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## THANK YOU SHIRLEY

Shirley Pugh is a Cleobury Mortimer institution, the lady whose salon has graced the High Street for 25 years. Always with well dressed window displays and some times open soon after 7.00 in the morning because some customers preferred to call in before the place became too busy.

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It's been a long career, an amazing 65 years in all, looking after her many customers. "I'd still be doing it if I hadn't had a fall and broken my hip," she told us. "I've enjoyed my work all those years." We don't know who will be moving into the shop, but her familiar face and

quiet smile will be missed by a lot of grateful customers.



*Shirley Pugh and daughter Tiffany, both of them hairdressers.*

Daughter Tiffany has been working with Shirley recently, but with mum's decision to retire, she'll be crossing the road and moving up to work with Jemma at the Edna Maes salon in Talbot Yard.

So the family reputation for looking after hair will continue, with Shirley's customers encouraged to follow Tiffany and put their trust in another pair of Pugh hands.

## THE CO-OP REOPENS

It's been a long wait, for both motorists wanting fuel and households after food, but the Co-op - Harry Tuffins if you prefer - is due to open its new Cleobury store on Friday the 4th of this month.

As the fence has come down, a handsome building is there to be seen, with the old place all gone. It wasn't a thing of beauty, however good the service you could get from friendly and capable West End Garage, the excellent Inspired Wines or the smiling but stressed staff of Harry Tuffins. Through the years it became more evident that the place needed a thorough makeover and now it's done.

New staff have been recruited, whose training started in late October to be sure they were ready for what should be a grand opening, but we haven't been told details.

There will be more space to park, new pumps to help fill your tank and a very smart store to shop in. They'll even have the Clarion again, from December 1st

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*A slight addition to the landscape at the Sports Field as a new equipment storage facility is lowered into place.  
See Page 5.*



*This man knows more about apples than anyone we've ever met. Wade Muggleton was at the centre of the action on Stottesdon Apple Day.  
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*Henry Ford's latest SUV, the excellent Edge.  
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## NEW STORE INSTALLED



*With a little manual adjustment,  
one new container settles in on  
the playing field .*

Theft from the shed at the cemetery highlighted the need for secure storage of the growing range of Parish Council owned equipment needed as the community deals with more jobs ourselves. The best value was a new 20' long shipping container that was good value at £1520. You wouldn't get such thorough protection from a normal garden shed at that price.

It was delivered on an adapted truck, complete with a crane to lift 2.25 tonnes of metal and place it exactly where it's needed on the site Roger Potter had prepared. Just a little guidance from Matt Sheehan

and Roger put it precisely where it was needed. Easy peasy.

The weather was on our side, as the container manufacturer said they could not deliver across a field, concerned that the truck could be bogged down if the ground was too wet. David Robinson at Mawley Town Farm was waiting to hear if his plant was needed, but the truck driver had a look at the ground and agreed to deliver to the site. It was an example of good common sense at work and the container was in place and ready for work in just a couple of hours.

## THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

Our October work party opened up a long obstructed footpath near to the Golf Course. It is not quite on the definitive line but works well both for walkers and the landowner. This new path makes for a pleasant flat short circuit of about one mile from the golf course.

**Simon Evans Way featured in 'Country Walking' Magazine:**

An enquiry about obtaining a copy of the Simon Evans Way guide led to a chat with the journalist and photographer in the Kings Arms followed by the circular walk from Cleobury to Detton with Val Simpson. 'Country Walking' were

intrigued by the story of Simon Evans' choice of Cleobury to settle in after he recovered from his war injuries and so came to learn more. The feature article will appear in the December edition out in mid-November to coincide with the season when most use is made of the postal service!

Next Parish Walk is on Sunday November 6th when we hope there will be plenty of Autumn colours to enjoy. Meet at St Mary's Church at 10.00am  
*Graham Simpson*

## DID YOU KNOW?

That the Cleobury Mortimer library is open on Saturday mornings? It's a way of making access more convenient for those of us at work, with the place open from 10.00 until 12.00 noon. Some Saturdays it's very busy and sometimes it's not, perhaps because it's a facility that deserves wider publicity.

The library has long been hard to find, with a sign from the Ludlow Road, another at the junction of Childe Road and Love Lane, but nothing after that. That's all been changed, thanks to a move by the County Library Service, and today the building that houses both the Cleobury Country Centre and our library is clearly signed. A good common sense move.



Cleobury Players is your local amateur dramatics society that has provided entertainment for our community for the last forty years. We are always looking for new members to join our cast and crew to support our own productions. We can also provide technical equipment and support to other local groups needing assistance in their own shows if required.

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## BIRTHDAY CRUISE



*Diane Waddington cuts the cake. It was typical of her thoughtful organisation that there was the option of a gluten free version. (Picture by Dr Mark Baldwin)*

The invitation hinted that it was a big day on October 12th, when Diane Waddington would be 58.33 plus VAT. Very proper to not reveal a lady's age.

The Wad Squad do these things very well, and this time it was a coach trip to Stratford on Avon to board the Duchess of Evesham narrow boat and cruise up the Avon. Lunch would be served, plus champagne. Beer if that suited your palate better.

A dull day brightened when we parked in the shadow of the New Globe theatre and stayed good as we cruised smoothly

along to Lullington Locks, where we took a stroll before heading back to the home of the Bard.

The cake was cut and a portion handed to each guest at the end of the cruise. Speeches were brief and friendly, the party sang 'Happy Birthday' with enthusiasm and cheered the lady. Our hosts beamed and thanked us all for coming, in their usual gracious way.

## NEEN SAVAGE W.I.

Our October meeting talk was a lovely evening. Rhian Gurney of Magpie Hill Soap introduced us to her fairly recent enterprise, cold pressed soap making. The process was made interesting by Rhian's enthusiastic explanation. We had a chance to purchase some soap after the meeting and many members did so. Thanks to everyone that came along.

Our next meeting is our AGM on November 9th at 7.30pm in Neen Savage Village Hall, when our speaker will be Sandra Dodd, talking about Angora wool. Please contact our President Mrs Angela Flowers on 01299 270318 for further details if you would like to come along, or just turn up on the evening; you will be made very welcome.

## KNOWLE SALES

There will be two sales of Household Goods at the Knowle Sports Ground in November. They start at 8.30 in the morning and offer a wide range of goods and clothing at really good prices. Saturday the 5th and the 26th are the dates.

There will be no sales in December or January, but you can still donate goods by leaving them under cover on the site. The first sale of 2017 will be on February 4th. More details from Audrey Taylor on 01584 890644.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Cleobury resident Ceri Little upon her appointment as Head Teacher at Clee Hill Primary School. The daughter of Roy and Joyce Powell, both long term members of the teaching staff at Lacon Childe, she obviously has a good pedigree. We wish her well as she moves up the ladder to take on more responsibilities.

## SILLY BITS

**'A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have'**

**Thomas Jefferson**  
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## **DOWN MEMORY LANE**

**Derek Bytheway reminisces and takes us back to the 1950s:**

There are still some men in Cleobury and district - not so young any more - who will remember John 'Chalky' White, who by day was a teacher at Lacon Childe School and on some evenings and weekends became Captain John White of the Cleobury and District Army Cadet Force. This was in the early 1950s.

They will remember the foot drills, the rifle drills, the map reading and compass work, and the work on military tactics. Stripping down weapons and putting them back together again. They will remember Chalky's words: "Always keep your weapons clean."

They will remember firing .22 rifles at Ludlow Drill Hall and firing the Lee Enfield .303 rifles at a firing range on the Wrekin.

They will remember going to Summer Camp at Kinmel Bay, near Rhyl in North Wales. The highlight of this period was being part of a combined Shropshire Army Cadet Force Guard of Honour for Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Shrewsbury Castle on October

24th 1952. They will remember the training supervised by a Regimental Sergeant Major of the Regular Army, and marching through the streets of Shrewsbury from Copthorne Barracks to the Castle for inspection. A very proud day.

Soon after, however, they will remember that at 18 years of age National Service came in. If you were medically fit, you had to go, posted to various parts of the world for two years, some to very active situations. They called it The Cold War. Now to most folks long forgotten, but it's worth remembering.

*Derek Bytheway*

## **NICE CARDS**

The Severn Hospice Shop has some very attractive greeting cards on show, two of them the work of a local artist, Margaret Booker, who is also a volunteer in the shop. We particularly liked the water colour of the Carrot Tops shop, where you can also buy them.

£1.00 each or £1.50 for two is a keen price today and there is no greeting or message inside, so you can use them for almost any situation, knowing that your modest spend is helping people in need.

## **CLEE HILL POST OFFICE**

The Post Office apparently had a plan to remove the service from Clee Hill Stores and replace it with a mobile unit. A damn fool idea that would reduce the service that serves a wide area. You do wonder who thinks some of these ideas up.

There was a consultation and the Post Office have stated that the feedback had "helped draw concerns to their attention". Which shows that consultations can work and that some people put out ideas with little knowledge of the service and communities they're dealing with.

Fortunately, Philip Dunne had expressed doubts about the idea and worked with local campaigner James Wheeler to coordinate efforts to keep the branch where it should be - in a busy local store that is open for long hours. There's no doubt that having the support of your MP does give any argument more muscle, and it is rightly a power used with care.

Congratulations to all those who stood up and made their views known. Post Offices are a real social service that we should only cut back with thought and care. *JR*



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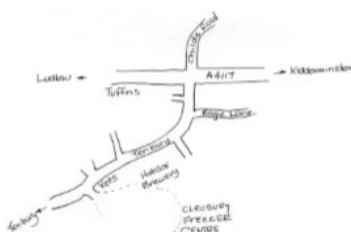
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On a happier note we welcomed new member Helen White and look forward to her active involvement with the various projects and club activities.

Another happy event, raising over £500 in aid of Worcestershire Young Carers, was our Afternoon Tea with Henry Sandon of the Antiques

Roadshow, listening to his fascinating and amusing experiences. After cream tea he gave his expert valuation on porcelain/ceramic items brought in by some of the 61 guests. It's surprising what hidden treasures abound in our area.

The month ended with a very interesting yet disturbing talk given at our regular meeting by Linda Boyle, Enforcement Officer at the Gangmasters' Licensing Authority on 'Modern Slavery'. The GLA was formed in the wake of the Morecambe Bay cockle-picking tragedy when 23 Chinese workers drowned. It licenses companies (gangmasters) that supply temporary labour. Its remit is to uncover and stop the illegal

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October 6th was National Poetry Day and Cleobury Mortimer celebrated the occasion with a Poetry Evening in the library. Even the mild bribe of a glass of wine attracted only a modest group of five people, including Tony Smith, better known as the Kidderminster Poet for his book 'Pub Lives in Poetry'.



*Tony Smith, the Kidderminster Poet. And a fine entertainer too.*

Tony's enthusiasm was catching, as he read extracts from 'Pub Lives' and his latest book. He had us laughing with both his rhymes and the stories behind some of them, including his part time work as a taxi driver. Pauline Rae and Steve Peckham read too, both earning praise from Tony, while the

editor read some of his favourites.

Sadly, work pressures meant Simon Thomas could not join us and we have learned since that he will not be able to launch the promised Poetry Club. But there is enough interest to justify forming such a club, because others will come and either listen or read when they realise that the idea is sharing and enjoyment.

So an evening has been booked with the ever helpful Wendy at the King's Arms, for Monday November 28th. All poets and lovers of words are invited to gather in the snug, to maybe sip a drink and hopefully listen to some good work. We will be inviting Tony Smith to join us and you're guaranteed an entertaining time if he's there with his many good rhymes and stories. From that meeting we hope there will be enough enthusiasm for a volunteer to step forward and take on the post of contact for the group. It's down to you how successful the evening will be; see you there.

## FARLOW C.E. SCHOOL SHOW

Organised by the school PTA, the show starred the Cleobury Brass Training Band at a well

supported gathering. Lots of attractions, including a raffle with a £100 first prize. The day raised £3,600 for the school, which will help enhance the children's learning experience.

Over 100 people entered the show, to fill the hall with their exhibits and gave the judges a really hard job to pick the winners from so many good entries. Over 200 people came along and supported the day, which was blessed with good weather.

Show Results:

Horticulture - Tom Howells;  
Flowers - Jean Howells;  
Domestic - Susan Jordan;  
Handicraft - Lucy Shier; Best in Bloom - Ruth Downes; Pre School - Finley Drew; Infants - Ellie Shier; Juniors - Isobel Scott; Junior Domestic - Ollie Shields; Junior Horticulture - Leah Johnson; Junior Handicraft - Maisie Harman and Robbie Taylor; Handwriting - Harriet Coleman.

## SILLY BIT

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## **MATT SHEEHAN - EIGHT YEARS OF PROGRESS**

Matt Sheehan has been through some tough times in his life. Born in Cleobury, he served an apprenticeship as a Heavy Goods Vehicle mechanic before signing up for nine years in the army. At first he was attached to the Royal Artillery, maintaining their vehicles in Northern Ireland at the time of the troubles. "I volunteered for the job - the previous bloke had been shot," he explains. He wasn't shot, but he has patrolled the Falls Road, which was no picnic. He later spent three years with the Black Watch.

Back in Civvy Street he had a variety of mechanic's jobs, and ran his business dealing in darts merchandise, when he saw the post of Clerk to the Parish Council advertised. He was appointed, but had no guidance: "I was just told to get a notebook and take notes."

He's not silly and could see that he'd taken on a serious post, so enrolled on a course on his own initiative. He soon realised that Cleobury Parish Council was not complying with the rules in matters like the form

of the agenda and minutes of their meetings. As he completed more training courses - he's done no less than thirty in eight years in the job - he was able to advise the council of proper procedure, which didn't exactly make him flavour of the week, but he didn't back down. "I started to learn the job and how it should be done," he says. "It was a complete mess with regard to looking to the future."

"I was employed for 12 hours a week, but I could see it needed to be more if you wanted to do the job properly." He kept track of everything he did and it totalled up to 44 hours a week! After much discussion his hours were changed to 20 a week, then 27 and now he's paid for 33 and still does more than that.

A major change in the council saw business brains involved and today he works with Dorothy McBride, who is the Responsible Finance Officer. They both put in more than their contracts say and are looking for grants to help meet costs in these times of austerity.

The free issue of Smartwater was the result of his work as chair of the Crime Reduction Group. He raised £29,500 in grants to pay for our new CCTV scheme that covers most of the town centre and he and Dorothy are still working on sourcing money for other schemes. He's devoted to the job: "Any meeting that affects Cleobury Mortimer, if a councillor can't go, I do." He's one of a handful of Parish Clerks (he's qualified to use that title) who attend regular county meetings: "There are 153 parishes in Shropshire and about six to eight people who always attend, and they're

always the same ones." That's where he picks up news of grant money available.

The Parish precept now stands at £109,000 a year, because our council now has to deal with a lot of work that the County did before their income from central government was slashed. We now employ Roger Potter on grounds maintenance, whose experience with the Environment Agency means he can handle the work and he does it quickly. The council gets things done so effectively that it's now on the list of the County Council's approved suppliers!

Matt Sheehan has learned a lot and put it to good use: "I reckon we're three to four years ahead of what's coming up," he says. So which councillors have impressed him, something we should know with an election coming up next May?

"We have a good team with chairman Sean Thorogood and vice chair Debbie Brown. Geoff Hainsworth, Toby Kirkby and Paul French all get involved in everything. Jack Martin's been great, but he's resigning to concentrate on his career, so we have a vacancy. Betty Davies's and Mike Reiner's knowledge of local history is invaluable."

"What we need is people prepared to get involved with projects, not just turn up once a month at meetings." He's a good example of that himself, and he can't walk down the road without being asked for help or advice. What's the council's current project? "A footpath on the left of the Ludlow Road from the Medical Centre to Curdale Close. We're looking for funding." His track record says he'll get it, too.

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### Atypical myopathy by Dr Kate Maxwell BSc (Hons) BVSc MRCVS GPCert(EqP)

Atypical myopathy (also known as "sycamore poisoning") is an acute, severe muscle disease which is fatal in up to 75% of cases. This disease is usually seen in the autumn, in horses and ponies kept at pasture. It is associated with the ingestion of sycamore seeds and saplings that contain the toxin "Hypoglycin A" which disrupts energy metabolism in predominantly the leg, breathing and heart muscles.

#### History

This condition typically occurs in the autumn following wet, stormy weather and also in the spring after an autumn with a lot of outbreaks. Younger adults are most commonly affected. Cases are usually identified at pasture, they can be standing or recumbent on initial presentation and there is usually no history of recent exercise. Commonly there will be evidence of sycamore trees, their saplings and/or seeds on the current and/or surrounding pastures.

#### Clinical signs

Clinical signs result from an inability of the leg, breathing and heart muscles to use energy sources effectively. Patients often then develop multiple organ failure. Affected individuals are exceedingly dull and anxious, being reluctant to move, raise their head and may be unable to stand up. They may sweat and can show muscle tremors. They usually present with an increased heart and breathing rate. Horses who are unable to stand may become cold to the touch. Urine from affected individuals may be orange to dark brown/red in colour.

#### Diagnosis

Diagnosis of the condition is typically made based on history, clinical signs, blood tests, urine samples, with or without muscle biopsy.

Blood tests and urine samples are used to determine the level of muscle damage by analysing the levels of products released from damaged muscle fibres. Muscle samples can be looked at under the microscope to definitively confirm the presence of muscle damage.

#### Treatment

Atypical myopathy is often fatal and, to date, no specific cure has been established. Instituted therapy aims to limit further muscle damage, provide rehydration, restore normal energy usage in affected muscle, provide vitamins and antioxidants to the body and alleviate pain if present.

Affected animals need emergency intensive care to maximize the chance of survival. Individuals should be moved to the nearest available stable or veterinary clinic. Intravenous fluids are the mainstay of therapy to which additional substances and drugs are added. These aim to rehydrate the patient, normalize energy metabolism and flush out the toxins from the blood. Painkillers are administered frequently. Vitamins and antioxidants have been shown to improve survival rates and so these are administered in high doses. Additional nursing care such as tempting with food and water, grooming and frequent human interaction is important, in particularly in those horses who are unable to stand. Some cases may require slings to support them to stand and lift their heads.

Individuals who survive longer than 5 days have a markedly improved prognosis.

#### Prevention

- Prevent access to sycamore trees, their saplings and seeds.
- If possible, remove sycamore leaves, saplings and seeds from pasture.
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## A NEW FACE IN TOWN



Jon May is a new member of the local business community, with an office established in the library area at the Cleobury Country Centre. His business is wealth management and behind the title of de Courcy May Wealth Management is a man with a lot of life experience.

An honours graduate in Management Sciences from Loughborough University, he worked for a number of big names in the finance sector before a new challenge took him to Nairobi. To a variety of positions applying logic to management systems and credit control, mainly with the financial services, oil and mobile phone industries.

Less obvious for a man well qualified in management was work as a guide, trekking into

the mountains with very little in the way of comforts. He speaks about the time he broke a molar and removed the rest of the tooth himself almost as an everyday affair. He refused local treatment and waited seven days until he was back in Nairobi and proper dental care.

After ten years he came back to Britain and spent time helping to build EZSolar before taking a new direction into financial advice.

He set his sights high, going through seven interviews before being offered a place with St. James's Place Wealth Management and sitting the Chartered Institute of Insurers' exam. He passed and was accepted into the St. James's Place Academy for further training and four more exams, with another to come and a further eleven (eleven!) internal exams to pass to fully establish his knowledge. These are very high standards, as you should expect of people advising you on financial planning.

He trades as de Courcy May Wealth Management, the first part of that title being an old family name. He talks in simple English, with very little jargon, and has an easy to understand way of explaining the services

he provides. It's a refreshing change if you've ever listened to someone with poor communication skills showing off their technical know-how with no regard for just being understood.

He's a realist, who recognises that he has to take time to build a reputation and trust. We asked what his opening hours will be and were surprised by the answer, "Not Sunday, unless it's an emergency."

## CARERS' EVENTS

Cleobury Carers' Support Group have two seasonal events that are open to anyone who wants to know a little more about this happy band and their work.

The first is a Coffee and Cake Morning on November 8th, when they invite donations to help the funds and offer a sale of children's books, card, stationery and calendars. All at Janet Manley's home, No 2 Tenbury Road.

The later date is December 20th, when they'll be at St. Mary's Place to share some Christmas wishes, plus a glass of sherry with a mince pie and singing carols while they persuade you to take a ticket or two for the raffle. From 2.00 until 4.00.

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## STOTTESDON APPLE DAY



*Wade Muggleton, always a great source of information on apples and their history, loads up the scrapper. It's always a good day out, even if early autumn chills mean it's not crowded. Apple Day at The Fighting Cocks in Stottesdon is a place to look, wonder and learn, as well as enjoy the involvement and enthusiasm of children.*

The formula is simple. There's an exhibition of apple types in the hall, with samples of a wide range of varieties and reference works that you can browse through. Outside is the activity area, with the community owned scrapper in operation. They'd call it a fruit mill in any other county, but in blessed Shropshire the process is called scragging. My know-all Apple Mac computer keeps correcting that to 'scripting', but we have to make allowances for the fact that it's American and doesn't know any better.

People arrive with loads of apples, some to have them identified by Wade Muggleton, others simply to have the fruit scragged and pressed to produce juice. One lady brought Howgate Wonders, which she thought was a cooking variety,

only to be told they were eaters. She went home with a supply of juice, after testing and approving the Oldfield's cider in the bar. I looked at the apples on display and found a wonderful range of colours, textures and titles, from William Crump to Royal Russet and King Coffee via The Ten Commandments; there's definitely a missionary ring about that journey. And there was even a Japanese Mutsu on display.

As we watched enthusiastic children helping with the pressing I listened to a brief but fascinating history lesson from Wade. It seems that what we long thought was essentially a European fruit actually has origins in the Far East, where large apples growing wild in China show they were thriving there. Wade explained that the wide variety of apples here are the result of people planting seeds, only to find that if they were successful in producing fruit it had little resemblance to the fruit from which the seed came. It all depends upon the type of pollen carried by the bee that pollinates the blossom. If you want to accurately replicate a type, the only way of doing so is grafting

There are 2,000 known varieties of apple in Britain (that figure varies according to source; some say 2,500) and Wade explained that there are examples of 1,800 in the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale in Kent.

He also explained that the much loved Bramley cooking apple was developed by a young lady who did not think to exploit it. Some years on, Mister Bramley learned of the strain

and began to grow it commercially, giving it his name and ignoring its true founder. Today it's probably the most popular cooking apple in the country, certainly the best known.



*Chris Tibbett manned his home made press under instruction from this young lady.*

Attendance was down on last year, but there was a steady stream of people carrying apples or flagons to help carry the juices home. Bob was helping, over from Peterborough for the weekend and there just for the enjoyment of a lovely event.



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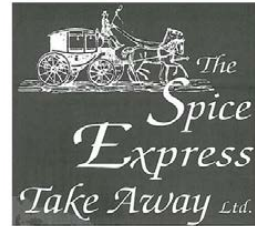
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## CARAVAN THEFT

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These spoilers of many a holiday however are just one of many gangs from both the UK and Europe that are currently roaming our countryside and stealing not just caravans, but motorhomes, quads, trikes and anything that comes under the title of 'leisure vehicles'.

Leisure Vehicle theft has in fact become a real issue across Europe with UK thefts up 50 percent on last year's reporting level.

Director of IAATI Dr Ken German suggests that the big change is that these thefts are from what are described as 'secure sites' which now account for 80% of the thefts reported as

opposed to private locations as in previous years.

"Motorhome thefts too," he adds, "Have seen a four-fold increase since 2014 indicating that offenders now clearly see these storage sites as a challenge - rather than 'no go' areas."

These foreign organised gangs have stolen up to five caravans in one go as demand across Europe increases for all types of leisure vehicles. Spain alone for example has seen an increase in demand for motorhomes by 35 percent this year.

Prior to Brexit, there were a lot of grey import European models coming into the UK and alongside the 'genuine' imports were those stolen from mainland Europe, many from storage or dealerships. Most European dealerships are closed on Sundays so stolen property can often be in the UK before a theft is discovered.

"Thankfully we in IAATI have the country's experts within our membership" adds Dr German. "All of us are constantly liaising with the authorities and working on solutions to many of

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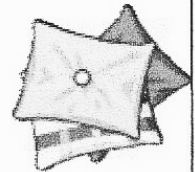
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As a son and an uncle of those who have and are serving in our Armed Forces, as a member of the Royal British Legion and a former Defence Minister, November has a special significance for me, as a time when we reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have served.

While at the Ministry of Defence I had the privilege of meeting many servicemen and women, both on bases in the UK and overseas on operations, in Afghanistan and elsewhere. I was always struck by their dedication, camaraderie, and their cheerfulness even in difficult situations. So it is right that each year, on the anniversary of the Armistice which brought the horror of the First World War to an end, that the country unites in silence to remember all those who have served, but especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of our country.

Remembrance services during the Centenary of the First World War have particularly poignancy. The tragic loss of life in this bloody war, fought inch by inch through muddy trenches, is reflected in the war memorials in towns and villages across Shropshire, all over this country and in those countries where they fell. So many communities lost countless numbers of young men – some of whom died so young as to be almost children.

It is vital younger generations learn about the legacy of these conflicts. I was pleased to encourage local schools to arrange pupil visits to battlefield sites across Europe through the Government’s Centenary Education Programme. These trips ensure children learn about the history of the First World War, and how it affected the lives of so many people in our country.

But we must also think of veterans of more recent conflicts. I visited Afghanistan in 2013 and in 2014, and spoke to many who had served on the frontline. Their experiences should be shared, and remembered. With Iraq also, regardless of our thoughts on the conflict, we must respect and do right by those who served there.

I am sure Shropshire residents will continue to support the Royal British Legion’s Poppy Appeal again this year. It is an invaluable source of funding welfare support for our service family, including veterans, serving personnel, and their families. I am proud to be a member of Clun branch of the Legion, one of 2,200 members across Shropshire. All branches appreciate the help of volunteers, not just to fund raise but to offer support to those in need. It is a shame that Victory House in Ludlow, long the home of the Ludlow Legion branch, was unable to continue. But the branch carries on their important work regardless.

At the Ministry of Defence I was able to represent both the Ludlow Constituency and the Government at Remembrance services across the UK, including at the Cenotaph. These were humbling experiences, but having now moved department, I am able to resume my usual place attending local services of remembrance in the Ludlow Constituency. This year, I shall join Remembrance Sunday services at Ludlow and Clee Hill. I look forward to seeing a strong local turnout, and continued support for the poppy appeal in South Shropshire.

*Philip Dunne*



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## **LOWER STREET GARAGE LIVES!**

It's taken a long time and a great deal of negotiation, followed by a great deal of hard work and quite a bit of spending. And by the time you read this, Lower Street Garage should be back in action and Deggy and the lads from Cleobury Mortimer Garage will have completed the move from their old place in the High Street.

They did a good job in trying circumstances in the old location, with that narrow passage down to the workshop, and cars trying to reverse up to the street to wait for a gap in the traffic flow. Thank Heaven for good mechanics who would do it for you.

The workshop at Lower Street is looking like the setting for a garage makeover programme. The floor is painted and where there used to be a pit there's now a new lift that makes service access much easier. In all there are three hoists in that area, with another at the back of the building, where cars or vans with a gearbox or engine out for work can be left and not take up space in the actual workshop. At the front of the site, it's hoped they can get planning consent to

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*Emily Yates, the power and artistry behind Style House Salon.*

It's a new start in business for Emily Yates, whose family and friends have been working long hours to get the place ready for a promised opening date of November 1st. We hope it's all on schedule and that Emily is another Cleobury success.

She lives in Bewdley, where she's worked as a hairdresser (should that be 'stylist'?) for the last twelve years. In that time she built up a strong following in this area, and decided to look for premises here.

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## **CLEOBURY PATIENTS' VOICE**

Cleobury's very own pharmacist, Ian Whyatt, joined us in October to discuss related matters, including the organisation of the store. It is, aside from renting space in the same building, an entirely separate business from the Medical Practice. We learnt that the pharmacy now handles around 12,000 prescriptions a month, which works out at roughly *one every minute* of the working day. All of these have to be reviewed and approved by one of the GPs beforehand, so it's little wonder that a prescription submitted to the practice on a Saturday isn't necessarily ready and waiting for collection from the pharmacy on Monday morning, despite the verbal abuse (yes, really) from an unreasonable few when it isn't. Typically, the process takes a couple of working days and is about as efficient as you will find anywhere in the country, so please bear this in mind when ordering repeat prescriptions.

The Medical Practice has appointed a new Practice Manager, who should be in post

by the time you read this. The patient group met the candidates as part of the recruitment process and believe a good choice has been made from among a strong field: we wish them well in their new job. September's CPV-supported coffee morning in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society brought a letter of thanks from the society for the £310 raised. Thanks to all who supported what was a very successful event.

Finally, many of you will know Val Simpson, one of our members and stalwart of, among other things, Cleobury's voluntary car scheme. So you will be as shocked and upset as we were to hear that she'd been taken ill and is now recovering in Hereford hospital. We wish her a swift and full recovery.

CPV meets at the Medical Centre every third Monday of the month at 6:30pm. We always welcome new members so if you would like to get involved please contact us: telephone 01299 407224, email [cleoburypatientsvoice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cleoburypatientsvoice@hotmail.co.uk) or make use of our comments box in the Medical Centre's reception area.

*Mark Radford*

## **THE FIGHTING COCKS**



A visit to the Fighting Cocks for Stottesdon's Apple Day revealed the transformation that's taken place at the pub. It has long been a successful place, but nobody could have called it anything like smart. Until now.

It's been a long job, going back to soon after Mark and Bre moved in, and they've clearly spent a lot of money. But the result is great, local people are really pleased that there's the sort of investment that shows faith in its future viability, and what has become the hub of the community is both better looking but still welcoming. We couldn't talk to anyone on the day, because they were very busy, but we will soon and tell you more about it.



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Wed 2nd		A healthy morning stroll for the Walking For Health member. Starts from the Sports Centre		
	8.00	Whist Drive at Doddington's very fine Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thurs 3rd		<b>BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLING BOXES EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
Sat 5th	8.30am	Household Goods Sale, Knowle Sports Ground, Tenbury Road, Clee Hill. Page 7		
Sun 6th	10.00	The Footpath Association step out for another of their popular parish walks. All welcome. Page 5		
Tues 8th	7.30	Cleobury Mortimer W.I. meet in the Market Hall to hear Clare Bradwell talk about "New England in the Fall". Judysant10@gmail.com		
Wed 9th	10.00	Coco Coffee Morning in the Market Hall. A slice of cake & coffee or tea for a mere £1.50, all in aid of the Caring Community.		
	7.30	Neen Savage W.I. meet in the Village Hall to hear Sandra Dodd talk about Angora Wool and to hold their AGM.	Angela Flowers	CM 270318
	8.00	The royal British Legion meet at the Bell Inn, Lower Street	David Taylor	CM 270793
Thurs 10th		<b>BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLING BOXES EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
Fri 11th	8.00	Bingo Evening at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall, in aid of Silvington Church		
Sun 13th		Remembrance Sunday. The traditional parade leaves the Talbot Yard car park at 10.30 and marches to the War Memorial, arriving at 10.45. the two minute silence at 11.00 is observed, followed by the church service.		
Wed 16th	10.00	Walking for Health step out again from the Sports Centre		
	8.00	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874

**DID YOU KNOW?**

That the Cleobury Mortimer library is open on Saturday mornings. It's a way of making access more convenient for those of us at work, with the place open from 10.00 until 12.00 noon. Some Saturdays it's very busy and sometimes it's not, perhaps because it's a facility that deserves wider publicity.

The library has long been hard to find, with a sign from the Ludlow Road, another at the junction of Childe Road and Love Lane, but nothing after that. That's all been changed, thanks to a move by the County Library Service, and today the building that houses both the Cleobury Country Centre and our library is clearly signed. A good common sense move.



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Fri 18th	7.00	80's Themed Disco and Buffet at Kinlet Village Hall. Ticket admission only	Rachael	07715 030510
	8.00	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 19th	9.30	The Cleobury Country Farmer Market is in the Parish Church, plus extra stalls in the Market Hall		
Wed 23rd	10.00	Coco Coffee Morning in the Market Hall.		
	7.30	Clows top Gardening Club's AGM and Social Evening at Victory Hall	Marion Wilson	CM 270475
Thurs 24th		<b>BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLING BOXES EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
Fri 25th	1.00	Advent soup Lunches start today. In the Market Hall. Page 9.		
	7.30	Opening Night for Clows Top pantomime of "Pinocchio" in the Victory Hall. Runs Through until Sunday the 27th.		01299 832229
	8.00	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 26th	8.30am	Final Household Goods Sale of the year at Knowle Sports Ground. Page 7		
		And looking forward to December.....		
Thurs 1st		<b>BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLING BOXES EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
Fri 2nd	10.30	Picklelilly Christmas Magic Show at Moffats School, for Children 2-5 years old with parent/carer. Admission free, book your place		01299 841230

### SOME LATE ADDITIONS TO THE DECEMBER SOCIAL DATES

Friday the 2nd: There's another Advent Soup Lunch in the Market Hall, all to raise funds for the valuable work of the Severn Hospice.

Also Friday the 2nd: There's another Bingo Night at Doddington's fine Village Hall, where there's plenty of parking. Sonia Pearsall on 01584 890874 can tell you more about it.

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The Edge is biggest of Ford's Sports Utility Vehicles, new to the UK after its launch in North America. It has an impressive physical presence, a full five seater that sits higher than the run of saloon cars, which is an advantage in rural areas like this, as you can see over most of the hedges on a cross country journey.

We drove a top of the range two-litre diesel with twin turbochargers driving through a six-speed automatic gearbox and Ford's All-Wheel Drive system.

If that sounds like a bit of a beast, think again; it can be an impressively rapid mover or an easy-living cruiser, whatever suits your mood. Collecting the car from Hill's Worcester Road showroom, I deliberately chose

the worst traffic option, around the ring road and out past the hospital, to see how frustrating it would be. In two words: easy peasy. The car pulls smoothly away at whatever speed you need, and if you stop for a few seconds the engine switches off, saving diesel. Take your foot off the brake and it promptly starts again, ready to move on. I've driven through that tangle of vehicles in all sorts, automatic and manual, and none was a patch on this.

Out of the urban sprawl, it gives a whispering ride, thanks to Ford's Active Noise Control, leaving sounds from the Sony DAB radio really clear. Once on the Bewdley by-pass it showed its paces as it glided past slower movers.

The electric seat recorded my dimensions and after stopping - when the seat moves back to make exit easier - it moved back to fit me the next time it started. The driving layout was natural, the smaller than usual heated steering wheel fitting in with my comfortable stance, the power steering needing only a light touch to point the car wherever I wanted to, sitting firmly on the road with no evidence of any rough surface we crossed.

I took it along the Tenbury Road to take photos on the green at Milson, feeling completely stable and smooth over the bumps I normally feel on that route. On the way back I slipped the transmission into Sport mode and found the faster side of the Edge, the engine responding quickly and the speed edging above the national speed limit on an open stretch in short order. Back into Cleobury,

a simple movement back into normal Drive and its sweet nature was back. Very clever.

The boot is big; cavernous, in fact. And it has a very handy little touch for an owner ladednwith shopping and wanting to open the lid. If you have the control switch on you, you can wave your foot underneath the tail of the car and the boot opens automatically. When you've loaded, press a button in the lid and it closes again. And the car stays locked unless you want to get back inside. Clever again.



*One cavernous boot - very useful.*

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It is now two years since this series of jottings staggered into the hallowed pages of the 'Clarion' so thank you to our esteemed editor for putting up with my ramblings and also to everybody who has contributed by passing on their tales of woe (and occasional compliments) regarding the Diamond Bus operation. I would have hoped by now that there would have been more progress but there are now chinks of light at the end of the tunnel and there is a follow up meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November to see what progress has been made concerning a more sensible alternative to the 2L route. There will also be an LJC meeting in Cleobury in the evening of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December when the agenda should include an update on the bus situation. It will be in the Market Hall starting at 7.00pm, so get there if you can.

On the operating front, things do seem to be a little more reliable at present as most of the buses I have spotted seem to be roughly on time and I haven't been told of any disasters. Mind you, Diamond can cause problems even when stationary as the other day, the 16.24 service to Kiddy, which starts in Cleobury, had arrived early(!) and had parked outside John Brazier's premises (the old Three Horseshoes) whilst the driver stood beside it eating his crisps. As a result, the view of anyone coming out from Childe Road into the main road was blocked making it very difficult.

Following the analysis of the users of the threatened 9/9A route from Cookley to Kiddy mentioned last month, Worcestershire Council have agreed to continue funding this service into 2017 due to the large percentage of elderly users. The Campaign for Better Transport is also running a scheme where individuals and organisations can invite their local MP to travel on buses with them to

experience the reality of life without chauffeur driven cars. I intend to invite Philip Dunne to accompany me from Ludlow to Kidderminster on the 2L and will tempt him by providing a food parcel in case of breakdown, getting lost catching fire or other disasters. I'll let you know the response

You may have seen items on news programmes about the concept of 'Shared Spaces' in which all signs, pavements etc are removed from a certain area which is then to be shared between vehicles and pedestrians. The idea is that in the absence of any information on priorities, all users will exercise caution and take more care due to the absence of an obvious route through the area. This initiative has not been welcomed by representatives of groups supporting people with disabilities such as restricted mobility, vision, or hearing loss and apparently there have been a number of accidents as a result of these schemes.

It appears that this idea has been taken up in Kidderminster for the area around the Town Hall and has a bus route running right through the middle... This has resulted in complaints by drivers operating the Central Buses 125 route to Bridgnorth who say it is unsafe and will lead to accidents. I think the 2L uses the same route but so far there has been no record of similar complaints from those drivers. (I am told that there is no truth in the rumour that when asked to comment on this, Diamond drivers replied 'shared space, what shared space?')

The Shropshire Council Bus Strategy consultation was said to be starting in October but as I write this on the 21<sup>st</sup>, I can still find no reference to this on their website. I'll try to find out what is happening as we need to get fully involved with this and will let you know next month.

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Thankfully there have been fewer crimes in our area between Mid September and mid October.

A store room at Six Ashes Riding Centre was forced open overnight on September 21st/22nd. A strimmer and a bridle set were stolen. Between September 23rd and 27th, a derelict building on a site in New Road, Cleobury Mortimer was broken into and three doors smashed in the process. Nothing was stolen. Overnight on September 26th/27th a Landrover Defender was stolen without keys from a driveway at a cottage in Rock. During the evening of September 27th pedal cycles were stolen from two locations in Burford, - Old Bowling Green Close and Stanbrook Road. They were recovered at a location in Kidderminster and returned to their owners. Sometime between September 30th and October 1st a black Ford Transit van was stolen without keys from a car park in Far Forest. It was located a couple of days later in Sandy Lane, Stourport-On-Severn and removed for forensic examination before being returned to the owner. Overnight on October 9th/10th a blue Ifor Williams horse box, which was wheel clamped, was stolen from a grass verge along Clee Hill Road, Burford. A shed at the rear of a house in Curdale Close was broken into in the early hours of October 13th. and a strimmer was stolen. Numerous power tools were stolen

when a detached garage at a house in Callow Hill was entered via an unlocked rear door between the early evening of October 17th and mid afternoon on the next day.

As the editor mentioned in the October issue, I will be retiring this month after forty seven years of work. ( Please note that I started my working life at the age of three!). Therefore this will be my final report. I've enjoyed my time in and around Cleobury, Burford, and for the last three years, Highley as well. I've met many lovely people who have been supportive and appreciative of what I have tried to achieve within the limits of my powers, which has given me encouragement when dealing with the not-so-nice element. My replacement will be PCSO Liam Jones who will accompany me for a while before I leave. I'm sure he will be eager to get to know his patch and help to maintain the status quo of the Cleobury and Highley area being a safe place to live.

I've recently obtained a plot of land but I'm undecided whether to put scrap vehicles on it or to use it as an allotment. I'll probably compromise and grow carrots! Goodbye.

*Nick Morris*

*Thank you for your contributions and support over recent years, Nick. And if I say you're a very young looking 50, do you believe me? Ed.*

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The wild creatures of the Wyre Forest's streams are as varied and precious as their dry land counterparts. If you have ever watched a dipper bobbing and diving into the waters of Dowles Brook you will realise that it is finding plenty of food among the rocks and pebbles of the stream bed. This includes the larvae of caddis and stone flies as well as small fish. Take a closer look at a small section of the Brook or one of its tributaries and you may see these small inhabitants for yourself: disturb some stones and you are sure to see the freshwater shrimps (*Gammarus pulex* – familiar to all students of freshwater ecology), only up to 1cm long but memorable for their frenzied sideways-on swimming motion.

Aquatic wildlife is very sensitive to changes in water quality. In the forest the threats are mainly increase in silt carried from arable fields, and pollution from fertilisers, pesticides, fuel spills and such like. Park Brook, which originates in New Parks and flows into Dowles Brook via Park Pool, has never properly recovered from a pollution incident some 20 years ago.

The native white-clawed crayfish was numerous in these streams and local people recall collecting them for a tasty dinner in the past. They are up to 10cm long and spend the day hiding under rocks and logs, emerging at

night to search for food. Norman Hickin (in *The natural history of an English Forest*) said, "In the Wyre Forest the crayfish is abundant, occurring under almost every likely stone in mid-stream where the flow of water is fastest and clearest". That was written in 1971, but now they are endangered and populations like that in the Wyre's streams are monitored carefully. The main factor in their decline is the spread of the American signal crayfish, which escaped from locations where they were bred commercially for food. Far worse than its competition for food is the parasitic fungus it carries ('Crayfish plague') which is fatal to its British relative. Sadly the Bell Brook, which flows through Hitterhill Coppice on the south-east side of the forest, appears to have completely lost what was a relatively thriving population this year. The cause of this disappearance is most likely crayfish plague, brought in by accident from waters containing the signal crayfish, so notices have been posted by Natural England asking bikers, walkers and their dogs not to go into the streams and to wash boots, bikes (and dogs!) if they do so that there is no risk of spreading infection further. With luck the native crayfish will be able to re-colonise the brook in time.

*Linda Iles*

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## SEARCHING FOR A FAMILY HISTORY

I am searching for any descendants of my "lost" Shropshire family. My name is Christopher John Beard and in the early 1980's I started on a family history, which took me from Cheshire to Ludlow and in particular Bitterley.

My father was born in Ivy House, Gravel Hill, Ludlow in 1915 and brought up in Bramhall, part of south Stockport. He was once Albert John Miles but became John Albert Beard.

Circumstances have changed and people have passed on, but it is always a sensitive subject. The researcher cannot make any progress whatsoever by politely skirting around family names. Back in 1915 a mere denial (and added information by a colleague that "she also had an affair with me") would ensure a poor girl, with a baby out of wedlock, would be shown the door.

Dad was told his father had died on The Somme. He was a 20 year old Clee Hill quarryman who had enlisted into The Derby Scheme and signed up the week after his girlfriend had

gone to Ludlow Magistrates to ask for maintenance.

In the British Newspaper Archive I found an article in The Ludlow Advertiser on November 27<sup>th</sup> 1915. My grandmother had gone to "summon to shew cause" why an order for maintenance of a child should not be given against Walter Head, quarryman of Bedlam, Bitterley. Ellen Emma Miles was asked to leave her family in the tied cottage at Vernolds Common, because she was with child out of wedlock. She gave birth to Dad in "the Workhouse". She was evicted and homeless. In 1986 I found her adopted family who confirmed the father's name. They were uneasy with me at first until realising my genuine aspirations. My father and I had rowed one Christmas Eve when I asked where I had got all my art and music from? He angrily confessed his adoption and could only offer the name of his mother and place of birth.

Armed with only 'Ellen Miles from Ludlow', I discovered a friendly town I would return to frequently. I even had an hour with Captain McCartney of McCartney Auctions, then in his 90's. He never knew

grandmother, but wished me all the luck in the world.

I am looking for any information about John Head who married Caroline Pritchard. He gave away his son Walter Head senior in Cleeton St Mary's Church to be married to Mary Ann Herrington 1885.

Are there any historians out there who could help me find where New England Cottages Highley are? Anything about the Head family or Caroline Pritchard and are there any Herringtons still around? But my South Shropshire family history story has yet to be finalised.

Thank you

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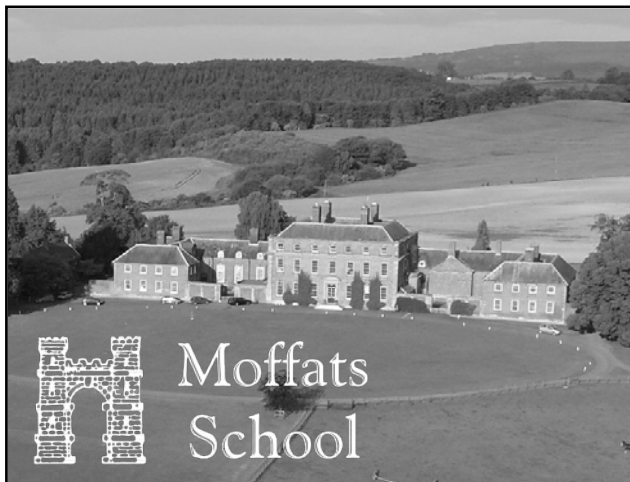
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The article noted the loss of one or more natural teeth is “a serious life event that can result in significant disability by impacting on daily living activities, including chewing food adequately, preferred food selection and speech.”

Less visible, however, and perhaps more significant, is the way it can compromise social interaction. Losing teeth and having teeth that are failing can erode confidence and dislocate lifestyles by embarrassment or discomfort.

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Although recent figures suggest oral health is improving, millions of UK adults suffer with tooth loss.

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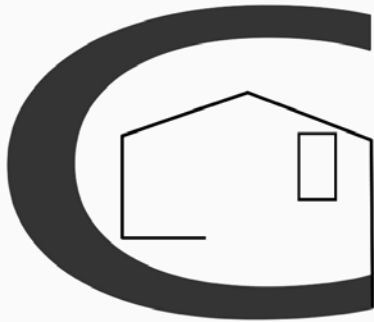
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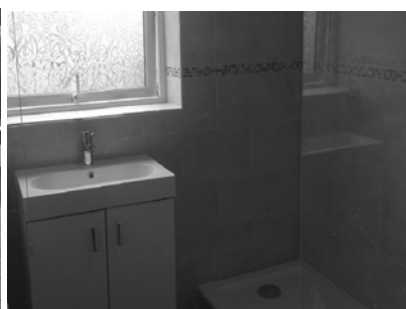
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