

Village News

in Swindon Village

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Village Diary – July & August

July 2021

Wednesday 21st. Swindon Village Society.

An illustrated talk on St Kenelm and The Kenelm Way (a long distance walk).

Village Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome

August 2021

Wednesday 18th Swindon Village Society.

The Society's annual garden party in the garden of No 3 Swindon Hall.
6pm. Members Only but you can join on the night.

September 2021

Wednesday 15th Swindon Village Society.

An illustrated talk on Peregrine Falcons and in particular those in residence in Tewkesbury Abbey.

Village Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.

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Ring 101 (you may be charged for this call)
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Get an incident number and let the parish council know about it. If the police are not made aware of a problem THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM".

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

I have been saying for months (actually years) that we need new councillors. Following our November meeting I was delighted to be able to report that Lisa Whitaker had joined us. At our May meeting Sharon Collicutt joined our ranks and in June we were able to welcome Yolande Booyse and Natalie Blanklie to our Council. These people love living in the area and are committed to maintaining and improving the parish for the benefit of everyone. They bring their own energy and ideas to the table. We are very lucky to have people like this in our community.

Parish Councillors are normally involved in debates and discussions but sometimes they find the time to roll up their sleeves and do something more physical. Helen and Lisa (along with resident Julia) recently cleared some fly tipping. Now Helen and newcomer Yolande have restored the Millennium Bench at the corner of Rivelands Road and Church Road. Local heroes! More elsewhere in this issue.

Last month I reported that the County Council, despite being told exactly where they were, had been unable to find the gates that were removed from the entrance to Dog Bark. It appears to have taken so long to respond that the gates have now been spirited away. I think this is unforgivable complacency on the part of the County Council. It now claims that the concrete tubes are a suitable answer to restricting access to the lane and that the gates were unnecessary. If a builder dropped two large concrete tubes in the entrance to a beautiful rural bridleway I'm sure we would view it as fly tipping of the worst kind.

In progressing maintenance work on the war memorial I am having to ascend a steep learning curve. I have grown used to dealing with conventional planning applications. The Borough Council publishes planning applications and the public (and the Parish Council) are given an opportunity to comment before the application is decided

However, on church property the church is effectively its own planning authority and the Borough Council does not have jurisdiction. Although the war memorial is owned by the Parish Council it is within the curtilage of the church.

The matter of its restoration will be considered by the Parochial Church Council and the public will again be given an opportunity to understand what is proposed and to comment. The war memorial is important to many people. I will keep you posted as the Parish Council and the Church progress the matter with transparency and sensitivity.

In March I reported on the proposed Digibus initiative, which will see a double decker bus equipped with all manner of technology touring the county. Amongst its other tasks it will offer tuition to anyone who is not at one with modern technology (isn't that most of us?). People will be able to book hour long one-to-one sessions by phone or through their website once they are up and running. I am told that the Digibus will be at Swindon Village Hall on 21st and 22nd January. I think initiatives such as these have much to offer. Whether you want to communicate with distant relatives, find out the times of trains, write an article for the Village News or put a tenner on the 2:30 at Kempton please don't miss the bus!

The redevelopment of the former Vibixa site into the Festival Trade Park seems to be progressing well. I recently went away for a week. On the day of my departure the site was still bare earth. When I came back I was amazed to see the steel frameworks of the buildings in place. In wet weather there has been some mud on the road but I have received no complaints and the construction company do appear to be acting in a responsible way. Let me know if you have any concerns.



The Parish Council is going to consider its position in respect of climate change. One might argue that there is little a local parish council can do to save the planet. However, it is only right that we should consider the consequences of our actions and encourage others to do the same. If nothing else, it will be interesting to learn more about the topic and to propagate a deeper understanding within the community. This is an issue that may have been pushed off the front page by the pandemic but isn't going away.

If I have got my sums right I think my next article for the Village News will be for a September issue, so I (and you) get a month off. I hope more people will consider contributing to the News. It is interesting to hear more voices. Now that I have bullied people into becoming Parish Councillors I will start bullying people into becoming correspondents for the News.

The Village News has a role to play in both informing and entertaining us. Last month I learned of the benefits of destratification fans, that the first long-distance diesel-powered express trains ran from the station at the racecourse and that John the Baptist was the cousin of Jesus. What delights will this month's issue hold?

Shaun Cullimore

 North Cheltenham
Team Ministry

The congregation of St. Lawrence's Church invites you to join them for

Praise in the Park



Sunday 5th September
at 3pm
in Swindon Village Park
(near the Village Hall)
Tea and cake afterwards

Outdoor worship with
some favourite hymns
accompanied by a band
from the
Salvation Army

Some seating will be provided but please bring your own chair if you can. In the Village Hall if wet.

Well, here we are, nearly halfway through our first year as Editors.

Traditionally, this is a double edition as when everyone is on holiday, deadlines are difficult to meet. This year, that will unlikely be the case, but we will follow the usual pattern. They say a change is as good as a rest - so if you are not able to get away, try something new - go and spend some time in our lovely park with a book / glass of wine / frisbee *delete as applicable, or just catch up with friends.

As soon as this goes to press, I will look ahead to the September edition. By the next editorial, we will hopefully be looking forward to a return (or at least a step forward) to normality. I am craving talking about the weather rather than Covid; being able to see people smile; hug my friends and family; and most importantly asking if they have any holidays planned.

Happy summer everyone!

Karren and Katie.



St. Lawrence's Church

Back by popular demand!
Helen, Lizzie and May's



Cake Sale

Saturday 3rd July at 10.00am at the Church Gate



Lots of cakes and other baked items for sale to raise funds for St. Lawrence's Church.

If you can bake something for the stall please bring it to one of us on the Friday



Services and Events in July

3	Saturday	10.00am	Cake sale at the church gate
4	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
7	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
11	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evening Prayer
14	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
18	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer
21	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for private prayer
25	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer
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MARY MAGDALENE – A LASTING LEGACY

During my time as a curate in West Bromwich, apart from my primary involvement with All Saints Church, I was also linked to the sister parish of St Mary Magdalene. Due to an historical move of the local Church of England primary school in the parish, also named St Mary Magdalene, it ended up being rebuilt in the parish of All Saints.

I was heavily involved with work at that school during my curacy and every year when they had their School patronal event it was a huge affair and it inevitably made me think about her enormous impact.

St Mary Magdalene is celebrated on 22nd July every year in the church calendar, and though many saints leave their mark and legacy, few have had as much influence upon Christian thinking as Mary of Magdala.

There are of course debates and controversies regarding her 'questionable' past as a 'lady of the night' and there have also been assertions that she had been romantically involved with Jesus Christ himself.

For all the post-modern approaches to thinking about Mary Magdalene, what we do have documented are the very revealing stories of the anointing of Jesus and of her being the first to be a witness to the resurrection. It was however her past that dramatically impacted upon her future devotion to Christ, as she became the epitome of the understanding of devotion and repentance.

She is very much seen as a 'people's saint' in the sense where there exists an empathy towards everyday real life failures and lessons that can be learnt from them. In this lies her legacy I believe, and this legacy underpins an idea that being labelled a saint does not mean being perfect. But it can, and should, mean offering to God the very best of ourselves in spite of our failure to do so at times; and yet even so, our failures can help deepen and enhance our strengths.

We all have something to give back to God, and sometimes giving back to God can be all we have left to do. Churches in this day and age are struggling financially and our Church is no different from many others. Though a sometimes difficult subject to broach, leaving behind legacies of our own so as to deepen and enhance our Church's future growth can mean that both churches and Church of England schools can continue to flourish.

Like Mary Magdalene, we can leave behind a lasting legacy that is as unique as hers.

Rev George.

[If you would like to discuss the 'Church Legacy Scheme – a lasting gift to your church', please make contact with Rev George – contact details for him can be found at the back of this magazine]

From the registers



Funeral and burial

We gave thanks for the life of

Jennifer Margaret Wilkes 20th May

Enquiries about baptisms or weddings

If you would like to enquire about baptism (also called christening) or would like to book a wedding in St Lawrence's church, please contact the Team Office, which is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 12 noon. The office is based at St Nicolas' Church in Swindon Lane. Contact the Office on **244373** or **admin@northchelt.org.uk**

You can contact the clergy by email:

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Some of you may have seen the excitement on the parish Facebook page in early June, concerning yet another train passing through the village. (I would like to point out that not all those involved in the creation of this newsletter are train enthusiasts - despite the train-heavy content over the last few months!). The famous Flying Scotsman was excellently captured in photographic form as it passed through at 5pm on the 12th of June.

Thank you to R. Hunter for sending in the wonderful picture.



With a bit luck, you should be reading this as lockdowns ease and a sense of normality returns to our lives (hopefully an Epsilon or Zeta variant doesn't throw a spanner in the works!). The last few weeks have seen some ups and downs but we're all in this ship together and the storm seems to be abating. Our Friday night bars have been a great success and, despite the unusual circumstances, seem to have been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The four week delay to unlocking was a blow, but it gives time for more data to arrive on Covid-19 infections and hopefully the hospital cases remain low - the link between the two appears to have been broken so let's hope that continues.

In early June, a desperate message was sent to our Facebook account from an imminent bride to be, Issy. Her plans for a wedding picnic in Pittville Park that afternoon had been thrown into doubt due to heavy rain and she was looking for a large indoor venue with an outdoor area to ensure that her wedding day could continue. The committee rallied to her aid, with tables and chairs set out, decorations found and the main hall was dressed for a wedding reception. Issy and her husband's day was a great success, and she even donated their spare food to a local charity - BBC Radio Gloucestershire interviewed her shortly afterwards and she was kind enough to thank us. It just goes to show how the opportunity to do so some good can come from anywhere - even on a showery June morning.

Our plans to improve the Village Hall continue and we're closing for a week in August to fit Superfoil insulation to the underneath of the roof and a pair of destratification fans to the suspended ceiling (please see last month's article for an explanation as I'll run out of words explaining it all again!). The net result should be a more thermally efficient building - cooler in the summer as the heat should be reflected away and warmer in the winter with a more responsive heating system. Not only should the Village Hall be a more comfortable place, we should save money on heating during the winter - money that can be spent on other projects and make our Village Hall as good as it can be. It's also been two years now since our 4.2kWh solar system consisting of 14 panels and an inverter was installed and it's amassed 9.13MWh of electricity in that time, according to the monitoring software this is the equivalent of planting 107 trees and saving 2333kg of CO₂.

A small team has been formed to look at giving the bar area a much needed refresh behind the scenes. I'm not sure what we'll end up doing but everything is up for changing from just a lick of paint to a fully redesign - budget, time and ideas are our only limits! If you have any ideas for what you would like to see installed, improved or replaced in the bar or anywhere else for that matter then please let any of the Committee know via the usual channels.

If anything I've mentioned has piqued your interest and you'd like to help out then we're always happy to see new faces lending a hand. We're on the cusp of returning to our old lives and it's my aim for our Village Hall to be the best it can be as one of the hubs of our community.

Best wishes and stay strong.

Ben

WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Wednesday Club meeting on 7th July is now cancelled due to extension of lockdown.

The next meeting will (hopefully) be on 1st September when the speaker will be Margaret Daniels - "An evening with the Bard of Barnwood".

We look forward to seeing you all then as we need to have discussions regarding the future of the club!

Have a good summer.

Best wishes from the committee.

Keep safe!!

I am afraid that much of this piece will be a rerun of last month's input; while much was promised, not a lot has actually happened over the last month. I really should have stood for government! However the plans have firmed up.

If the revised rules and conditions allow, our first indoor meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st July. Because it has not proved easy to get a speaker that early after precautions end, I will give my talk on St Kenelm and The Kenelm Way. Now, St Kenelm is really our friendly local saint- he came from Winchcombe. You get five or six minutes on the legend, five or six minutes on the reality and then forty minutes on the walk which has been developed to follow the route that the saint's body took on the way to his last resting place. So you get to do a sixty mile walk in under an hour, without having to wear boots. What's not to like? As with all our talks, non members are welcome for the saintly sum of one pound.

The next event will be our annual garden party on Wednesday 18th August at No 3, Swindon Hall starting at six o'clock. This is members only, so I would encourage non members to sign up early so that they can come. (though, at a pinch, you can come and sign up for membership on the night). If it rains we will move inside. It is worth the money if only to come and see the modifications made to the South West corner of the Hall by a bomb in 1942. I tell my wife never to be rude about the Luftwaffe because without them she would never have got her new kitchen.

In September David Bagley will give us a talk about peregrine falcons and in particular those which have based themselves in the tower of Tewkesbury Abbey .

October will see Julie Hodsdon giving us a talk on Pittville Park and what the Friends of Pittville Park do.

In November Peter Gill will tell us about Cheltenham in the War. Whether this includes Swindon Village's contribution as a transit camp, prisoner of war camp and occasional target I don't know.

If you do want to join you can do so at the July meeting or come see me at 3 Swindon Hall where you will probably get a cup of tea and a one hour talk on The History of Swindon Hall or, if this sounds ominous, just sneak an envelope through the letter box and run. You can even turn up at the garden party and cough up before you get a drink.

Finally, I will repeat the message about Heritage Open Days. Heritage Open Days are a national event when many buildings or places of interest which are not normally open to the public can be visited. The dates this year are 12 to 19 September. It is now confirmed that on Saturday 18th September, St Lawrence's Church will open for much of the day for visits. At 2pm there will be an illustrated talk in the church on 'The History of Swindon Village'. Then at 3pm there will be an easy walk around the core of the village. Tea and buns available.

Barry Simon



Those of you who have recently walked around the top of Rivelands Road may have noticed a slight change... Thank you to Helen and Yolande who gave the "landmark" millennium bench a good clean and a lick of paint - I think you'll agree, it looks much better!

Summer is here! Now could someone please tell the weather?

To celebrate the “end” of restrictions, (you’ll notice I’ve said this for the last 3 or so months, I’m sure it will happen at some point!) I have prepared for you a double quiz for a double edition of the village news.

Both rounds are themed around a good, old-fashioned British Summer holiday.

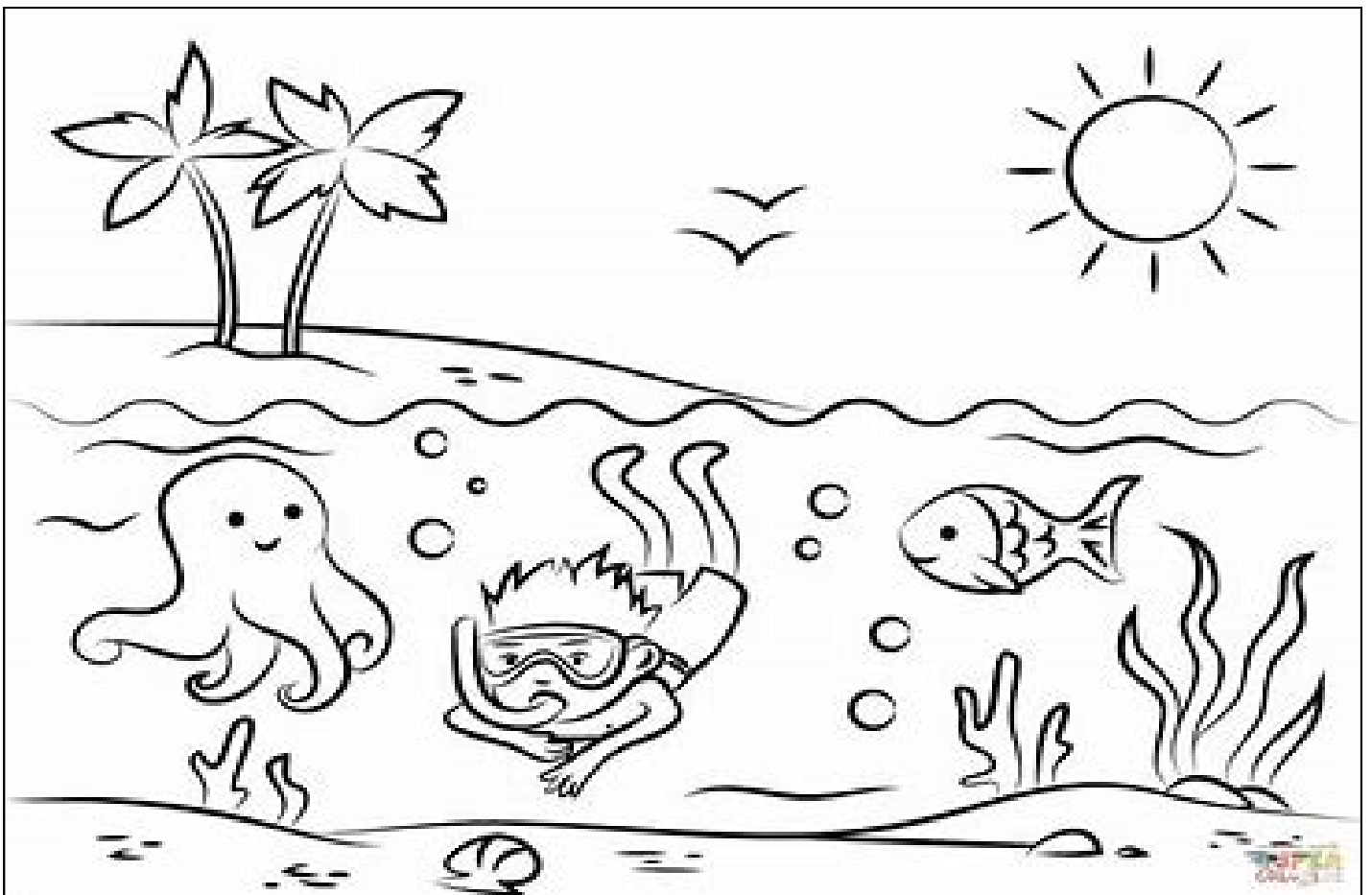
In the first round, all the questions are general knowledge, but the answers are also the names of “classic” ice creams and ice lollies (I apologise in advance for how tenuous a few of them are). In the second, I have done some letter rearranging! All of the clues are anagrams of British seaside destinations. And I’ve even given you a map with all of the locations on to give you a hand- good luck and enjoy the break!

ROUND ONE

1. What do you call a 1.5 litre bottle of champagne?
2. In what party game might you tie yourself in knots?
3. In maths, what is the product of 3^2 and 121?
4. What is the name of the early steam locomotive designed by Robert Stevenson in 1829?
5. A verb meaning “to eat lavishly”, it can also describe a celebratory meal?
6. What words can be used in baseball to describe a pitch that curves away from the batter, or can be used to describe a “silly” subgenre of comedy films?
7. What type of mollusc might help you to travel around London more easily?
8. What would you call a native of the large city in south-west Italy near Vesuvius?
9. What might you get from a very very small cow?
19. What positive word in the English language is the short form of a word from Latin that can mean “mythical” or “story-like”? The long form of the word appears in the title of a comedy series starring Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley?

ROUND TWO

1. Leg Misery
2. Chart Plow
3. Polka Bloc
4. Pram Hotdog
5. Barn Houseman
6. Harbour Cogs
7. Bean Ouster
8. Bale Cow Moo
9. Dad Null On
10. Age Tram



The Nuclear Trains

A few months ago, I told you about the Tesco train- probably the longest train that passes through the parish. This time I'll tell you about the one that is probably the shortest. You may have noticed occasional trains passing, consisting of one or two metal containers on flat bed wagons pulled by two locomotives. These trains carry nuclear waste.

There are three nuclear power stations along the Severn estuary: Oldbury, Berkeley and Hinkley Point A and B. A new one (Hinkley Point C) is also under construction.

Berkeley power station was the first commercial nuclear power station to enter service in the UK and was also the first to begin decommissioning. Magnox technology was used, meaning that the power station was fuelled with natural uranium and a magnesium-aluminium ("Magnox") alloy was used to clad the fuel rods. The power station commenced operations in 1962 and was shut down in 1989.

The Hinkley Point A power station began generating electricity in 1965 and was shut down in 2000. Like Berkeley it was also a Magnox station. The radioactive fuel has been removed but it will be approximately 2091 before the site can be demolished and repurposed.

Oldbury power station went online in 1968 and was shut down in 2012. It was another user of Magnox technology. Its fuel has also been removed although it will be decades before the remaining buildings on the site can be demolished.

One power station on the estuary is active. Hinkley Point B was completed in 1976. It is an Advanced Gas Cooled (AGR) reactor and is operated by EDF Energy. It uses enriched uranium. After nearly 45 years of power generation Hinkley Point B power station will move into the defuelling phase no later than 15th July 2022. Defuelling will take several years.

During the course of both the operation and the decommissioning of these power stations, some radioactive materials have to be removed and safely dealt with. Nuclear waste with intermediate to

higher levels of radiation is temporarily stored close to the power stations that produced it. In the long term this waste is likely to go to geological storage. To you and I this means a very deep, sophisticated and expensive hole in the ground. It has not been decided where this will be. Anyone have a spare corner of their garden that the government could use? Specially designed facilities have been constructed at Berkeley power station to temporarily store intermediate level waste from both Berkeley and Oldbury.

Low level waste is transported to the national Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) located south of Sellafield, in Cumbria. This is a specially engineered facility with concrete-lined vaults for the disposal of Low Level Waste (LLW). Metal containers containing the LLW are stacked until the repository can be capped off. The Hinkley point B AGR is probably now the main source of the material that travels by rail through the parish.

Every day from Monday to Friday, slots are reserved in the timetable for these trains (one from Berkeley and one from Bridgwater which is close to Hinkley Point), but the trains only run as required. This means that these reserved slots in the schedule are only used perhaps once a week. It is not publicly known in advance whether a train will run on any given day.

To travel, dangerous radioactive waste is placed into specially designed containers that can withstand the impact of a high speed train crash or a raging fire. There was a famous experiment involving a remotely controlled train being driven into a container at 100 miles per hour to prove its integrity. I am talking about the integrity of the container, which was virtually undamaged- the train did not fare so well. There is a video recording of the event on Youtube and it is well worth watching.

The containers arrive at either Bridgwater or Berkeley by road. In a secure compound on a branch line the containers are loaded onto a train. The trains set off at around noon and head north . From Bristol Temple Meads they don't take the more usual direct route to Gloucester but go on the "back roads" through Yate and Cam & Dursley. The speed of the trains is limited to 60 miles per hour, so this may be to keep out of the way of high speed passenger trains.

Continued over..

The picture (below) is of a train passing the level crossing on Swindon Lane on 16th March this year. The locomotives are Class 68s; “Defiant” is in front and “Intrepid” is following.



This particular train looks as if it is hauling conventional containers rather than the specialised nuclear flasks, so the load is likely to be waste with very low levels of radiation.

The trains pass through Cheltenham a little after 2:00pm and continue north through Worcester, Bromsgrove, Walsall and Stafford, arriving at Crewe Coal Sidings at about 6:30pm. The gates are closed on the secure compound and the trains spend the night there.

The next morning, the trains continue their journey from Crewe to Sellafield, travelling through Wigan, Preston and Lancaster before arriving at the Sellafield nuclear processing facility about three and a half hours after departure.

How come we don't usually see trains going back to the south? I think the answer is that they normally do so during the night (around 4:00am). Can anyone working the night shift confirm that? There are limits to the amount of research I am prepared to undertake. However, I recently saw this train heading south at about 9:00am. This time the lead engine was “Prometheus” and “Defiant” was taking a back seat. “Intrepid” must have had the day off.



What about safety? The nuclear industry is not without its critics and I am steering well clear of politics. However, it is said that you get more radiation from eating a banana than you would from standing close to the railway line watching the train go by. That reminds me of one of my favourite jokes. “Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana”. Anyway...

And what about security? The waste in the containers could not be used to make a nuclear weapon. These trains do not transport the highest grade materials. The containers are also extremely secure and require specialist equipment to open them. The train uses two locomotives in case one breaks down. This means that the train should never be left sitting on a remote line waiting for assistance. It should also allow the company to avoid punitive fines from Network Rail were a train to break down and disrupt the schedule.

The nuclear waste trains are operated by Direct Rail Services (DRS). Direct Rail Services is part of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and is the only rail company in the UK licensed to carry these materials. They have been doing so safely for over 25 years, travelling over 12 million miles in the process. This would be enough to go to the moon and back twenty five times (though the absence of rails might present a problem). The company also pursues commercial opportunities beyond the nuclear industry. In fact they also operate the Tesco train!

Whilst the nuclear industry is understandably coy about some of its operations this article was produced using publicly available sources (including the fruit fly joke) or information provided by the companies themselves.

Shaun Cullimore



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Quiz Answers—Round 1

1. Magnum
2. Twister
3. 99
4. Rocket
5. Feast
6. Screwball
7. Oyster
8. Neopolitan
9. Mini milk
10. Fab

Quiz Answers—Round 2

1. Lyme Regis
2. Porthcawl
3. Blackpool
4. Porthmadog
5. Burnham on Sea
6. Scarborough
7. Eastbourne
8. Woolacombe
9. Llandudno
10. Margate

Deadline for the next issue of the Village News is the 16th August.
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