

STRETTON SUGWAS NEWS



APRIL 2025

MARCH SERVICES IN BURGHILL BENEFICE

Stretton Sugwas Services at St. Mary Magdalene

(All services start at 9.30am unless otherwise stated)

6 TH (Last Sunday of Lent)	10.00am	All Age Worship
20 TH (Easter Sunday)		Parish Eucharist
27 TH (Second Sunday of Easter)		Parish Eucharist <i>with</i> Sunday School.

Rest Of The Benefice

3 RD (Thursday)		
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
6 TH (Last Sunday of Lent)		
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
10 TH (Thursday)		
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
13 TH (Palm Sunday)		
10.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Joint Benefice Eucharist
17 TH (Maunday Thursday)		
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
7.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Stripping of the Altars <i>with</i> Holy Communion
18 TH (Good Friday)		
2.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	The Last Hour Service
20 TH (Easter Sunday)		
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
24 TH (Thursday)		
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
27 TH (Second Sunday of Easter)		
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist

Letter from the Rector of the Burghill Benefice

Enduring Love



So, why do great love stories endure? I think it is because, deep down, it is what everyone wants, it is what everyone needs. It doesn't matter where the story comes from or who the characters are, it is all about love for someone being more important than one's own safety, comfort or material assets. Indeed, even one's own life. All love stories are about how, once love is found, all else is set in its rightful place: far below love's lofty heights.

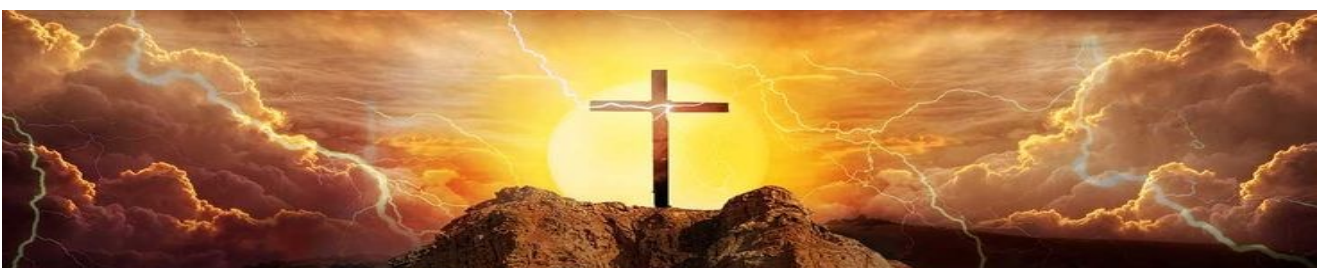
We all feel this don't we? When we have found someone we love, it feels like we are strutting tall, even floating along the sidewalk. Love lifts us to a new state of being, and once found, we would sacrifice all things for it. I don't know why but it is true. Love galvanizes the soul and raises our sights to dizzying heights. It feels like heaven.

It is also true that when we lose someone we love, it feels like hell. This, in its own way, tells us something about love I believe, because God is love. Therefore, I think it opens us up to a new state of being.

The Christian story is all about love, but it is not about love between peoples, but between creatures and creator. The mutilated, scorned and crucified God-man (Jesus) suffers the humiliation of this world at the hands of human beings in order to convey to all creatures His abiding love for us. The Easter story isn't merely about how a man dies on a cross and comes back to life. If you think that, you are missing the meaning behind the detail. First, and foremost, it is about love: eternal and enduring love. The classic quotation which underpins this reality is 'or God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.' (Jn 3:16-17).

The resurrection of Jesus isn't a part of the story about coming back to life, but rather an event which goes far beyond it. It is the love for us that God has (because it is what He is) that conquers it and brings us beyond the life we know. The love of God raises us up with Him, to the heights of heaven itself. On love God stakes it all, because we are worth it, at least to Him. It is us He loves, and His death and resurrection seal the deal, between us and Him. Love is what matters, and His love endures forever.

Love never fails and never ends, not even when we die, because God is love and as long as love lives, life, even beyond this world, carries us onwards back to where it comes from.



Edited, Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stretton Sugwas Parish Council dated Thursday, 16th January, 2025 at 6.00pm, Stretton Sugwas Village Hall.

Present: Andrew Fellowes, Chairman(AF); John Robinson, Vice Chairman(JR); Jane Denny (JD); Stuart Howard(SH); Garnet Cresswell(GC); Marianne Marshall(MM); James Croft Hill(JCH).

Also Present: Ward Cllr Charlotte Taylor; E Noble, Clerk & RFO and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies: none received. **2. Declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation** – none received. **3. Minutes of previous meetings** (21.11.24 & 10.12.24) unanimously adopted.

4. Public Forum 4.1 Local Residents – At Chairman's discretion, up to 10mins allocated for public representations, questions and evidence in respect of any item on the agenda. After Trees on Church Road fell during a storm resulting in a 2 day power cut residents are concerned remaining trees may fall at any time. They are on Herefordshire Council's land and a Council plan to ensure the situation is not repeated is underway. A damaged bench also enquires fixing/replacing. Concern was raised regarding the number of HGVs using Church Road which has a 7.5 tonne weight restriction: local residents believe this is regularly flouted. A photograph of such an incident was sent on to Operation Snap and the driver has received a warning. The clerk will enquire whether such warnings lead to any prosecutions and report concerns regarding the HGV lorries to see whether SNT can monitor the situation.

4.1.1 Outline Planning Application submitted to Herefordshire Council (HC) regarding Grey-stones: Oakwrights have written to residents confirming they plan to build 8 dwellings with garages, a green space and pond. JR confirmed the application is outside the settlement boundary of the Local Neighbourhood Plan and that the plan is under 5 years old. The National Government wish to increase the number of housing targets and therefore Local Government are looking at the implications of this. Currently, no planning application had gone live, however the parish council will monitor the situation and arrange a further meeting as appropriate. It was noted that if development went ahead the parish council could enquire regarding Section 106 monies for pavement extension along A438 to both current and proposed dwellings.

4.2 Verbal Update from Local Ward Councillor Taylor on 45 houses proposed on Kings Acre Road and Planning Applications in Credenhill: Cllr Taylor informed the Parish Council of the draft budget briefings and annual briefings (Balfour Beatty reporting on maintenance plans). An update on local properties flooding and concerns regarding Yazor Brook were discussed. Cllr Taylor updated the meeting on possible devolution and unity two tier councils. The importance of retaining local services was reiterated. **5. Planning 5.1 Planning Applications Determined by HC:** none received.

5.2 HC Planning Decisions – Sugwas Pool House: approved with conditions- NOTED

5.3 Latest planning advice from national to local – NPPF - NOTED

6. Damage to Walnut Tree – GC reported that situated near The Travellers' Rest and on HC land it had had its branches cut. JD, Tree Warden for the parish council, has been informed and has liaised with HC. Mike Gill, Locality Steward, is unaware that work was authorised for the tree to be cut. The tree does not have a TPO. JD to investigate and update the Parish Council.

7. Parish Reports and Issues 7.1 The Copse - planted for the Queen's Jubilee may need replacing, possibly with hornbeam, JD to monitor.

7.2 Footpaths-damage along Church Road due to maintenance work: AF to monitor and report back.

7.3 Lengthsman Scheme - Clerk to instruct to proceed with drainage grant as previously discussed.

8. Provision of laptop, preferably with SSD, for Parish Council Clerk – agreed. £500 budget set to include a memory stick, installation of Windows etc. Clerk to obtain quotes. Budget to be updated accordingly.

9. Quotes for Copse Sign - The clerk had submitted requests for two quotes and will chase these. GC will also obtain a quote and report back. Sign will be A4 landscape and include warnings that no fires, camping or dog walking are allowed. A budget of £50 was agreed at the last meeting.

10. Finance: 10.1 Clerk's Salary and expenses in accordance with pay scale etc- ACTIONED

10.2 HMRC payment in relation to clerk's salary - ACTIONED

10.3 Financial position and bank reconciliation. - NOTED

11. Speedwatch -training session for vetted volunteers on 4th Feb.10-12. Village hall to be booked.

12. Budget 25/26: discussed at length. Currently no planned extra expenditures so budgets to remain in line with 24/25. The clerk will draw up a draft 25/26 budget document.

13. Precept 25/26 –currently set at £10,000. Expenditure predicted for 24/25 was £10,000. It was agreed the precept for 25/26 should stay at £10,000. The clerk will submit the request.

14. Items for next meeting's agenda – Section 106 wishlist

15. Date of next meeting – March 20th 2025. Meeting closed at 7.18pm

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Editor's Spring Musings

Dear Readers,

Well, the clocks have sprung forward and there is no excuse for not doing the hard yards in the garden with the lighter nights unfolding in April. The weather is warmer (is it?...I could only guess at time of writing). Our English bluebells (banish those Spanish ones to, well, Spain!) and dainty white wood anemones should be carpeting woods and hedges across the county. The birds are busy dating and moving in together and the slugs are out every night chomping their way through hostas, lupins, pansies and anything intended for the human dinner table the parish over! Anyone out there know of a sure-fire defence against them and their mollusc-mates the snails? I employ the *squash 'em when I see 'em* (I am a human predator) and the *hope for hedgehogs* methods so the shell-less variety in particular seem to have a feast at my place!



Never-the-less, I live in eternal gardening hope and will be out with a pair of clean sharp secateurs clipping back the early spring flowered shrubs like *Ribes* the red-currant, gorgeous yellow *Forsythia* and the cheerily scented, *Viburnum* to keep them neat shapely and growing vigorously. I'll be busy finishing mulching my weeded borders, native hedges and veg patch with a mixture of rotted cow poo and wood chips sourced from a nearby farm. It's marvellous stuff: it adds humus, reduces water loss and treats my plants to a healthy dose of nutrients. At the pond edge I'm scooping out dead leaves, cleaning the air bubbler, tidying the margin plants and, if needed, topping up with rain water...not the elixir we get out of the tap as it contains too many blanket weed feeding minerals. In the potting shed I'll be sowing leeks thinly in deep pots and dwarf French beans in upright toilet roll inners filled with compost and packed into the clear plastic containers poppads come in. If you don't eat the latter you can put the tubes into shallower trays and loop a couple of lengths of string around them all to keep them standing tall. They are easy to water, the roots grow down rather than out tangling with others...when it comes to planting out time (couple of weeks after the last chances of frost) I just transplant the whole and the wet cardboard falls away and rots in the soil as the bean plant gets bigger: it works a treat.

I'd like to start a regular spot in the SS News for gardening tips, ideas, questions etc...I'm no expert and I need the advice!!. It's going to be called 'Over the Garden Wall' and the fictitious authors will be called something like Flora Adora and Doug Furrows (if you can think of something better let me know!) There must be so much local gardening knowledge and expertise in our parish that could be shared....I am looking for contributors to this feature, can YOU help? You don't have to submit every month, you can write a whole article or just send an idea or query. Bear in mind the submission date for every issue is about 3 weeks before distribution so the information needs to be about the following month's gardening exploits, though I can always save things for next year! I'm also looking for other concepts...a recipe spot, a wildlife section, some other great idea that YOU have thought of but I haven't? Please let me know what you think. SS News is always growing and evolving and it has our community at its heart.

Diane Taylor.

The background of the poster features a bright blue sky with soft, out-of-focus white light spots. A string of colorful triangular bunting flags in red, yellow, and cyan hangs across the upper half. At the bottom, there is a lush green grassy field with small white daisies.

St Mary Magdalene

Spring Bazaar

Stretton Sugwas Village Hall

Saturday April 26th, 2025

11am - 2pm

Face Painting, Books, Treasure Hunt, Jewellery,
Toys, Pre-loved, Refreshments, cakes,
Yummy Bacon rolls and much more!

Come along and join the fun.

Anyone interested in having a stall please contact Kirsty on

07500326963 / kimiob@talktalk.net

STRETTON SUGWAS CHURCH - PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Representation Rules require that every six years a new Church Electoral Roll be prepared for each Parish. This is due in 2025.

If you wish to be included, you will need to complete the relevant form which needs to be returned by 25th April 2025.

Forms can be obtained from Dorothy Hill and returned either by email (below) or posted to Hanwell House, Swainshill, Hereford, HR4 7QB.

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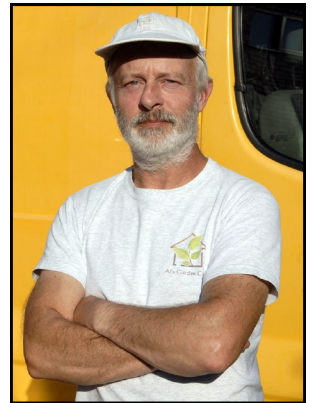
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Stretton Sugwas Academy News

Dear Friends,

Last issue I commented on the banners we have had erected around school, each depicting photos of the school at various points in time.



Having found pictures from 1954 in the school attic, they have become a huge source of interest. Amazingly, I had a visitor at the school last month turn up out of the blue because they had heard about the photographs on the banners: a lady called Betty.

What is also remarkable is that Betty was none other than the girl in the photograph with the bows in her hair. We spent some time talking about the school and how it had changed over the years. However, one of the greatest things to stay the same was unanimously the warm, family feel that the school had and continues to have to this day.

There are plans for Betty to come and talk to the pupils in the near future about her experience of Stretton Sugwas school in the 50s...an interesting concept for any child to get their head around these days.

As we spoke about Betty's fond memories of Stretton, thoughts turned to some of the other photos on display. One particular photo showed children queueing with plates outside the modest kitchen area at the time. Central to that photo is a tall young boy with slicked back hair wearing a leather jacket. This was Betty's brother, who passed away at the age of 20.

You can imagine how special and emotive it must have been to have seen such an image of a loved one after such a long time. I personally cannot wait until Betty visits school again, where we have plans to look at all of the original photos.

Do you have any photos or artefacts relating to the school that you would be happy to share? Who knows what impact these may have and what legacies they may leave.

God bless,
Mr Ben Ford, Head of School.



TRIPS AND TOURS

1985 - 2025, 40th Anniversary Preview

Sunday, 1st - Thursday, 4th June

ARE YOU COMING TO SCARBOROUGH FAIR?

Fare: £520pp, All rooms are twin/doubles (No Singles left)

Includes: coach, 4 Nights Half Board Accommodation

Admissions to Scarborough Fair, Castle Howard House & Gardens,
Yorkshire Moors Railway (Pickering to Whitby) York Birds of Prey Centre,
Fish & Chip lunch in Bolton

Sunday, 7th - Thursday, 11th September

NORFOLK

Fare: £520pp All rooms are twin/doubles (No Singles left)

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Admission to Sandringham House & Gardens
Return ride on The Poppy Line (Holt to Sheringham)
Bressingham Steam Museum & Gardens

Sunday, 13th July

EXPLORE ABERYSTWYTH & THE CLIFF RAILWAY

Day Trip Fare: £36pp Without the cliff railway: £30pp

Includes a return ticket on Cliff Railway to the top of Constitution Hill

For full details, please contact Joyce & Mike Potts
01432 356392 or email joycepotts1912@gmail.com

**Stretton Sugwas Parochial Church Council
Annual Meeting on Monday, 12th May at 7.00 pm.
In St Mary Magdalene Church**

All are Welcome.

Bazaar Messages from Stretton Sugwas PCC!

A very warm invitation to everyone to join in the fun at the annual Spring Bazaar... please bring all your friends and family along to the Village Hall on **Saturday 26th April, 11am - 2pm**. We have a good range of stalls this year featuring toys, books, puzzles, vintage and costume jewellery, homemade crafts, cakes, children's clothes, garden plants, raffle and much more. Our very own Vicar Phill will be donning his apron in the kitchen and cooking up a storm with his famous bacon sandwiches! A family treasure hunt will run in the garden and SS Academy School will be doing its part too. We have been lucky enough to get copies of some old photos of children at the school taken around 1954. Did you or a family member attend at this time? You might spot yourself or a friend in the display on the wall in the hall...come along and have a peek!

Our beautiful St. Mary Magdalene Church will be open to visitors so come and read about its history and have a good look round! All proceeds from the day go to our church fund...urgent (and expensive) repairs to the organ and the purchase installation of an eco loo are planned. Our church has been a vital part of the community over many years and we want to keep it open to all for generations to come to enjoy and benefit from. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Sunday School Surprise!

On another note, we are very excited to announce the creation of a brand new **Sunday School for 4-8 year olds** at our church. The first session is to run on

Sunday 27th April 10.00am - 11.30am

Children can be dropped off at the church porch door and picked up at the end from the village hall. It promises to be a fun time with games and refreshments as well as some thinking about the messages Jesus had about how to take care of one and another and be a force for good in today's modern world. The School will be run by Ben Ford (SS Academy Head of School) and we invite parents to come along to the church service (run with the children in mind) and then join the fun at the church hall afterwards.

If you have any queries about this please contact **Kirsty O'Brien**:

Tel: 07593817717 Email kikiob@talktalk.net

Make a Real Difference in Our Community!

We're looking for dedicated volunteers to help improve road safety in our village. No experience? No problem! Full training is provided. Whether you're passionate about community service or simply want to help create a safer environment, your contribution will truly make an impact!

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Time Commitment: Just a few hours each month.

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Together, we can create safer streets and a stronger community!



Events at Stretton

COFFEE MORNING!

Thursday, 10th April

and every second Thursday of the
month

10.30am - 12.30pm

£3.00

Includes Tea/Coffee
and a slice of cake



Please note that a member of our
Safer Neighbourhood Team may also be there
so come along and say “Hello” they will be
happy to discuss any issues or concerns you
may have.

FUN WHIST DRIVE

Friday, 25th April

And every last Friday of the month

7.30pm

£3.00

Includes light refreshments



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Stretton Sugwas Church*



Sugwas Village Hall

Fun Quiz

Saturday, 5th April

Starts: 7.30pm, Finishes: 10pm

Entry: £5 per person

(includes light refreshments/tea/coffee
—bring your own drinks/glasses).

Raffle!



Come as a team (max 6)
or join with others when here.
We are all friendly and you
will be made very welcome.

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to attend so we know how many
tables to set out to set out and
numbers for catering.

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Best Team Name

Contact: Gail Hume - 07964 614407
ssvinfo@gmail.com
or

Joyce & Mike Potts: 01432 356392
joycepotts1912@gmail.com

Craft Mornings

Wednesday, 2nd & 16th April

And every first and third Wednesday of the month

**£2.00 Entry Includes tea
and coffee).**

Share your craft skills or hobby
with others, learn a new one or
just come along for a chat and a
coffee: everyone is welcome.



STRETTON SUGWAS VILLAGE HALL DIARY - MAIN HALL
(Prices are per session unless otherwise stated)

DAY	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
Mon	9.30 -10.30am	Gentle Exercise Class £6, payable monthly in advance	Zoe Hooper 07870 397352
	11.15am - 12.30pm	Baby Massage (4 week course)	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvhinfo@gmail.com
	2 - 4 pm (2nd & 4th Mondays)	Gentle Meditation	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvhinfo@gmail.com
	2 - 4pm (Varies when meditation class runs)	Art (10 Week term)	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvhinfo@gmail.com
	6 - 7pm	Tai Chi £8, beginners welcome	Rob Sidwell - 07989 554419 rsidwell5@icloud.com
	7.30 - 9.30pm	Hereford Table Tennis Club	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvhinfo@gmail.com
Tues	9.45 -10.45am 6 – 7pm	Hatha Yoga £8 (Commences in May)	www.jevonyoga.co.uk
	11am - 1pm (Alternate Tuesdays)	Gentle Meditation	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvhinfo@gmail.com
	2 – 4pm	Beginners Table Tennis £4, includes tea/coffee	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvhinfo@gmail.com
	6 - 7pm	Hatha Yoga £8	www.jevonyoga.co.uk
	7.30 - 8.30pm (Term times)	Hereford Table Tennis Club Juniors	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvhinfo@gmail.com
Wed	10 – 12pm (1 st & 3 rd Weds)	Crafters £2, includes tea/coffee	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvhinfo@gmail.com

STRETTON SUGWAS VILLAGE HALL DIARY continued

Wed Cont	12.00 – 2pm (4 th Wed.)	Lunch Club spaces available	Joyce & Mike Potts 01432 356392 joycepotts1912@gmail.com
	2.30 – 4.30pm	Table Tennis Intermediates/Advanced £4, includes tea/coffee	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvinfo@gmail.com
	6 - 8pm (except first Wed of month)	Belly Dancing	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvinfo@gmail.com
	7– 9pm (1st Wed of the month)	Gong Bath £12	Liz Eggerton - 07870 345216 lizegg@live.co.uk www.lizzieyogahereford.com
Thu	10.30am – 12.30pm (2 nd Thursdays)	Coffee Morning £3.00 tea/coffee/cake Just turn up	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvinfo@gmail.com
	2 - 3.30pm (Alternate Thursdays)	Line Dancing	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvinfo@gmail.com
	2 - 5pm (2nd Thursday of the month)	Hereford Textiles	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvinfo@gmail.com
	7.30 - 9.30pm	Hereford Table Tennis Club	Gail - 07964 614407 ssvinfo@gmail.com
Fri	9.15 - 10.15am	Hatha Yoga £8	www.jevonyoga.co.uk
	2 – 4pm 1st Fri	Versus Arthritis £1 towards Refreshments	Elaine - 07456 516095 elainehillier7@gmail.com
	7.30 – 10pm (Last Fri)	Whist Drive £3.00 includes refreshments	Chris Jones - 01432 275831
Sat	10am – 4pm (3 rd Saturday)	Spinners & Weavers Visitors are welcome but please check first	Shirley Johnstone – 07927 703311 Ianshirleyjohnstone@gmail.com
	7.30 – 10.15pm (1st Saturday)	Quiz Night £5, includes light refreshments	Joyce & Mike Potts 01432 356392 joycepotts1912@gmail.com Gail - 07964 614407 ssvinfo@gmail.com

SSVH Calendar: <https://strettonsugwasvillagehall.org.uk/>

Casper's Caper

Let me tell you about something that happened to me recently. It was a dark winter night when Comp said, "I'll put the bin out." Naturally, I had to supervise. So, out we went into the cold night. He wandered to the front to check what colour bin the neighbours had put out—we can never seem to remember! Meanwhile, I strolled up the side of the house and noticed he had left the gate open. Of course, curiosity got the better of me, so I stepped out front to get a better look. And, as one does, I started to wander up the road. Then, suddenly, I stopped and thought 'Why am I out here?'



The night was inky black and very still and quiet, but then two kind strangers appeared out of the shadows. Their warmth and concern overwhelmed me. The gentleman quickly hurried toward my home, while the lovely lady stayed with me.

It turns out the gentleman actually managed to get Comp off the settee—no small feat! Soon enough, the two of them were making their way toward me. "Yes, he's ours," I heard Comp say. Since I'm not as quick on my feet as I used to be, I was gently scooped up into the kind lady's arms and carried home.

That small act of kindness will stay with me for a long time but this type of thing is just typical of the folk in our village. People are so nice and kind and we often have a 'Good morning!' called out to us as we go around, in fact, it is more often the start of a friendly chat than a mere greeting between passersby.

God bless all.

Casper.

Wellington Bowls Club Reminder

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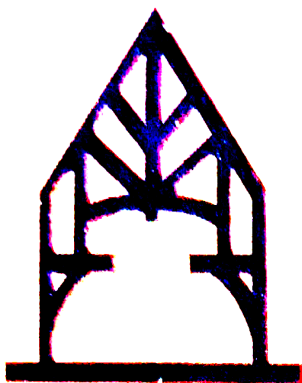
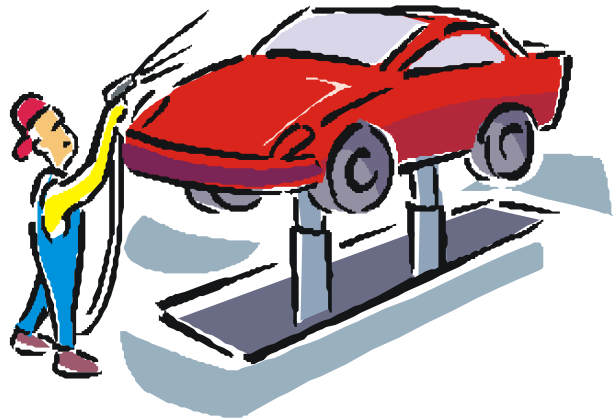
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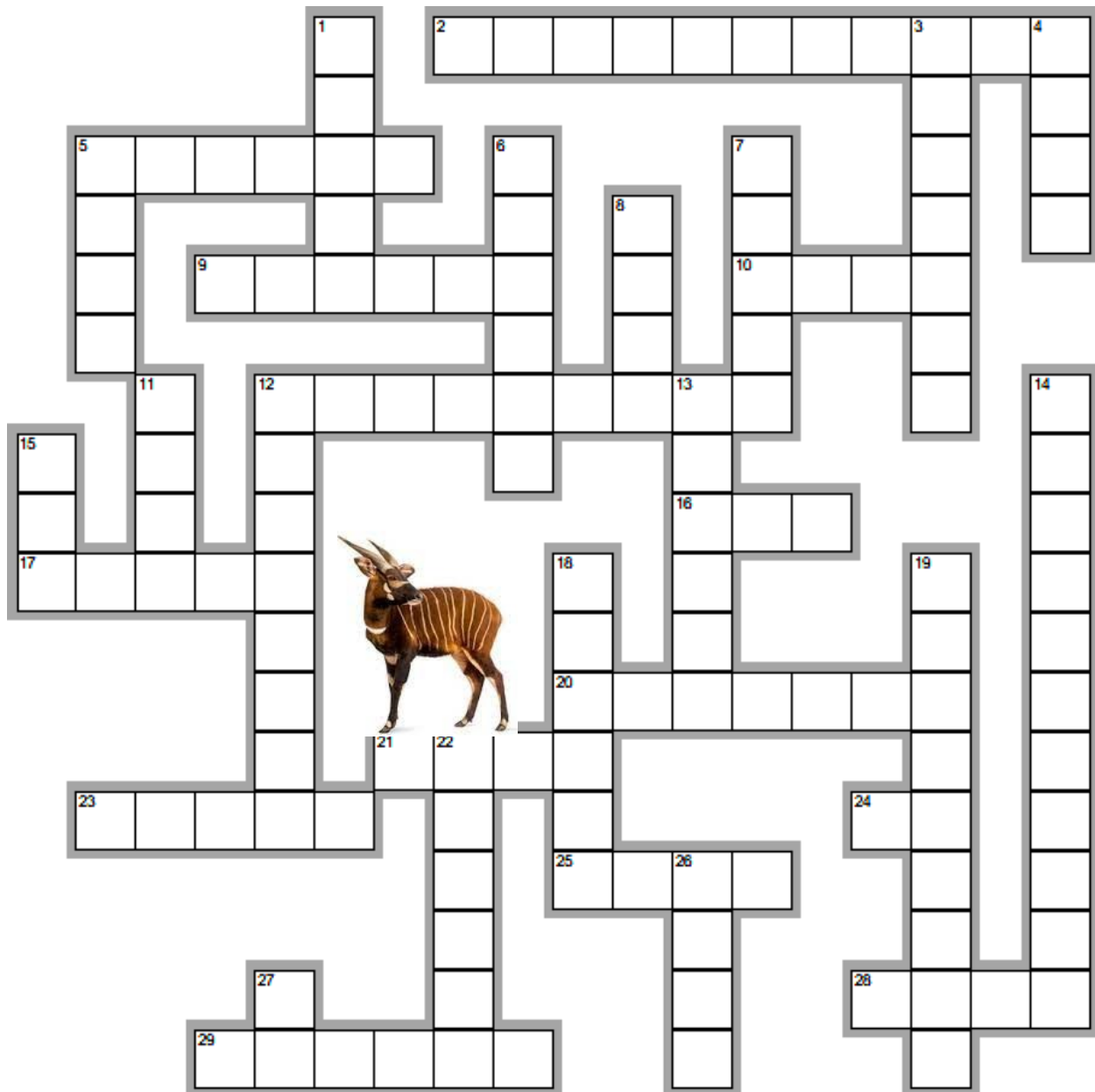
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Crossword April 2025



Across

2. Mixes air with fuel in the internal combustion engine (11).
5. Noiseless (6).
9. Becomes swollen with liquid (6).
10. Flat and smooth (4).
12. Considered decision (9)
16. Large rock formation atop a hill (3).
17. Settle on, opt for, choose (5).
20. The most active and lively (7).
21. Otter den (4)
23. Item (5).
24. Not out (2)
25. Preserve with smoke (4).
28. Decisive defeat of an enemy (4).
29. Persuade with flattery/wheeling (6)

Down

1. Large African antelope/ drum (5).
3. Trismus by another name (7).
4. Strain or twist of part of the body (4).
5. Foot garment (4).
6. Waspy gemstone of the quartz family (6).
7. Glaringly obvious (5).
8. Thin layer of ice (4).
11. Unit of inheritance (4).
12. Throw away an unwanted item (8).
13. Lower, under, baser (6).
14. Part of the whole (11).
15. Compete eagerly with another (3).
18. Bucolic (6).
19. The act of holding something back, at school say! (9).
22. Meaty soup (6).
26. Lively, entertaining, speedy? (4).
27. American slang for mother (2).

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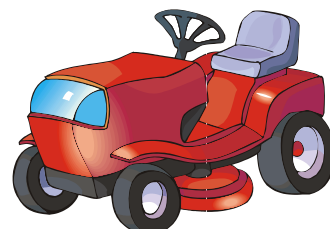
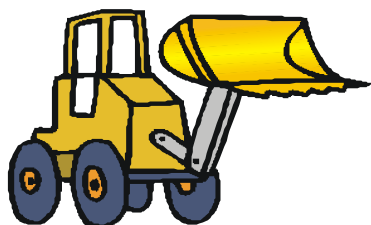
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Edited, Draft Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Stretton Sugwas Parish Council on Thursday 6th February 2025 at 6.00pm in Stretton Sugwas Village Hall.

Present: Andy Fellowes, Chairman (AF); John Robinson, Vice Chairman (JR); Garnet Cresswell (GC), Jane Denny (JD), James Croft Hill (JCH), Stuart Howard (SH), Marian Marshall (MM).

Also Present: E Noble (Parish Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies 2. Declarations of Interest and Written Applications for Dispensation – none received. **3. Adoption of minutes of Previous Meeting - 16th January, 2025:** unanimously passed.

4. Public Forum 4.1. Local Residents Concerns /queries were raised regarding planning application, Agenda item 5.1, including drainage plans (not yet been published); sewerage provision (currently piped underground towards the field); retention of water and water run off (3 surveys have taken place); proposed natural pond (flooding after heavy downpours). Residents were concerned that the removal of shrubs had disturbed wildlife and the statement that the application for planning permission required no removal of hedges was due to the fact that the hedges had already been removed prior to the application. It was raised that the development may lay within 20m of a watercourse as one appears to run along the bottom towards The Cwtch (a property) and that a flood risk assessment needs to be completed. A desktop bat survey mentioned on the application was deemed not to give a true representation of the situation. In 2017, Application 17448010 stated there were strict conditions for field access at certain times of the year due to presence of newts and grass snakes and that input of ‘noise’ was needed to give time for wildlife to safely retreat. The absence of a pavement out from the site was raised: one would need to be constructed to meet the end of the current walkway. There are no amenities in the area apart from a school, church and village hall - no shops or public houses. Concerns about the incidence of three accidents in the last two years not far from the proposed site were mentioned. Local residents with any concerns were advised to submit comments to Herefordshire Council Planning Portal and accompany these with photos as appropriate especially in relation to the hedge removal.

4.2 Ward Councillor – verbal report from the local Ward Councillor

5. Planning 5.1 Planning Applications determined by Herefordshire Council (HC)

5.1.1. Planning application P243092/0 Greylands, Swainshill, Hereford, HR4 7QE – outline for the erection of 8 no self-build dwellings and associated works. The Parish Council discussed the application at length and **OBJECTED** to the application on the following grounds:

- 1) The site is mainly outside the settlement boundary which will be unchanged when the NDP is updated after March. The site within the boundary includes the barn and the land to the north only.
- 2) When the NDP was made the site was principally within the Kenchester not Bishopstone Settlement Boundary.
- 3) Outside the settlement boundary, the land is seen as open countryside.
- 4) The ecological survey and planning application were done after removal of the old apple orchard by the applicant (described as improved grassland in the application!)
- 5) Swainshill/Sugwas Pool is already well developed and has no facilities to justify further development (when identified by **HC** as an area for housing, the Kite’s Nest Pub and bus stop still existed).
- 6) Other areas within SS Parish are more appropriate for development and previously identified by **HC** as land with housing potential.
- 7) NDP policy SS2 resists development involving removal of traditional orchards.
- 8) NDP policy SS6 supports development **WITHIN** the identified Settlement Boundary.
- 9) NDP Housing in the Countryside Policy SS8 quotes the scattered settlements of Priory, Stretton Court, Barnfields, Railway Terrace, Sugwas and Roman Road. The applicant suggests this development is comparable but The Greylands site does not resemble these as it would be back-building to existing ribbon development and not part of a cluster. National Guidelines suggest that Neighbourhood Plans over 5years old are no longer valid. Herefordshire Core Strategy is out of date so it will not be possible to update the NDP. SS NDP terminates in March 2025. Many other Parish Councils will be in a similar untenable situation with potentially uncontrolled development if the national guidelines are followed.
- 10) The site is unsuitable for self-build: construction is likely to be at all hours with unacceptable noise levels.
- 11) The applicant’s ambition for the site indicates an acceptable intensity of housing.

6. Finance – to consider the following payments in accordance with the budget:

6.1 Clerks salary and Expenses: Travel costs of £16.92 and printing of £12.98 - **ACTIONED**

7. Date of Next Meeting – March 20th, 2025 – Confirmed. Meeting closed 7.10pm

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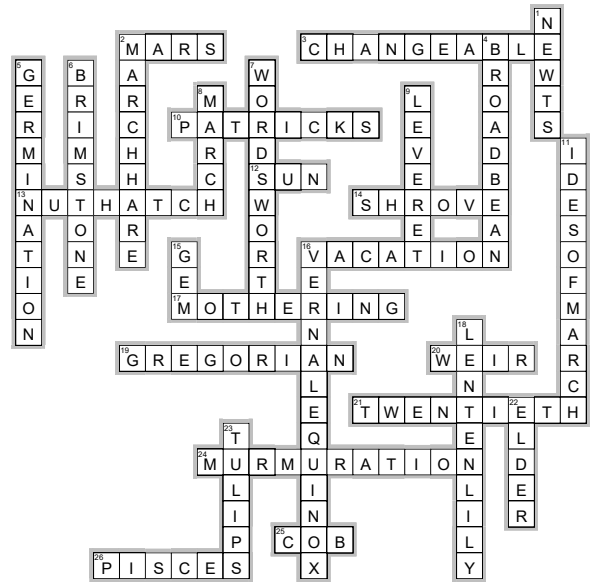
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Next Meeting: Friday, 16th May 2025.

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Please contact: Diane Taylor.

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