

Benefice of Great Hanwood, Longden and Annscroft
with Pulverbatch
May 2020

DAY 5



This wonderful arrangement was made by Barbara Evans for Easter and although no one was there to see it it stood as a memorial to all those who have been lost and their loved ones especially because of this corona virus. Barbara will use her remarkable talents to erect another display for VE day in memory of all those who died in World War 2

A Message from Shropshire Council

The Coronavirus outbreak has disrupted our lives in ways which, even a month ago, we couldn't imagine possible. My thoughts are with the many families who have already been affected by this horrible disease. I also wish the Prime Minister well, who at the time of writing I know is battling hard to fight off the disease himself.

I am pleased that all Shropshire Council councillors are actively sharing information between themselves to help the situation county-wide. I pay tribute to colleagues who work in Shropshire Council, in particular many colleagues who have been taken away from their 'normal' roles and are quickly retraining into new roles directly involved with the Coronavirus emergency.

Before this crisis is over, many more of us will have to depend on our heroic health service for assistance. The bravery of our NHS and Social Care staff is truly inspirational and we must do all we can to support them. Staying at home, reducing contact with others, washing our hands and shopping sensibly are all simple but effective measures we can take to stop the spread of the virus, protect the vulnerable and the NHS.

I have been heartened by the overwhelming response from local charities and local community organisations during this crisis. All 6 Parishes in our ward of Burnell have been looking out for each other in an extraordinary way. Self-help groups have been established organically, and this highlights the community spirit we all have. Numerous volunteers are delivering food, delivering medicines, setting up food banks or calling people to check they are OK and not lonely.

As we are well aware, the impact of Covid-19 is economic too. The Government's new packages of COVID-19 support funding are welcome. The Self-Employed Income Support Scheme and the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme have steadied the fears of many wage earners. Businesses have also begun to apply for loans through the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS). I also pay tribute to all the essential service businesses throughout Burnell who have continued to work, and indeed adapted their ways of working, to help ease this situation.

There is a huge amount of information available everyday about the latest situations with regard to Coronavirus. I would urge people to sign up to the various social media groups on Facebook and NextDoor where this information is widely shared.

Shropshire Council (SC) has also launched new Community Reassurance Teams (CRTs), and a new dedicated Helpline, during the Coronavirus pandemic, to help those who are vulnerable and in need of help. **The Helpline is 0345 678 9028**, and is available from 8am to 6pm weekdays, and 9am to 1pm Saturdays. Each caller will be asked to explain their need and, if required, this information will be passed on to the appropriate support. (The Council's new Helpline cannot provide Coronavirus health advice or other health advice, and SC will direct people to go onto NHS 111 online, as per Public Health England, if this is what is needed).

The CRTs are a new key service which have been created to work across the county with our communities in an effort to co-ordinate support for local residents, including businesses, with the support of town councils, parish councils, voluntary groups and community groups. I have been in constant contact with the CRT officers for Burnell, and I have ensured that they know of all the groups that have sprung up. Please do stay safe, stay at home where possible and protect the NHS. As always, if you have any questions or matters you think I can help on, please do get in touch by email (dan.morris@shropshire.gov.uk), on twitter (@dan4burnell), on Facebook (dan4burnell) or by phone (07902408400). Or contact your own local councillor.

And to help you smile



A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck."

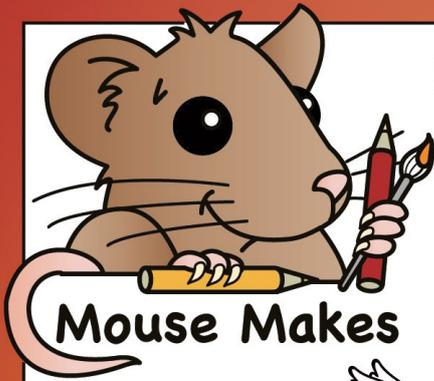
A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

Worth remembering.

A man felt he was overloaded in the 'trouble shooting department' of his office, until he found this memo on his desk. "Be thankful for the problems, for if they were less difficult, someone with less ability would have your job."

And finally—for today— Something for the young at heart



Mouse Makes



“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.



If we live by the Spirit, let us also behave in accordance with the Spirit”

How many other words can you find using the letters from:

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT?



Read Galatians 5:13-26



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 N T R V
 G R A C E G O D
 B T H E L P E A C E
 T P A T I E N C E I
 J G T R U S T R J
 C R L O R D L E E
 A K I N D N E S S
 L O V E H O N T U
 M J E R O D E K S
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 G O O D W I L L P

Which symbol goes with which fruit?



- LOVE • CARE • CHERISH • JOY • DELIGHT • PEACE • ACCORD
- AGREEMENT • UNITY • CALM • CONTENTMENT • REST
- PATIENCE • TOLERANCE • KINDNESS • COMPASSION • HELP
- GOODWILL • GENEROSITY • GOODNESS • HONESTY • INTEGRITY
- FAITHFULNESS • LOYALTY • TRUST • GENTLENESS • CONSIDERATE
- SELF CONTROL • RESTRAINT • FRUIT • SPIRIT • LIVE • SERVE