



APRIL FOOL'S DAY

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- Floods in Herefordshire.

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Corona Virus - By Adrian Phipps

Coronaviruses were discovered in the 1960s. The earliest ones discovered were infectious bronchitis virus in chickens and two viruses from the nasal cavities of human patients with the common cold that were named human coronavirus 229E and human coronavirus OC43.



Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that cause diseases in mammals and birds. In humans, the viruses cause respiratory infections – including the common cold – which are typically mild.

The death toll from the Coronavirus outbreak in China rose to 563 on Wednesday, February 5th, as the Government rushed to build new hospitals and other countries moved to evacuate citizens and warned against all travel to China. Numbers have risen more all over the world including UK now.

There is no need for panic in this country about Coronavirus. It is a bit like flu. Although thousands of people die of flu every year in the UK there are thousands more who had flu and were all okay.

It is a nasty thing to have so practice good hygiene and stay as healthy as you can. Some experts advise shaking elbows instead of hands -what do you think of that?!

Cinderella - By Laura Joliffe



The Courtyard programme explains: "We stage our annual wintry visit to panto land. This year, we have taken that favourite of all Christmas shows Cinderella and painted its roots firmly in the rich red earth of Herefordshire. You'll have a ball at Everson's favourite pantomime Cinderella.

This magical family friendly show will be packed with spectacular costumes magnificent sets and coachloads of hilarity slapstick song and dance that all make a trip to the courtyard an unmissable Christmas treat. What's more, with not one but two devious dames in the shape of the ugly sisters".

It was very good. If they came with a different show, I'd watch their performance again. I went on the Wednesday when it was less crowded which I enjoyed.

Update from the editors



Thank you for your articles. What a strange time it is with Corona Virus - or Covid –19 as it is called. By the time you read this I think things might change again as it has just been called a Pandemic. That means it has spread across the world. We are washing our hands a lot are you? I hope you are not too worried—do read our article about it . In this edition lots for you to see:

By Laura
Joliffe on
behalf of Our
News Our
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- Panto and Show jumping;
- Ever wondered about the meaning of place names?
- Low Self – Esteem article.
- Country walks.
- What's on, dot to dot, riddles and jokes.

Editorial Team.

See you in May — deadline 15th April.

Mencap — By Tracy Roberts

I went to Birmingham with Rose Hunt from Herefordshire Mencap and Bev Davies as Bev is the new Mencap link worker.

We attended the West Midlands self advocacy network meeting - they make sure people with a learning disability or autism get the chance to have their say.

This was my first meeting. We talked about their new website and staying safe on Facebook, decided on a website name and after lunch they talked about the survey for the new link workers to do .

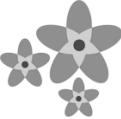
It was an interesting meeting.



**West Midlands
Self Advocacy
Network**

WHAT'S ON APRIL 2020



Date	Time	What	Where	Detail/ Donations
3rd	1.30 to 3.30	Friday Club coffee morning	Leominster Community Centre	
7th	11a.m to 3 p.m.	Easter Family Fun and Games	Water Works Museum	Usual Entry fee.
10th—13th	10 a.m. to 4p.m.	Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt	Croft Castle	£2.50 per hunt
14th to 18th	2.15 and 7.15 p.m.	Hereford Gang Show 2020	The Courtyard	£14
21st	2-3 p.m.	Dementia Friends Information Session	The Courtyard	
				FREE Please Book
24th	8.30 p.m.	Hereford Weston's Cider Comedy Club	The Courtyard	
25th	10a.m. to 4p.m.	Lucton Food Festival	Lucton School HR69PN	FREE
25th to 26th	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Steam Punk Weekend	The Water works Museum	Usual Entry fee
30th to 2nd May	12 to 10p.m.	May Fair	Leominster	FREE money for rides

Puzzle — By Tracy Roberts

What has to be broken before you can use it?

What is full of holes but still holds water?



Answers: An Egg. A sponge.



Have you heard the one about...

1. What did one toilet say to the other? You look flushed.



2. What do you do if your dog chews a dictionary? Take the words out of his mouth.



3. What is as big as an elephant and weighs nothing? Its shadow.



4. What do you call a pig that knows karate? A pork chop.



5. What do you call a sleeping bull? A bulldozer.



Low Self Esteem - By Lisa Perkins

Low self-esteem is lack of confidence and feeling bad about yourself. People with low self-esteem often feel unlovable and awkward.

Signs of low self-esteem can be:

- Being Angry
- Unhappy
- Sensitive to criticism (being told that's not good enough)
- Withdrawn from friends and family.



Physical symptoms can be:

- Fatigue (feeling tired all the time)
- Not sleeping
- Headaches

You can build up your self-esteem and confidence by:

- Doing things that scare you or doing things out of your comfort zone.
- Set daily jobs and tasks to complete to challenge you.
- Help someone else to make you feel good about yourself.
- Care for yourself.



Show Jumping

- By Laura Joliffe



Scott Brash MBE was born 23rd November 1985 and is a Scottish showjumper. He began riding the horse Hello Sanctos in early 2012. They competed as part of the British Team at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London winning a gold medal in the team jumping event. In 2015 he became the first rider to win show jumping's Rolex Grand Slam, all three of the sport's most important events in a single year, earning the sport's biggest individual prize of 1m Euros (£735,000). Brash was born in Peebles in Scotland, and at seven years old he began riding his own pony. At the age of ten he began show jumping in The Pony Club.

Country walks - By Peter Crum

There are lots of country walks around Herefordshire. A good thing to do is to go on the Herefordshire council website and find leaflets. You can print off lots of walks. You can choose the length and difficulty and many are circular.

Where is a nice walk to go in Herefordshire?

An example is you can go for a nice walk in Woolhope. It is a pretty village and there is a church you can go in and have a look around.

If you want something to eat there are local pubs that serve food and beer, wine, cider and perry.

Walking is good for you and you can see parts of Herefordshire that you didn't know were there.

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Japan — By Laura Joliffe



Japan belongs to the continent of Asia. Japan is an island nation surrounded by the Sea of Japan to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west.

Japan is made up of 6,852 islands. The highest point in Japan is mount Fuji which stands at 3,776 metres high (12,388 feet). As of July 2012, there are over 127 million people living in Japan (127,368,088). Which is the tenth largest population in the world.



Tokyo is the capital city of Japan and the largest city. Other major cities include Osaka, Nagoya and Sapporo.

Japan sits along the “pacific ring of fire” so has many volcanoes and many earthquakes. In 2011 an earthquake of magnitude 9.0 in Japan created a Tsunami which resulted in much devastation.

This year, we will hear a lot more about Japan because it will be holding the Olympics in Tokyo Fri, 24 Jul 2020 – Sun, 9 Aug 2020. Let's hope Covid - 19 does not stop the Olympics!



Floods in Herefordshire — By Peter



Storm Dennis was a European windstorm which in February 2020 became one of the most intense cyclones ever recorded in this part of the world.



February 2020 saw storm Dennis cause chaos and destruction in Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire and many more places over the country. Towns were flooded and many people got evacuated because they lost homes and businesses. The floods have destroyed many roads and bridges in local areas and Hereford saw a record 6.11m high river. Now it is time for People to rebuild what they have lost with community spirit pulling together.

Donated clothes for people evacuated from floods were collected at St. Martin's Church.

Origin of place names — By Adrian Phipps

1. **Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch** is the name of a place in Wales. The township name Pwllgwyngyll means “pool of the white hazels.” A fanciful addition of “gogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch” was further made in the mid 19th century, meaning “fairly near the rapid whirlpool by the church of St. Tysilio at the red place”, based on local names or features, giving an overall:

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch.

2. **Bartestree** means “Tree of a man called Beorhtwald.”

3. **Bromyard** means “Enclosure where brooms grow.”

4. **Gatwick** means “Farm where goats are kept”.

5. **Heathrow** means “Row of houses on or near the heath.”

6. **Wales** means “(Land of the) foreigner. The name was used by the Anglo-Saxons of the ‘alien’ Celts. The Welsh name has a Celtic meaning ‘compatriot’.



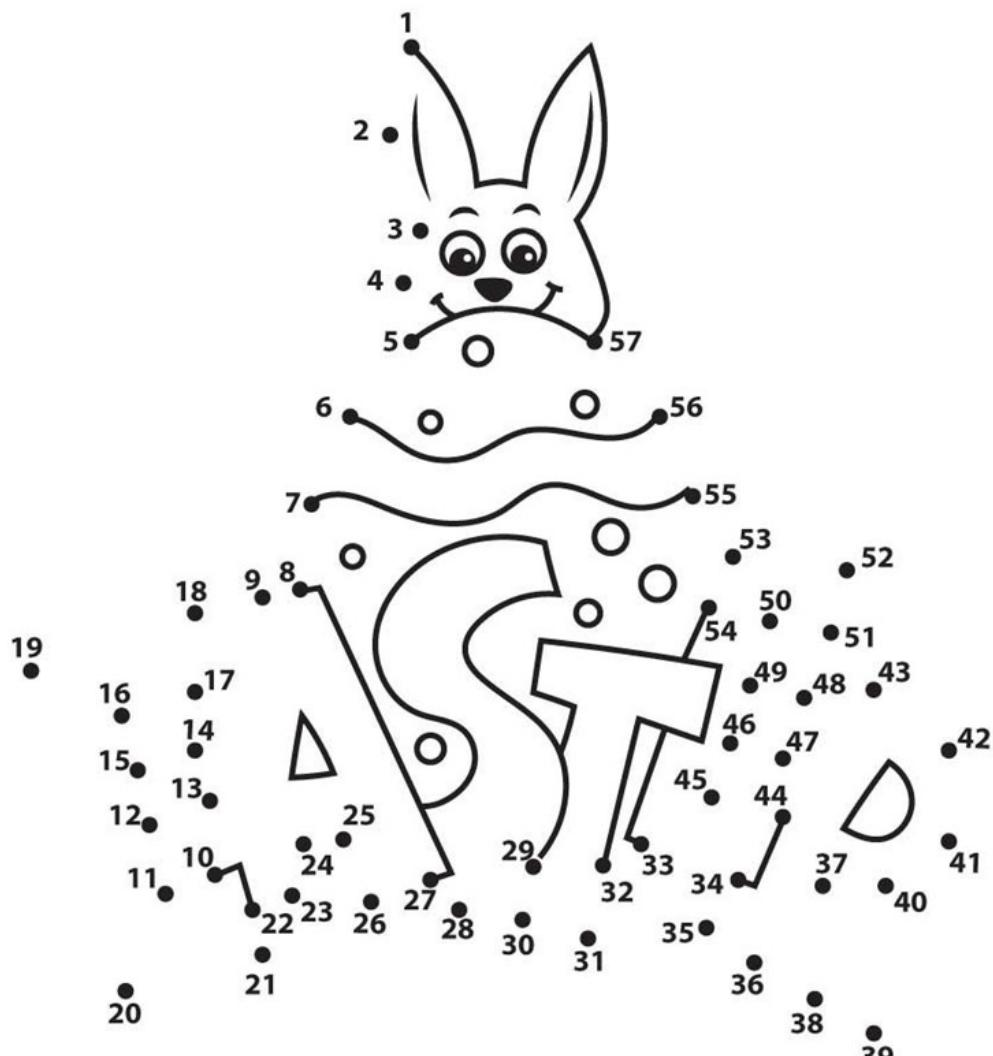
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