

AUGUST 2022



The Wat's Dyke Way Heritage Trail follows Wat's Dyke using public footpaths and country lanes. It is 99km long, waymarked and a guidebook has been published.



Wat's Dyke

For much of its length between Old Oswestry Hillfort and Gobowen, Wat's Dyke shows as a field boundary.



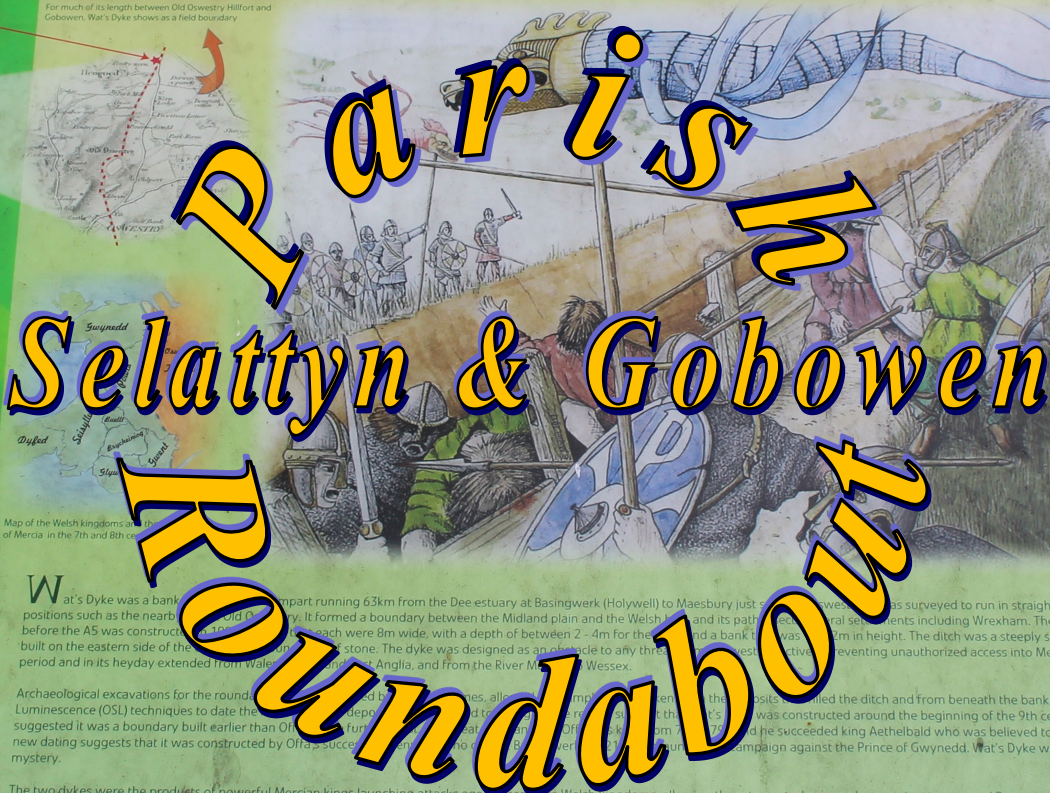
Map of the Welsh kingdoms and the Dyke of Mercia in the 7th and 8th centuries.

Wat's Dyke was a boundary built earlier than Offa's Dyke, running 63km from the Dee estuary at Basingwerk (Holywell) to Maesbury just west of Wrexham. It formed a boundary between the Midland plain and the Welsh hills and its path was surveyed to run in straight lines. The dyke was 8m wide, with a depth of between 2-4m for the ditch and a bank 1.5m in height. The ditch was a steeply sided ditch on the eastern side of the dyke, built of stone. The dyke was designed as an obstacle to any threat from the west, preventing unauthorized access into Mercia.

Archaeological excavations for the round ditch, along the dyke, revealed the ditch and from beneath the bank. The Luminescence (OSL) techniques to date the ditch, revealed that the dyke was constructed around the beginning of the 9th century. It was a boundary built earlier than Offa's Dyke, which was constructed around 770 AD by the king Aethelbald who was believed to have succeeded Offa's successor, King Alfred the Great. The dyke was built to prevent a campaign against the Prince of Gwynedd. Wat's Dyke was no mystery.

The two dykes were the products of powerful Mercian kings launching attacks against separate Welsh kingdoms, allowing them to control access along ancient routes and Roman roads, preventing the movement of animals or vehicles elsewhere along the border. The Mercian kings could tax traders, mineral imports or farm goods that passed through the dykes, whilst a through the gaps and along the roads to attack their enemies whenever they chose.

Wat's Dyke is an important part of local heritage and much of this section is valued and protected through a Higher Level Stewardship Agreement, funded by Natural England. Please note that the use of metal detectors on this site is illegal.



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Website: www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk

Parish Clerk: Bridget Laraway

Find us on 

Please send us your news!

We are always on the lookout for news articles, reports, artwork, photographs, local information and events from across the Parish and surrounding area for future editions.

The Parish Roundabout magazine aims to be interesting and useful for residents across the Parish but we can only include events and articles that we know about so please keep us in the loop!

If you have anything to contribute to our next edition, or ideas for features, please send it to the Parish Clerk by **1.11.2022**

Parish Council meetings

Full Council: 14th Sept 7pm

Full Council: 12th Oct 7pm

Full Council: 9th Nov 7pm

Full Council: 14th Dec 7pm

Finance and Executive Committee

Wednesday 21st Sept 6pm

Amenities and Services Committee

Wednesday 21st Sept 7:30pm

Agendas and venue details are posted on noticeboards around the parish a few days before each meeting. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

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Welcome

I hope you all are having a fun & enjoyable Summer, it's great to have some sunnier weather back again!

In May, the Parish Council re-elected me to serve a second year as Chair. I wanted to express thanks to my fellow councillors for re-electing me as Chair and particularly to Erica (Vice-Chair) who has supported me throughout the year and will continue to do so this year.

This year we have tried something different to reach out for your thoughts/opinions at different events. Thank you to those who have attended our Annual Parish Meetings but also visited our stall at various fetes and events the last few months. The feedback has been varied and has given us a lot to think about how we best focus our efforts for you. **See page 13 for information about how you can still give us your views.**

Following community feedback, at the end of April an additional bin was installed near the David Lloyd Memorial Carriage. The Clerk is currently waiting for the final ok from Shropshire Council to enable us to place a further 3 bins and we are working to install a bus shelter on St Martins Road. We will also be looking to provide litter picking equipment for the kind volunteers who help to keep our Parish looking presentable. Whilst it is not always possible to grant every request, we will try to ensure we are delivering on your priorities.

The Parish Council continues to discuss road safety concerns within the community. We are in the process of requesting funding to purchase Vehicle Activated Signs to be located in the highest risk areas. I am also in the process of setting up a Community Speed Watch with West Mercia Police (**more details on page 4**).

In July, we started upgrading streetlights to LED and replacing concrete columns in West Place, Hammonds Place & Fox's Field. This upgrade will help the council to reduce its carbon footprint whilst also continuing to invest in our infrastructure to make sure it is fit for the future.

It's great to see more people signing up to receive the Parish Roundabout by email, for those who haven't and would like to please send an email to the Parish Clerk.

In March, the Parish Council awarded a grant to Signal UK to deliver a project to support parishioners with hearing loss. **See pages 18 & 20 for information about the project.**

Finally, we have 2 vacancies on the Parish Council for anyone who may be interested. It really doesn't take a lot of time commitment and can be very rewarding to make a difference in your community. **See the back page for more information.**

Have a safe and enjoyable autumn.

Cllr Craig Emery
Chairman

Cover image: Neil Evans

Get Involved!

Oswestry Ladies Choir

Oswestry Ladies Choir, a vibrant and versatile choir is seeking more singers to join them in September. We need more sopranos and altos to join this friendly successful choir. If you love to sing and are able to read music even a little, this is the choir for you.



The choir rehearses every Wednesday night at All Saints Church Hall, Gobowen from 7.30pm -9.00pm. First rehearsal on Wednesday 7th September. If you would like to join please contact Dawn Jaffray 01691 654802.

www.oswestryladieschoir.com

Dawn Jaffray

Community Speedwatch

Following concerns around speeding in our Parish I am in the process of setting up a Community Speed Watch.

We have 7 volunteers already but it is always good to have some more to ease the burden.

Full training will be provided by West Mercia Police and would be completed by 3 people at all times.

Please contact me on 07971 208054 if you'd be interested in joining.

Clr Craig Emery



Now recruiting for Volunteer Relevant Persons' Representatives (VRPR)

Can you spare an hour per month visiting a person living in Residential Care in your community?

Everyone who is deprived of liberty must have someone appointed to act as their representative. Usually, the person or an assessor will select a family member to carry out this role. When there is no one who can do it, the Council must appoint someone to carry out the role.

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- Provide regular contact and ongoing support to the person – about 1 hour a month per case.
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- Assist the person to make a complaint to the Council by using the Council's Complaints Service. You will be provided with the relevant paperwork.
- Challenge any deprivation of liberty by assisting/supporting the person to request a review or make an application to the court of protection. (support is available from the Council)

We will support you in this role by ensuring that you have a key contact for day-to-day advice and guidance. In return for the time, you give you will receive valuable training and gain experience and skills.

Volunteers would have satisfactory skills and experience to carry out the role.

- Full training provided.
- This role requires an enhanced DBS check and character references.
- All travel expenses are reimbursed.

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For more information, contact Susann Mitchell at Community Resource, Telephone: 01743 360641

email: susann.mitchell@community-resource.org.uk or apply online at <https://www.community-resource.org.uk/support-our-work/volunteering>

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Local History Group

We held our first meeting in mid-May and were able to celebrate the award of a £500 grant from Three Parishes Big Local. Many thanks to them and to the National Lottery. This will enable us to obtain recording equipment and will meet printing and publishing costs for our launch year.

We were also invited to share a stall with the Coppice Group and the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) at the Jubilee Celebrations at the playing field. We quickly assembled a small display of photographs of local buildings and landmarks that illustrate the history of the Parish. We are still small in number and would welcome others to join us. My contact details remain 07504 174251 or rogerforeman44@gmail.com

Roger Foreman

Mobile Library service

“Owen” mobile library stops visits Hengoed and Selattyn on a fortnightly basis, stopping at City Lane, Middle Hengoed (9:30am—9:55am) and The Docks, Selattyn (10:05am—10:15am).

Upcoming dates:

23 August

6 & 20 September

4 & 18 October

1, 15, 29 November

Tel: 01743 255024 for more information.



Three Parishes Community Wildlife Group

On Thursday September 15th, the group will be pleased to welcome renowned Tree Hunter Rob McBride who will be giving an illustrated talk on The Trees of Offas Dyke.

This will be held at St Johns Church, Weston Rhyn at 7:30pm. Cost £3.00. All welcome.

Rob has recently finished a 177 mile walk logging the culturally significant trees along Offa's Dyke. This project has taken 13 years to complete. He is an Ambassador for TreesinNeed Europe/UK. Rob, who is a passionate Tree hunter and campaigner for ancient trees lives in Ellesmere and has appeared on BBC Countryfile and ITV Wales.

Polly Smith

Friends of Parkies

On 13th July, 32 people from the Friends of Parkies group from St Martins had a Queen's Jubilee Celebration lunch at the Stonehouse Brewery in Morda.



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We would like to thank NISA, through Stans supermarket, for funding the event. Bunting and brooches were handmade by some of our members and Stonehouse Brewery kindly allowed us to decorate the venue.

Please contact Elaine on 7760 685477 for information on upcoming events and monthly meetings for local people affected by Parkinson's.

Elaine Payne
Friends of Parkies

Gobowen Jubilee fun day

Thank you to everyone that came along to the Gobowen Jubilee Family Fun Day and all involved in putting the day together.

Also a big thank you to Stans Superstore through their Nisa "Making a Difference Locally Fund" and to Three Parishes Big Local for each providing a grant of £1000 to help fund the day.

Finally another big thank you to the Parish Council for allowing the use of the playing fields for the event.

The feedback has been amazing! The day was a roaring success. It was initially about providing an event for the community to get together and celebrate and this was definitely achieved, in addition to this the event raised a reasonable amount of money.

The group of helpers that put the day together have decided to carry on with this success and have formed an official committee. The new group is called

Gobowen Community Group,(GCG).

Together the group decided to make donations to local organisations:

- ⇒ Friends of Gobowen School
- ⇒ Gobowen Allrounders
- ⇒ Gobowen Baby and Toddlers Group
- ⇒ Gobowen foodbank
- ⇒ Gobowen Scout Group.



There was also some money left to provide future events for the community of Gobowen and the surrounding areas. The group will hold regular meetings to discuss future events with the main event being an annual Family Fun Day.

We have a Facebook page where events and information will be updated, just search Gobowen Community Group. Our email address is gobowencommunitygroup@gmail.com. Please feel free to get in touch for more information or if you would like to be involved. We are currently looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer, if this is you please get in touch, we are a friendly bunch!

Sam (Secretary)
Gobowen Community Group

Breast Cancer Now coffee morning

We would like to thank everyone who came down to support us for our coffee morning on Saturday 16th July. Thank you to all those who donated raffle

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prizes and cakes, and made cash donations.



Thank you to Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council for the use of the Pavilion—it made such a difference to the event. Also thank you to Phil & Sue Crow for all their help on the morning. We raised a wonderful amount of **£600** for a life changing charity and we are overwhelmed by our community's support.

Louise & Lesley

Three Parishes Big Local

Grants—Over the last 8 years Three Parishes Big Local have awarded over £400,000 in grants through 3 streams. Community Chest grants to Community Groups and places of up to £500, Small Business grants and support of up to £500 to small businesses in the Three Parishes, and Big Grants for projects, community groups and buildings that met the 3PBL Community Aspirations. Some of this money has been match funded, bringing even more money into the area. Some has supported new initiatives and others have left legacies – making a lasting impact on the Three Parishes Big Local area.

Health & Wellbeing—The Managing

arthritis session was very well attended and people found it very beneficial. There will be another of these coming in the autumn.

We are planning 3 dementia awareness sessions for the early autumn, one in each village. Details of these will be shared on local notice boards and Facebook pages.

My Money Matters—This service is still available 3 days a week and offers residents of the Three Parishes Big Local area free, confidential, support and advice identifying any benefits and/or tax relief they may be entitled to.

So far, this has helped residents receive over £800,000 they previously didn't know how to, or that they could claim. If your household situation has changed and / or you think you maybe entitled to any government support and/or reductions on what you're paying, or just need some help with filling in forms, please contact Karen at CAS between 9am-5pm Mon-Weds on 07526 169305 or 01743 644941. The current timetable is available on our website, FB page and the village notice boards. If you have been thinking about getting in touch please do so soon, as from September there will be no more appointments available.

St Martins Unlimited—Paul Newman of Beabetterfish has been working with some pupils at St Martins school introducing the idea of self-employment and generating business

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ideas. This pilot project has been funded to continue in September, allowing more young people to take part.

If anyone would like to know more about the business support available, please contact the Be a Better Fish Club via www.beabetterfish.com or call Paul directly on 07534 975 440.

Again, time is running out, so please do get in touch soon. Grants are no longer available.

Creativity in the Community—The Legacy art pieces have begun. Gobowen Primary School have commissioned a history mural which the pupils are helping to design. This will be an eye catching and educational piece to benefit those in the school now and in the future.

Equipment Library—The equipment library has now been closed and items have been distributed. A list of who has what will be compiled and made available so items can still be borrowed and shared between the villages through the community hubs.

To contact Three Parishes Big Local :
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674 619/ 01691 656882, Facebook:
3PBigLocal, www.big-local.org

Tiz Deakin

Friends of Gobowen School

Summer term has come to an end and FOGS have had a busy term.

We have organised and distributed year 6 leavers hoodies and gifted a dictionary ready for the start of secondary school.

We wish them all well in the next phase of their educational journey.

Jubilee tea towels for both KS1 and KS2 have been sold and the children enjoyed drawing their own pictures of themselves. We held a jubilee themed cake sale to mark the celebration of our Queen's 70 years, plus further cake, and ice lolly sales.

Lots of planning and preparations went into organising our first as a new committee, Summer Fete at school on 1st July. We were able to open the school gates to parents, children, grandparents and friends of school. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed seeing the pleasure it brought to the children. We are pleased to announce we raised a total of **£1106.32** which will be used for the benefit of the children. We wish to thank all the volunteers that helped on the day and continue to support us.

Thinking ahead to the new school year we would like to invite new parents of the nursery and reception classes to come along to a coffee morning. We are provisionally looking to arrange this on 6th September, however date and time to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details.

We would like to wish you all a happy summer holiday and look forward to planning new events for the next term in September.



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Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy

Well what a tournament 2022 turned out to be, with some great crowds to watch the first 13 games supporters came out in record numbers to watch the final.

Gobowen Celtic eventually won the final against local rivals St Martin's on penalties.

The match day programmes sold well along with the raffle tickets for the grand draw selling out, the tea rooms were also very busy, all in all it has been another good tournament, our treasurer will now produce a balance sheet for this year's tournament and we will post how much we raised on our Facebook page.

Thank you to all that have helped with running the tournament manning the tea bar, putting up and taking down the nets we couldn't manage without your help.

To all the Match officials that donated their fees back to the tournament this has been a fantastic gesture from them since the tournament began in 1975 this kind gesture has resulted in thousands of extra pounds going to leukaemia research, and special mention to all the team's that enter the tournament every year without the team's there is no competition.

The biggest thanks goes to our supporters for 48 years they have kept this long standing competition going and without this year's funds included, have sent leukaemia Research £160,000 - a fantastic amount.

Thanks also to Roy & Sue of the Cross

Foxes who provided a fantastic buffet after the game and raised more funds with a raffle in the pub, this is a community event organised to raise vital funds for leukaemia research, the community have responded every year and the committee thank you all for making the tournament a huge success.

To any newcomers to our village we would like to invite you next year to support us in everything we do, all keep a lookout for our sportsman's dinner in November at the Great Weston, we will have a top sportsman speaking on the evening with a comedian, and a two course dinner, past speakers have included Paul Merson, Ray Parlour, Lee Sharpe, Neil Razor Ruddock to name but a few, these evenings are a fantastic night so check out our Facebook page in the coming weeks for more information.

Well done everyone for making the 2022 tournament a huge success. The Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy is sponsored by The Great Weston.

Wayn Martayn
Chairman

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Keeping those on two wheels safe

Heading out on two wheels over the summer?

We are encouraging those using two wheels to stay safe and urging all motorists to share the road responsibly to reduce the number of collisions we continue to see involving motorcycles and bicycles.

Cyclists and motorcyclists unfortunately feature heavily within road collisions and to try and reduce this all police forces are being asked to raise awareness amongst all road users to improve driver behaviour but also to educate those using cycles and motorbikes of the dangers of not having the correct skills, knowledge and personal protective equipment.

Top Tips for using Mobile devices and apps safely.

West Mercia PC circulated advice earlier this year on how to set up your devices correctly and take care when going online to avoid becoming a victim of cybercrime. The tips include:

- Updating software and apps when prompted.
- Download security apps on all devices, including Apple devices.
- Always use a PIN or password, even if your device has biometric protection.
- Avoid using wi-fi hotspots for banking, confidential communications, etc.

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Parish Council—planning for the future

As a Parish Council, we are developing a 5-10 year plan of improvements and investment. To ensure that our plan reflects the opinions of people across the parish, please let us know your views on the following subjects. Please see the bottom of page 14 for details of how to send us your views, along with any other ideas that you may have for improvements in our community.

Gobowen Pavilion

The Pavilion building in Gobowen is underused and it has been suggested that it could be of much more use to the community if it was redeveloped.

Some suggestions have been:

- Community Hub including a café, citizens advice, library, post office, police/council surgery etc.
- Sports centre.

What would you like a redeveloped Pavilion site to be used for?

Youth Council

A Youth Council would involve up to 9 young people, who live in our parish and are between the ages of 10 and 16 to represent the youth in the Selattyn and Gobowen area. The Youth Council would help shape our area for the younger community members.

Do you support the idea of a Youth Council? If a Youth Council is started, would you (or a young person you know) like to be a member?

Gobowen Playing Field

The playing field has play equipment and a circular path. We have received a grant towards purchasing and installing adult exercise equipment. Other suggestions have been a BMX track or a skateboard park.

What facilities would you like to see on the playing field?

continued.....



Neighbourhood plan

In simple terms, a Neighbourhood plan is a document that sets out planning policies for the area. These planning policies are then used to decide whether to approve planning applications. A Neighbourhood Plan is a powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right type of development in the right place.

Although the process would be started by the Parish Council, a Neighbourhood plan will need the support and involvement of people with a wide range of skills from across the local community—the people who know and love the area.

Do you support the development of a Neighbourhood plan for some, or all, of the Parish? Would you like to be involved in helping to develop a Neighbourhood Plan?

What else? We are also looking for your ideas and feedback on these subjects:

Community Safety ...Green Issues...Local Heritage Trail...Local Transport
Community Facilities...Green Spaces...Community Services

Three quick and easy ways to send us your feedback....

1. Write on these two pages, tear out of your Roundabout magazine and post it to Selattyn & Gobowen PC, 19 Rhewl Lane, Gobowen, SY10 7XA. **Don't forget to enclose your contact details if you would like to be involved with the Neighbourhood Plan or Youth Council.**
2. Write on these two pages, take photos of your feedback and email them to clerk@selattyn-gobowen-pc.gov.uk.
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Public ROW are protected by law. Owners and occupiers of land crossed by such ROW are required to maintain them in a safe and useable condition and not to cause obstruction to rightful passage. Parish residents will be aware that this area is particularly well-endowed with historic routes such as Offa's Dyke Path, the Dyke being a protected National Monument. Then there is Wat's Dyke Way, which follows the line of Wat's Dyke, plainly visible in Gobowen. Oswald's Trail was created by the local Ramblers Association in recent years and circumnavigates Oswestry via the Parish.

Responsibility for the upkeep of National Heritage sites and routes is shared between National Authorities

and the County Council. Lesser routes and paths are kept in good order by a mixture of agencies which includes landowners, tenants and our very own Parish Paths Partnership. The Partnership scheme was set-up some years ago to provide a realistic and effective level of maintenance of ROW; it had the advantage of involving local volunteers working with the Shropshire Council Outdoor Partnerships Team.

Our small but dedicated Parish Paths Group, in its 5th year, continues its work to keep local ROW clear of undergrowth, repairing or replacing footpath stiles and steps as we go. As use of footpaths increases with population growth, there is ever greater need for volunteers to step forward and join us in developing and maintaining our local cross-country routes.

Scan the QR code
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information or
contact Mike
McKenna on 07565
528821.



Mike McKenna
Parish Paths Partnership

Getting more local food on local plates

It's a sad thing that the supply and the affordability of food, is no longer guaranteed. In April, The Food Foundation reported that 7.3 million adults live in households that said they

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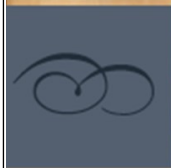
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had gone without food due to supply and /or price issues - households which include 2.6 million children. No doubt the situation has worsened since then as the cost of living crisis bites harder.

It's also true that in our local area (within a 5 mile radius of Oswestry), local food charity OsNosh alone collects several tonnes of waste food from supermarkets every month; food that would end up in landfill if not collected, distributed and cooked into fantastic meals by OsNosh! Our local growers and farms also have excess food that cannot always be distributed and consumed before it perishes.

A group of local people and organisations are joining forces to tackle these issues. The collective called 'Oswestry 5 mile food' are working together to increase the accessibility and affordability of locally grown and produced food. We'll be looking at ways to help our local growers, in Gobowen, Selattyn, and other villages around Oswestry, to get their produce on shelves of local markets and shops, onto the menus of local restaurants and cafes, and onto the plates of local households.

We'll be promoting local food providers, and helping show how local food is better value than many might expect, and



better for the community and planet too!

With organisations like OsNosh and Three Parishes Big Local, we'll also be sharing advice on how to 'Eat Well For Less', using local produce, and highlighting some of the health benefits of the fresh produce available in our area. We're working with several local farms, like Babbinswood and Treflach, to make their produce more accessible around the community, and to bring more local produce to your doorstep.

If you'd like to know more about '5 mile food', or get involved in our local food movement, then please check out our website www.5milefood.co.uk and sign-up to our regular communications. Or email us at info@5milefood.co.uk

Let's be Proud to grow, Proud to serve, and Proud to eat Local Food.

Paul Newman

Oswestry 5 mile food collective

Support for people with hearing loss

Signal Charity are pleased to inform you that we will be visiting Selattyn and Gobowen Parish several times over the next 12 months. At Signal we aim to break down the barriers that are faced by people who are deaf or have hearing loss. We do this by challenging perceptions and improving access to healthcare, education, employment, and services. Thanks to grant support

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St Mary's Church, Selattyn

Harvest Thanksgiving Service with a meal afterwards

Thursday 29th September, 7:30pm

To book for the meal, please contact Betty on 658876

Harvest Activity Service

Sunday 2nd October, 10am (note start time is later than usual)

All Saints' Church, Gobowen

Harvest Activity Service with lunch afterwards

Sunday 16th October, 11am

Followed by a Harvest Lunch from 12:30pm in the Church Hall



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Local Matters

from your Parish Council, we are able to visit your area to achieve this and make positive changes for everyone. All our services below can be accessed by you free of charge.

We shall be offering everyone a chance for a non-invasive and painless hearing screening. One in five people in the county of Shropshire has hearing loss. This is higher than the national average of one in six due to the demographics of our county. And, statistically, it takes people, on average, 10 years from the onset of their hearing loss, to addressing it. Hearing screening can be the important first step for people who are concerned about a possible hearing loss. Social situations can become increasingly difficult and so often, people choose not to take part at all rather than have the embarrassment of not being able to engage in conversation.

Our British Sign Language (BSL) tutor Jo will be holding a free taster session. BSL is the chosen language of over 87,000 Deaf people in the UK. It consists of hand movements, hand shapes, as well as facial expressions and lip patterns to demonstrate what people want to say. Why not come along and try it for yourself?

There is also going to be a couple of Deaf Awareness Training sessions aimed at anyone who lives, has family members, or may meet someone who is Deaf or hard of hearing and would like

to offer an inclusive and accessible service. Our session will provide participants with an understanding of how to communicate with someone who is deaf or someone struggling to communicate due to their deafness and think about the effective changes they can make in their workplace or at home.

Finally, we would like to let everyone know about our Befriending Service. Signal befrienders know how deafness or hearing loss can affect people's lives and we know we can make the difference to someone's day.

A befriender can offer anyone who struggles to communicate because of their hearing loss and is at risk of social isolation the chance to talk to someone who understands. A befriender can help sort out practical problems, build confidence and make the most of everyday life. If you would like us to arrange for a befriender to visit you or you know someone who would benefit from someone befriending them on a regular basis please contact us, all the information is below.

If you want to know more information about any of our services or when to expect us in your area, please contact us on 07950 782 819 (text or voice call), 01743 358356 (voice calls only), email us info@signal.org.uk or visit our website www.signal.org.uk



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Free, confidential, one-to-one help

Read Easy Shropshire Hills matches up adults who want to learn to read with a trained reading coach and they work together through reading manuals, in private, at a time to suit them both. It's as easy as that and its free!

What's important is that everyone can learn at their own pace without feeling rushed. There's no pressure or targets or exams to worry about and no reminders of what it was like at school.

Before the pandemic all coaching sessions were held face-to-face in quiet locations such as cafes and libraries, but out of necessity we have had to find new ways to keep on coaching. Coaching online or via WhatsApp has been so successful and convenient for many reading pairs that, by working with other

Read Easy groups, we can now offer the service to anyone in Shropshire during the day or after work.

It doesn't matter if a new reader doesn't

have access to a computer or has never used one before. We can loan readers a tablet, set it up for them, and show them how to use it even if they have no computer or keyboard skills. However, online coaching isn't for everyone and for some of our readers coaching by phone is a better option.

We will continue to offer face-to-face coaching to people who would prefer to meet in person if there is a suitable local venue.

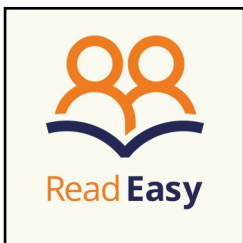


Billy learns to read at 60

Billy who comes from South Shropshire struggled to learn to read as a child and never felt he was progressing at school. He has been meeting up with his coach Helen on Zoom for a year and has recently celebrated his 60th birthday and receiving his second Read Easy certificate – proving it's never too late to learn to read.

North Wales Music Tuition comes to Weston Rhyn

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Don't have an instrument? No problem. Why not loan one from our collection to start you off? Or have you thought

about singing lessons? There is so much joy to be had from making music yourself rather than always listening in a passive way. Be inspired and give yourself or your loved ones the gift of music. Vouchers are also available for that special birthday or anniversary treat. A trial of four lessons without obligation is yours if you want to give it a go! Here at NWMTC we pride ourselves in offering an excellent service with friendly advice. Ring Fiona in our office on 0845 310 5374 or 01492 535184 to have a chat, or email admin@northwalesmusic tuition.co.uk.






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We've had more articles and news than we have room for in this edition. So, rather than leave some (or all) of them out, we've provided a brief summary and links to more information or online versions of the articles below. If you don't have access to the internet and would like a printed copy of any of the articles, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details on page 2).

Shropshire Fire Service have published an updated **Farm Fire Safety** booklet full of advice, guidance and different contact details.—raising awareness of actions that can be taken to reduce the opportunity for fires to start.



The latest newsletter from the **Shropshire Lieutenancy**, the Royal Family's official link in Shropshire, shares news on honours and awards in Shropshire, Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the Covid-19 commemorative sculpture for the county.

Cool Shropshire & Telford is a FREE environmental support scheme for local small businesses looking to be a little greener and start their carbon reduction journey. .



Shropshire Seniors is the voice of Older People in Shropshire. Issue 77 of their magazine is out now. You can sign up to receive the magazine directly by contacting them on 01743 891833 or shropshireseniors2015@btinternet.com.

Keeping Shropshire Local is a survey of local needs for our area commissioned by the Office for National Statistics. The survey asks people what they think makes a good community, views on health and wellbeing and what can be done to make improvements. Scan the QR code to complete the survey online.



Snowball App is a new interactive accessible community, giving people with physical disabilities, mental health issues and learning disabilities information and ratings about facilities and venue accessibility. You can add and rate local facilities and businesses or access reviews left by others. Available **to download from your usual App store**.

PALZ UK is a social group set up to provide people who have held challenging and demanding jobs and who are now living with Alzheimers (or dementia from other causes) with a social environment of peer support and mental challenge. More information about meetings and resources is available at www.palzuk.org.uk.

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Morda, Miner's Arms	20:44	
Oswestry, Park Gates	20:48	
Oswestry, Willow St - ARRIVES	20:50	↓

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