewellers</b>	
Tel 01691 622282 or via Facebook	For any purchases, leave a message by phone or Facebook. Payment made via card over the phone. We will be past free of charge any item chosen.
<b>Susan Haskey, Chiroprapist</b>	
Tel 07974 091984	Open as usual, Mondays and Fridays
<b>Sweetmere Sweet Shop</b>	
Tel 07896 881242 or Facebook	Contact to place an order. Delivery only.

Ellesmere Businesses - Food Shops.	Opening Hours	Home Delivery
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<b>Co-op</b>	Open every day 8.00am - 8.00pm	
Vulnerable workers, NHS & key workers	8.00am - 9.00am (Sunday 10.00am - 11.00am)	
<b>Ellesmere Newsagents</b> Tel 01691 622498	Monday - Friday 5.00am - 5.30pm	YES
Delivery of newspapers and provisions inc bread, alcohol, tinned, frozen & chilled food, pet food, tea, coffee, biscuits, toiletries and cleaning products.	Saturday 5.00am - 5.00pm	
Those ordering for delivery of provisions who are not current customers must pay by cheque or cash, left in a container outside the door at delivery time.	Sunday 6.00am - 11.00am	
<b>Hawkins Butchers</b> Tel 01691 622329	Monday - Saturday 8.00am - 3.30pm.	
Welcome to ring ahead to place your order or for any enquiries.	Local delivery services to those self-isolating.	YES
<b>Moolah - Local Food</b> Tel 01691 623532	Open every day 9.00am - 6.00pm	
Homemade ready meals - mains & puddings (inc freezer-ready). Savoury and sweet delights. Fresh veg, meat and dairy. Pizza. Teas & coffees.	Deliveries undertaken within Ellesmere and to outlying villages during the Covid-19 lockdown.	YES
<b>Tesco</b>	Monday - Saturday 7.00am - 10.00pm.	ONLINE ORDERS
	Sunday 10.00am - 4.00pm	
Elderly and Vulnerable Priority time:	Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.00am - 10.00am	
NHS Workers Priority Time	Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.00am - 10.00am	
<b>Vermeulen's</b> Tel 01691 622521	Monday - Saturday 7.00am - 4.00pm.	
Bakery (bread, baps, rolls etc), cakes, hampers, cold meats and speciality pies. Delicatessen. Sandwiches.	Orders delivered 10.00am - 12 noon to those self-isolating. Order anytime.	YES
<b>Pet Shop including pet/animal feed</b>		
<b>Pets Pantry</b> Tel 01691 624492	Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 3.00pm.	YES

Ellesmere Businesses	Opening Hours and details
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<b>Mere Motors</b>	Open Monday to Saturday 6.30am - 8.00pm
	Open Sunday 7.30am - 8.00pm
<b>Tel 01691 622343</b>	Petrol Station includes a mini supermarket selling milk, eggs, newspapers, food and alcohol.
<b>P&amp;G Vehicle Repairs</b>	Open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Tel 01691 622849	Cargotec Industrial Park, Elson SY12 9JW
<b>Post Office &amp; Party Shop</b>	Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 3.00pm
Tel 01691 622623	If possible please post any items before midday.
<a href="mailto:singh.po@gmail.com">singh.po@gmail.com</a>	Offering free local delivery for orders over £10 from the Party Shop, balloons, cards, gifts etc.
<a href="mailto:bkaur.po@gmail.com">bkaur.po@gmail.com</a>	Please contact for more details.
<b>Richards Auto Services</b>	Phones are now manned and taking bookings for week commencing 1 June 2020.
Tel 01691 622421	
<b>Rightways</b>	Mon, Tues and Fri 10.30am - 4.00pm
	Saturday 9.30pm - 5.00pm.
	Closed lunchtime 1.00pm - 1.30pm. Closed Wed & Sun.
<b>The Ellesmere Pharmacy</b>	Monday - Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm
Tel 01691 623118	Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm. Closed Sunday
<b>The Washing Well Launderette</b>	Open every day. 7.00am - 9.00pm
<b>TG Builders Merchants</b>	Open Monday to Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm
Tel 01691 622540	& Saturday 8.00am - 12 noon
<a href="mailto:ellesmere@tggroup.co.uk">ellesmere@tggroup.co.uk</a>	Orders need to be made by phone or email for a time slot collection or delivery.

Ellesmere Businesses	Opening Hours and details
<b>TSB Bank</b>	Monday - Friday 10.00am - 12.30pm. 1.30pm - 4.00pm
	TSB Customers: If you have no mobile phone or internet banking please call the branch on 01691 594999 and the TSB will make a one-off payment for you.
	TSB Customers can be issued with a cheque book if required. Also: any TSB customer who is self-isolating and needs to withdraw money please contact the TSB on 01691 594999.

## Gas and Electricity Cards

The Ellesmere Newsagents (01691 622498) can top-up cards - they will take a cheque or, if you have an account with them, they will add the amount to your account.

Mandy @ the Co-op (07971 250311) sell top-up cards.

The Ellesmere Post Office sell Gas & Electricity cards over the counter.

Mere Motors 01691 622343 Offers all Paypoint facilities - Gas, Electric, Bill Payments, Phone Top Ups, Parcel Point (NB not British Gas)

For up to date information please check the Ellesmere Covid 19 website

[www.ellesmerecovid19supportgroups.org.uk](http://www.ellesmerecovid19supportgroups.org.uk)





## ***Pastoral Support from the Churches in Ellesmere***

### **Rev'd Pat Hawkins St Mary's Church**

[01691622571](tel:01691622571) email [revpat.hawkins@gmail.com](mailto:revpat.hawkins@gmail.com).

St Mary's Ellesmere: follow Church of England

Services are streamed online [https://](https://www.churchofengland.org/)

[www.churchofengland.org/](https://www.churchofengland.org/)



### **Pastor Phil Wright 'The Cellar Church'.**

[07711 986694](tel:07711986694) email: [pastor.phil@me.com](mailto:pastor.phil@me.com)

The Cellar Church online every Sunday 10am and Wednesday 6pm

Follow the link Directly on our Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmxif6AT5w7IJH4Yxkbi6tQ>

On the cellar church website: <https://www.cellarchurch.co.uk/audio-video/>



### **Rev Julia Skitt Ellesmere Methodist Church**

[01691 657349](tel:01691657349) email: [rev.julia@mail.com](mailto:rev.julia@mail.com)

Ellesmere Methodist Church Services can be streamed from:

Wesley's Chapel in London - on Wednesdays 12.45, Thursdays 12.45 and Sundays 9.45 and 11.00am

<https://www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/livestreaming/>



Methodist Central Hall, Westminster - Sundays at 11.00am

[https://www.youtube.com/user/MCHWevents?](https://www.youtube.com/user/MCHWevents?utm_source=Methodist+Church+House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11417259_Update)

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### **Ellesmere Catholic Convent Chapel**

The Chapel is open, the building on the left as you drive in. 8:30am - 6pm.

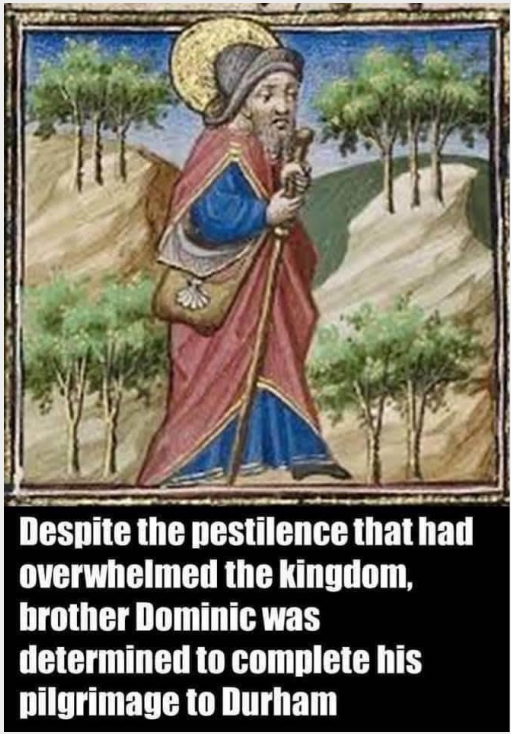
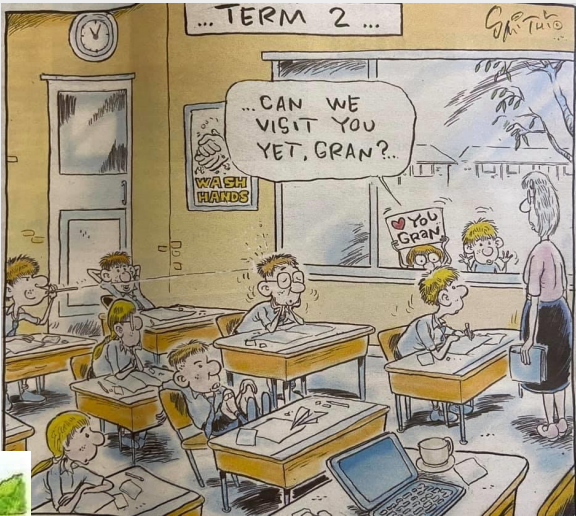
If you have anything that you'd like to ask the sister to pray for you: Phone

[01691 622 283](tel:01691622283)





A few funnies to entertain you



1. Mediterranean, 2. Australia, Africa, 3. Dime, 4. Dutch, 5. Orange, 6. Graffiti, 7. South Pacific, 8. Apollo XI, 9. Nigel Benn, 10. Donna, 11. Epidural, 12. Nicotine, 13. Glen Campbell, 14. Libra, 15. India, 16. Sapphire, 17. Harmonica, 18. Magnum, 19. Electron, Neutron, Proton, 20. Northern Lights

BONUS ANSWER - Mad Dogs and Englishmen

Quiz answers