

## Village warms up for annual show

A village show will take place this weekend. The Nantmel Show will be held on Saturday as people gather in the village for numerous competitions and plenty of fun and games.

The show started in 1977 and has been running every year since.

Competitions for sheep, horses, dogs, sheep shearing, vintage sections, athletics, dog racing and ladies' and mens' football will be held on the day.

There will also be a horticultural marquee with sections for children, cookery, preserves, needlework, crafts, garden produce, cut flowers and floral arts.

As in past years, the Wye Valley Axe Men will be there entertaining the crowds, as well as the Panic Circus.

This year is the 90th anniversary of the county so there will be a county tractor display in the vintage section.

Nantmel show and sports committee would like to pay tribute to Graham Price who passed away earlier in the year and was treasurer of the show for 25 years.

It is being held at Maes-y-Gelli Farm just off the A44 Rhayader to Crossgates road on Saturday.

This year the show will be opened at 1.30pm by Mr. Peter Cox. This year's show president is Mrs Margaret Thomas. Admission for adults is £3; children under 16 £1.50 and under-fives free.

## Nominate town hero for honour

Nominations are being sought for individuals who make a real difference to their town

Market Drayton Town Council will soon be choosing its honorary townspeople.

Nominations are free and can be done in person with an application form or online via email.

Charity volunteers, tireless club organisers and those who help the town's community in any way can all be nominated for a chance to celebrate their selfless work.

The council will consider nominations before distributing 'honorary townsman' awards later this year.

Council clerk Julie Jones said: "Market Drayton thrives on the contribution made to its community life by many of its citizens."

Applications for the honorary townsman award must be received online, by emailing [admin@marketdrayton.gov.uk](mailto:admin@marketdrayton.gov.uk), or handed in person at noon by October 18.

Sailing club finds success after branching out for new members

# Numbers SUP thanks to paddleboarding

**A SAILING club is celebrating a successful expansion after its newest activity drew hundreds to the water.**

Chelmarsh Sailing Club introduced Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) earlier this year as part of a club restructure aimed at making it easier for new members to join.

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Situated on the Chelmarsh Reservoir, near Bridgnorth, the club has so far delivered introduction sessions to more than 200 people. A further 30 also joined as club members.

Committee members launched a diversification plan having seen examples of other sailing clubs where SUP had been a success.

Thanks to a Sport England Small Grants award – with their application angled on opening up the reservoir to a different demographic – the club invested in 10 SUP boards to deliver courses while the club's vice commodore, David Partridge, trained as a SUP instructor himself.

With the paddleboarders and sailors sharing the water in harmony, the club said the crossover would see interest in both activities grow on the water.

Mr Partridge said: "As a club we are very aware of staying relevant in a world where people's leisure time

is so precious. Like many clubs, we were finding people are looking for more social, flexible and less structured leisure activities. SUP'ing ticks these boxes and appeals to exactly the demographic we want to attract to sailing clubs.

"We've had paddleboarders who have seen our juniors sailing and then got their kids interested in sailing courses. Sailing is something they never thought about as they didn't know the club was here or they thought sailing was too expensive. Raising local awareness of sailing through promoting SUP has been big for us."

Chelmarsh, a Royal Yachting Association training centre, also set up an associate membership so paddleboarders could get full use of the club and water, even if they did not participate in sailing.



Chelmarsh Sailing Club invested in 10 SUP boards to deliver courses as part of a new recruitment drive

### POLICE

## Three vehicles are broken into

Three vehicles were broken into over the weekend.

Between late on Sunday and early Monday morning, vehicles were targeted in the Bridgnorth area.

Two cars were broken into on Hodgecroft Estate, Much Wenlock.

Bank cards, an iPod, sunglasses and a coat were all stolen.

In Prestwich Close, Morville, two men wearing balaclavas also broke into at least one car.

Nothing was stolen from the car as the owner had not left anything valuable in it.

But officers at West Mercia Police believe all three thefts could be linked.

Safer neighbourhood team officers have viewed CCTV footage of the suspects and will continue with the investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to call West Mercia Police on the 101 non-emergency number or contact the Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555111.

### ARTS

## Artist combine for new gallery

A group of artists are launching their own 'pop up' gallery.

The Artists' Gallery will be housed in the former Islabikes showroom, at Ludlow Farmshop.

In a first for the centre, the gallery, which will be managed and run by the artists themselves, is the idea of wildlife artist Shelly Perkins.

She sought to find a group of fellow creatives to exhibit with her at the artisan retail site.

Shelley said: "It's a great chance for us as the artists to have a space where we can sell our work directly to our buyers."

"This is by no means a revolutionary idea but the difference with our enterprise is that we will have a highly commercial venue in which our gallery space will be housed unlike the usual back-of-beyond locations that most other artist cooperatives are squeezed into." The gallery will be open from October 5 to the end of December.

For further information, go to the website [ludlowfarmshop.co.uk](http://ludlowfarmshop.co.uk)

### SCHOOLS

## Ex-pupils urged to get in touch

A secondary school is appealing for former pupils to join its newly-formed Alumni Network.

The Priory School, in Shrewsbury, has launched the initiative to connect with past students. "The purpose of introducing an Alumni to the school is to foster and strengthen the ties between the school and former students," said Sandra Cooper, community and teaching school manager.

"The Alumni is free to join and offers students access to regular newsletters and opportunities to attend school events, reunions and memory walks. The Alumni can also help to inspire the next generation by sharing their life experiences and career paths via pen portraits on the website or presentations at school.

"We are pleased some of our Alumni have offered support to the school by offering to sponsor students who are financially disadvantaged and work with departments mentoring and giving presentations." An alumni memory walk takes place December 16.

# Falls policy reviewed after death

A man admitted to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital after a fall, had two further falls whilst on the ward, an inquest has heard.

John Patrick Squires, 80, from Longnor near Shrewsbury, died in hospital on April 2, having been admitted to hospital after falling at his home.

Assistant coroner for Shropshire, Joanne Lees, was told that Mr Squires had a fall in the hospital on March 16 and a second one on March 19. That second one, she said aggravated the internal bleed that he was in hospital for and he passed away on April 2. The in-

quest heard that, because Mr Squires had been deemed at risk of fall, he was in a special, "high-low" bed that should have had the side rails down and crash mats around the bed.

At the time of the second fall evidence showed that the side rails were up and the crash mats had been removed. It appears Mr Squires had manoeuvred to the gap between the side and bottom rail and got out of bed," Mrs Lees said.

Matron Kerry Thompson told the inquest that there had been a yellow sticker over Mr Squire's bed alerting

staff that he was of medium or high risk of a fall. Staff should have then checked his notes.

The locum staff had not been aware of what Mr Squire's risks were.

She said that following Mr Squires' death there had been a review at the hospital of its policy over falls.

Mrs Lees said: "I can not say whether that would have made a difference, risks can not be eliminated completely," the assistant coroner said. She recorded that Mr Squires' death had been an accident.