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From the editor

I hope you had a good week, despite our 'Dear Leader' Boris' mixed messages once again, confusing or what? The 12th May was 'National Limerick' day, with contributions by Jeremy, & Mike Grundy, for which I thank them.

Keep safe

Paul

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

Message from President Jeremy

Dear Probus friends,

Firstly I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well under these different days.

It seems unlikely that we will be able to get back to the way things were before the pandemic outbreak. Small acts of kindness are emerging all over the place and the way society is adapting is encouraging.

If you need help for any reason do contact any of our Committee members. We are endeavoring to keep in touch with everyone by phone on occasions between us. A number of members are using Skype, Face-time and now Zoom to add value to their enforced incarceration. But beware! A New Zealand councillor was caught without trousers on during a city council meeting break recently. He had forgotten that he had left his camera on whilst standing dusting his book-shelf with a feather duster, much to the entertainment of his colleagues!

I wish you good health, stay safe and don't forget to contact us if you need us.

Very best wishes,

Jeremy

Eating in the Fifties

"Kebab" was not even a word never mind a food.

Hot dogs were a type of sausage that only the Americans ate.

Cornflakes had arrived from America but it was obvious that they would never catch on.

The phrase "boil in the bag" would have been beyond our realms of comprehension.

The idea of "oven chips" would not have made any sense at all to us.

The world had not yet benefited from weird and wonderful things like 3 minute Noodles, Instant Mashed potatoes and Pop Tarts.

We bought milk and cream at the same time in the same container.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Lettuce and tomatoes in winter were just a rumour.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprising muesli was readily available in those days, it was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

I though I would Delve into Speakers reports from the archives

One from the Probus Archives

In our second meeting in January 2018 Probus had a talk by John Williams titled “The development of electricity”.

John told us that Electricity was first discovered as a static electricity, if you rub an amber or something shiny you can use it to attract things.



He went on to say that Electricity would remain little more than an intellectual curiosity for millennia until 1600, when the English scientist William Gilbert wrote a paper in which he made a careful study of electricity and magnetism, distinguishing the lodestone effect from static electricity produced by rubbing amber. He coined the New Latin word *electricus* ("of amber" or "like amber", from the Greek word for "amber") to refer to the property of attracting small objects after being rubbed. This asso-

ciation gave rise to the English words "electric" and "electricity", which made their first appearance in print in Thomas Browne's *paper* of 1646 challenging and refuting the "vulgar" or common errors and superstitions of his age.

John said that further work was conducted in the 17th and early 18th centuries by Otto von Guericke, Robert Boyle, Stephen Gray and C. F. du Fay. Later in the 18th century, Benjamin Franklin conducted extensive research in electricity, selling his possessions to fund his work. In June 1752 he is reputed to have attached a metal key to the bottom of a dampened kite string and flown the kite in a storm-threatened sky. A succession of sparks jumping from the key to the back of his hand showed that lightning was indeed electrical in nature. He also explained the apparently paradoxical behaviour of the Leyden jar as a device for storing large amounts of electrical charge in terms of electricity consisting of both positive and negative charges.

John said the first use of produced electricity was in show business. Electricity can induce movement in dead frog leg. Then some small towns built small power stations producing enough electricity to power a few Trams or light a few homes. In about 1890 Wrexham converted a brewery once owned by Walker Brewery's into a power station, (this was on the site where the lone tall chimney is in Wrexham. Wrexham football ground held floodlit matches also at that time, obviously not the sort of floodlit grounds we are used to. The main problem with the type of electricity distributed from theses power stations was that it was what is called DC 'Direct Current' which is no good for modern appliances and is very difficult to deliver over any great distance. Eventually this DC was converted into AC 'Alternating Current' which we use today. Electricity first came to this area in Overton in 1926 the supplier was Archibald Rennie Gamble, known locally as Archie. In 1926 Overton had a brand new Village Hall and Mr. Gamble was invited to install a small generating plant for its lighting and, at the same time, a further plant was installed in a bakery in Penyllan Street. In 1948 the Electricity Supply Industry was nationalised. However, Mr. Gamble fought the might of Government and continued to generate power until 1953.

Other countries in Europe were well ahead of us, by generating cheaper electricity from waterpower, while we didn't bother much developing other sources of generating electricity because we had lots of coal that due to low wages was relatively cheap to mine. Because of that we lagged behind and stayed with Gas lighting for a long time, while countries like Norway developed Hydroelectric powered electricity. However, a number of Hydro plants were built in Wales and Scotland. It was apparent that we had been very slow developing our distribution and generating network.



It during the very cold winter of 1947 the government of the day realized that the electrical supply couldn't keep up with demand, so mothballed power stations were ordered to be reactivated, as a result Wrexham's Power Station was recommissioned, this cost lots of money and took so long that the winter was about over by the time it came online.

John said in his opinion the way ahead is Wind & Solar power, and if the government had the will even Hydro power, he said that Nuclear doesn't appear to have a future today due to the cost of construction, getting rid of the waste, and then decommissioning.

WORDPLAY

1. I went to a bookstore and asked the assistant “Where’s the self help section please?
She said “If I told you it would defeat the purpose”.
2. Atheism is a non-prophet making organization.
3. Is there another word for Synonym?
4. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
5. If you ate both pasta & antipasto, would you still be hungry?
6. Why is there a use by date on sour cream?
7. If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?
8. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
9. What if there were no hypothetical questions.

I borrowed this Speaker's Report from the Ellesmere Society Archives.

In March 2019 the Ellesmere society had a talk by David Barton titled "Chirk Castle -The Myddelton Years"



David said this is the story of how an important Welsh Castle became to be owned by a commoner. The castle was built in 1295 by Roger Mortimer de Chirk, uncle of Roger Mortimer, 1st Earl of March as part of King Edward I's chain of fortresses across the north of Wales. It guarded the entrance to the Ceiriog Valley and was the administrative centre for the Marcher Lordship of Chirkland.

David said that in 1593 the castle was bought by Sir Thomas Myddelton (a commoner) for £5,000 (approx. £11 million). His son, Thomas Myddelton of Chirk Castle was a Parliamentarian during the English Civil War, but became a Royalist during the 'Cheshire rising' of 1659 led by George Booth, 1st Baron Delamer.

Following the return to the throne of Charles II, his son became Sir Thomas Myddelton, 1st Baronet of Chirk. The castle passed down in the Myddelton family to Charlotte Myddelton (on the death of her father in 1796). Charlotte had married Robert Biddulph, who changed his name to Robert Myddelton-Biddulph, leaving the castle on his death to their son Robert. It then passed down in the Myddelton-Biddulph family. From before WWI until after WW2 the castle was leased by Thomas Scott-Ellis, 8th Baron Howard de Walden, a prominent patron of the arts and champion of Welsh culture. David said the Baron opened up parts of the castle to evacuees during the later part of the Second World War. The Myddelton family returned to live at Chirk Castle until 2004, when Lieutenant-Colonel Ririd Myddleton was an extra equerry to Queen Elizabeth II from 1952 until his death in 1988.

The castle is now owned by National Trust and is open to the public between March and October, with limited opening dates in November and December.

Do you need to know this?

Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Q: Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez -meaning 'help me' -- and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

Q: Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

A: In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love.'

Q. Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

A: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Q: Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

A: In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

Q: Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

A: It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Q: Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

A: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well



General Knowledge Quiz

1	In which year was Ironbridge built (date on bridge)
2	What are motorways called in France
3	The ancient city of Machu Picchu is in what country
4	Who wrote the book `A Shropshire Lad`
5	From which specific religion does the Dalai Lama come
6	On which specific day in which month is the winter solstice normally (ie the shortest day)
7	Which famous `fictional` lady is buried in the churchyard in Tong , featured in the Charles Dickens `Old Curiosity Shop`
8	“Buddha” means a) little fat man b) Seeker of Wisdom or c) Enlightened One
9	Between 1940 and 1941 which famous overseas President was safely housed at Gadlas Hall, a few miles from Ellesmere.
10	Which is Britain’s busiest railway station London Euston London Waterloo Birmingham New Street
11	Brussel sprouts are members of the cabbage botanical family, true or false
12	How many meres are there generally accepted to be in the Ellesmere range of meres
13	Jarlsberg cheese originates in which country
14	Which two countries lie on the island of Hispaniola
15	Who does the `Column` in Shrewsbury celebrate the life of
16	What is the name of the main motorway which runs across the Pennines from East to West and vice versa.
17	In which country are the Angel Falls, the world’s highest waterfall Venezuela Zimbabwe New Zealand
18	St Cecelia is the saint of what specifically
19	The biggest carp caught on a fishing rod in Blakemere was a) 28lb b) 33 lb c)38lb
20	Which Shropshire town is home to the annual national Sweet Pea festival

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What happened in History this day 14th May

1264 Battle of Lewes, 2nd Barons' War: Simon de Montfort the younger, Earl of Leicester, defeats English King Henry III 1663 - The first Theatre Royal was opened in London.

1607 English colonists establish the 1st permanent English settlement in America at Jamestown. Unknown to them they have landed amidst the worst drought in 800 years.

1702 England & Netherlands declare war on France & Spain 1937 - The German Condor Legion arrived in Spain to assist Franco’s forces.

1842 Illustrated London News; the world's first illustrated weekly newspaper, begins publication

The Generation Gap

My generation thought 'fast food' was something you ate during Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' was something you had for tea. 'Sheltered accommodation' was a place where you waited for a bus, 'timesharing' meant togetherness and you kept 'coke' in the coalhouse.

Joan Collins?

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The 12th May was ‘National Limerick’ day, so here are a few for you

There was a young girl of Asturias,



Whose temper was frantic
and furious
She used to throw eggs, At
her grandmothers legs,
A habit unpleasant and

curious

Anno

There once was a Mayor called Paul
Who spent most of his time helping all
His mission was clear
Bringing info and cheer
To Ellesmere folk short and tall

By Jeremy

Our Probus Club locked itself down
Through government’s needs to the Crown
We tried not not to change
Just adapt and arrange
Telephonic contact ‘cross our town

By Jeremy

An Epic Limerick

There was a young man from Nuneaton
Whose innards were battered and beaten
To the bathroom he flew
Stuck his head down the loo
And said “Was it something I’ve eaten?”

Off to the doc he did hurry
Trying his best not to worry
He said “ My name is Dick
I’ve been ever so sick
And I think it was yesterday’s curry”

The Doc said “you need a vacation
Take a trip to a healthy location
Dick said “I will”
So he travelled to Rhyl
In a state of some anticipation

He strolled across shingle and stones
To feel the sea breeze in his bones
Till he stood on the sand
Stick of rock in his hand
And there he met Bronwen Rhys-Jones

She was a clairvoyant who spent
Her days on the prom in a tent
This Welsh fortune-teller
Took the Nuneaton fella
Back home for a nominal rent

She lived with a manky old cat
Flecky and funny and fat
He was notary fit
And he slobbered a bit
And piddled all over the mat

She fed him on filleted fish
Served in a porcelain dish
The cat got the best
And Dick got the rest
Which wasn’t quite as he would wish

He told her “I’m not being fussy
But the money you spend on your pussy
Is rather a lot
From where is it got?”
“I fiddle my tax” said the hussy

There was a young man from the States
Who some loved yet someone just hates
Brought the tariffs together
For political weather
Whatever the storms it creates

By Jeremy

There once was a vet on the hill
I remember his name it was Bill
His doves while they tumbled
Were grateful and humbled
He will be our next President still

By Jeremy

There’s a challenge called Covid-19
I guess that you know what we mean
It’s a tough time for all
But if you need a call
Please phone and on us you can lean

By Jeremy

She gave him a winking a grin
But he was perturbed by her sin
This behaviour was shoddy
She’s doing a Doddy
And therefore he must turn her in

“The Taxpayer’s Charter” said he
“Relies upon your honesty”
Then he left her abode
And walked up the road
To the office of HMRC

There he spoke to the
folk in Compliance
But Bronwen took off in
defiance
She was captured alive
On the A55
By a mixture of brute
force and science



She was handcuffed and shined to the wall
When Dick went to pay her a call
She said “Promise me that
You’ll look after the cat
And polish the old crystal ball”

But he looked at the cat in disgust
And finally thought that he must
Do the thing which was best
And put him to rest
So the manky old cat bit the dust

Finding it hard to relax
He decided to start making tracks
So he took to his feet ‘n
Went back to Nuneaton
Where nobody fiddles their tax.

By Maureen Bowden





Limericks Continued

GOING VIRAL

The Coronavirus
Has come to tire us
We're shut indoors
Not out on t' moors
That stops it from getting inside us

Mike G

MUSIC

Their was an old lady from Tring
Who, when somebody asked her to sing,
Replied "Ain't it odd?
I can never tell God
Save the Weasel
from Pop Goes the King!"

Anon

MAL DE MER?

There was a fair maid of Ostend
Who thought she'd hold out to the end
But half the way over
Twixt Calais and Dover
She did what she didn't intend.

Anon

BUS JOURNEY

There was an old fellow from Probus
Who travelled to Ellesmere by Old Bus
Though a poet by trade
I am very dismayed
That I can't find any other rhymes for
"Probus"
Can anyone help?

Mike G

Light Music

I recently wrote in these pages about "Desert Island Discs" and I hope it brought back some memories. Can you name the tune that introduced the programme? It was, of course, "*By a Sleepy Lagoon*" composed by Eric Coates (1886-1957). He described it as a "Valse Serenade". The herring gulls were added later. That tune belongs to the heyday of "Light Music" which started with Dance Bands and came to an end with Rock and Roll. Some of us are old enough to remember Workers' Playtime and dance bands such as Geraldo and Mantovani. But there was light music long before all that.

Perhaps it started with Mozart who was mainly serious but also wrote some very lightweight and attractive pieces such as *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*. Although "Light Music" is easy listening it is not necessarily trivial music. Many other serious composers have applied their skills to the genre.

It looks as though there will be several more issues of our Covid Newsletter before the Vera Lynn moment: ".....don't know where, don't know when" so this is an opportunity to write about Light Music in a few short articles. Remember that every tune mentioned is easily accessible on t'internet. Most are on YouTube but Spotify will give more choice and better sound quality.

The late 19th Century

I'll start with just four pieces from the 19th Century as examples of what we might now call "Light Music".

The first is the well known *Barcarolle from the Tales of Hoffmann* by Jaques Offenbach (1819-1880). The barcarolle is supposedly based on a venetian boatman's song and has a gentle rowing rhythm. The ditty starts "Belle nuit, ô nuit d'amour". Offenbach had some big theatrical hits in 19th century Paris. The Julian Lloyd Webber of his time.

Second on my list is *Pizzicato Polka* by Johann Strauss II (1825-1899) "the Waltz King". The Blue Danube goes on and on so I've picked a polka instead - so much easier to dance to, don't you find? His "*Die Fledermaus*" is my favourite Operetta There are several versions on YouTube

Next up is Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900). He aspired to be a serious composer and wrote lots of oratorios, chamber music etc. The hymn tune "Onward Christian Soldiers" is his. Luckily he met W S Gilbert and the rest, as they say, is history. I've chosen *the Overture to "Cox and Box"* because it is short, crisp and cheerful. This was his first collaboration with WSG.

Finally what is definitely Light Music but by an extremely serious composer: Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934). He lived well into the 20th century but *Salut d' Amour* dates from 1888. It's gorgeous.

In the next issue we'll look at a variety of light music from the 20th century, most of which you will recognise even though the composers' names are largely unknown.

Mike G

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 and click on the button

Ask for advice with and 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

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

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 11th May, these services can change weekly.



Ellesmere Takeaways	Opening Hours	Home Delivery
(in alphabetical order)	Updated 11 May 2020 (Subject to change)	
Asian Spices Tel 01691 623689 Delivery 6.00pm - 9.00pm every day (except Monday). After 9.00pm collection only.	Friday & Saturday 5.00pm - 10.30pm Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sunday 5.00pm - 10.00pm. Closed Monday.	YES
Comrades Club Tel 01691 622419 & 07871 733375	Order Sunday Lunch by Friday. Ring any day between 9.00am & 5.00pm	YES
Ellesmere Kebab House Tel 01691 624638	Tuesday - Sunday 4.30pm - 9.30pm Closed Monday.	YES
Meze Greek Restaurant Tel 01691 622660 & Facebook	Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday Order by phone 9.00am - 8.30pm. Collect 4.30pm - 8.30pm	YES
Pete's Sandwich Bar Tel 01691 623414 RE-OPENING! (Takeaway only)	Friday 15 May 8.00am - 2.00pm Saturday 8.00am - 12 noon. More days to be announced. Details on Facebook. Telephone orders will be given time slots to collect.	
Shropshire Fish Bar Tel 01691 624287	Open every day 11.30am - 10.00pm	
Thai Gate Restaurant Tel 01691 239478 5 High Street, Ellesmere www.thaigate.co.uk/order-online	Tuesday - Saturday 12 noon - 9.00pm Sunday 12 noon - 8.00pm Closed Monday. Takeaway available. Collection only.	Delivery coming soon
The Red Lion Coaching Inn Tel 01691 622632 & 07854 191238	Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Order by phone 5.00pm - 8.30pm. Closed Sunday.	YES
Pete's Meals on Wheels on temporary loan to The Red Lion Tel 01691 622632 Ring with any queries regarding meals and to place your order.	Order: Mon - Fri 10.00am - 12 noon Orders delivered to your door 11.30 - 12.30 Monday to Friday.	YES

Ellesmere Businesses - CONTACT by telephone, email or Facebook ONLY.	
(in alphabetical order)	Updated 11 May 2020 (Subject to change)
A Mere Cycle Hire and Sales Tel 07988 842038 Email amerecycle@gmail.com	Working mobile until further notice. Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 5.00pm
Concept Town Planning Tel 07890 428918 Email mail@concepttownplanning.com	Office hours Tues & Thurs 10.00am - 4.00pm Available all other times Monday - Friday 8.30am - 6.00pm via email or mobile.
Gough-Thomas & Scott, Solicitors Tel 01691 622413 Email ellesmere@gtssolicitors.co.uk	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.
J A Milton Upholstery Supplies www.jamilton.com	Online and telephone orders Open Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm
Lily the Pink, Florist Contact via Facebook	Contact to place an order. Delivery only.
Morris Cook, Chartered Accountant Tel 01691 622098 Email megan@morriscook.co.uk	Open most weekdays Email or telephone if you need to bring anything into the office. Letter box on Watergate Street.
Ortho-Bionomy UK Tel 07377 315865 Email dr.anna.hayes@outlook.com www.ortho-bionomy-uk.com or via Facebook	Open Monday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm Self-care packages tailored to cover your individual pain requirements. Contact Anna by email or telephone.
Princes LHS Ltd The Rennet Works, Market Street Tel 01691 624336	Still operating during the lockdown and providing essential plumbing, heating, electrical and renewable energy services.
Pure Beauty www.trappickincare.com/helenhale	Shop online for Tropic products.
Sanchi Jewellers 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 post free of charge any item chosen.
Susan Haskey, Chiropodist Tel 07974 091984	Open as usual, Mondays and Fridays
Sweetmere Sweet Shop Tel 07896 881242 or Facebook	Contact to place an order. Delivery only.

Ellesmere Businesses	Opening Hours
(in alphabetical order)	Updated 11 May 2020. (Subject to change)
Mere Motors Tel 01691 622343	Open every day. 8.00am - 8.00pm Petrol Station includes a mini supermarket selling milk, eggs, newspapers, food and alcohol.
Post Office & Party Shop Tel 01691 622623 singh.po@gmail.com bkaur.po@gmail.com	Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 3.00pm If possible please post any items before midday. Offering free local delivery for orders over £10 from the Party Shop, balloons, cards, gifts etc. Please contact for more details.
Rightways	Mon, Tues and Fri 10.30am - 4.00pm Saturday 9.30pm - 5.00pm. Closed lunchtime 1.00pm - 1.30pm. Closed Wed & Sun.
The Ellesmere Pharmacy Tel 01691 623118	Monday - Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm. Closed Sunday
The Washing Well Launderette	Open every day. 7.00am - 9.00pm
TSB Bank	Monday - Friday 10.00am - 12.30pm. 1.30pm - 4.00pm Closed Saturday and Sunday. 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.

Ellesmere Businesses - Food Shops	Opening Hours	Home Delivery
(in alphabetical order)	Updated 11 May 2020 (Subject to change)	
Co-op Vulnerable workers, NHS & key workers	Open every day. 8.00am - 8.00pm 8.00am - 9.00am (Sunday 10.00am - 11.00am)	
Ellesmere Newsagents Tel 01691 622498 Delivery of newspapers and provisions inc bread, alcohol, tinned, frozen & chilled food, pet food, tea, coffee, biscuits, toiletries and cleaning products. 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.	Monday - Friday 5.00am - 5.30pm Saturday 5.00am - 5.00pm Sunday 6.00am - 11.00am	YES
Hawkins Butchers Tel 01691 622329 Welcome to ring ahead to place your order or for any enquiries.	Monday - Saturday 8.00am - 3.30pm. Local delivery services to those self-isolating.	YES
Moolah - Local Food Tel 01691 623532 Homemade ready meals - mains & puddings (inc freezer-ready). Savoury and sweet delights. Fresh veg, meat and dairy. Pizzas. Teas & coffees.	Open every day. 9.00am - 6.00pm Deliveries undertaken within Ellesmere and to outlying villages during the Covid-19 lockdown.	YES
Tesco Elderly and Vulnerable Priority time: NHS Workers Priority Time	Monday - Saturday 7.00am - 10.00pm. Sunday 10.00am - 4.00pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.00am - 10.00am Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.00am - 10.00am	ONLINE ORDERS
Vermeulens Tel 01691 622521 Bakery (bread, baps, rolls etc), cakes, hampers, cold meats and speciality pies. Delicatessen. Sandwiches.	Monday - Saturday 7.00am - 4.00pm. Orders delivered 10.00am - 12 noon to those self-isolating. Order anytime.	YES
Pet Shop including pet/animal feed		
Pets Pantry Tel 01691 624492	Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 3.00pm.	YES

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



Pastoral Support from the Churches in Ellesmere

Rev'd Pat Hawkins St Mary's Church

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

St Mary's Ellesmere: follow Church of England

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

www.churchofengland.org/



Pastor Phil Wright 'The Cellar Church'.

[07711 986694](tel:07711986694) email: 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

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)



PHENOMENAL 2 LETTER WORD

I'm sure you will enjoy this. I never knew one word in the English language can be a noun, verb, adj, adv, prep. UP

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], and [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss UP) and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with (UP to) a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . My time is UP!

Oh One more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

UP!

Did that one crack you UP?

Don't screw UP.. Send this on to everyone you look UP in your address book Or not . . . it's UP to you.

Now I'll shut UP!

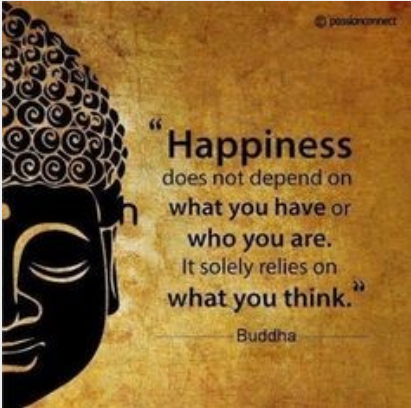
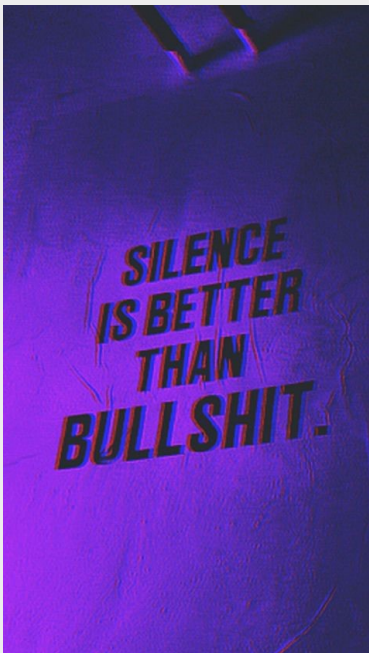
The Bottle Of Wine!

For all of you men who are married, were married, wish they were married, or wish they weren't married, this is something to smile about the next time you see a bottle of wine!

Wayne was driving home from one of his business trips in Northern Queensland when he saw an elderly Aboriginal man walking on the side of the road.

As the trip was a long and quiet one, he stopped the car and asked the Aboriginal man if he would like a lift. With a silent nod of thanks, the old man got into the car. On resuming the journey, the old man just sat silently, looking intently at everything he saw, studying every little detail in the car, until he noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Wayne. 'What's in the bag?' asked the old man. Wayne, looked down at the brown bag and said ... 'It's a bottle of wine I got for my wife.' The Aboriginal man was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, he said: 'Good trade...'

A few funnies to entertain you



- Quiz answers
1. 1779, 2. Autoroutes, 3. Peru, 4. A E Houseman, 5. Tibetan Buddhism, 6. 21 December, 7. Little Nell, 8. Enlightened One, 9. Charles de Gaulle, 10. London Waterloo,
 11. True, 12. 9, 13. Norway, 14. Dominican Republic and Haiti, 15. Lord Hill,
 16. M62, 17. Venezuela, 18. The patroness of musicians, 19. 33 lb, 20 Wem.