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# Luftwaffe Drop Bombs and Leaflets on Rogerstone

## 'Hitler's Last Appeal to Reason'

During two Luftwaffe bombing raids over South Wales on the evening of Saturday, 3rd August 1940, one stray aircraft dropped a quantity of propaganda leaflets over Rogerstone: the leaflets were printed English copies of a speech given by Adolf Hitler before members of the Reichstag, Berlin, on 19th July 1940.

## An Early Warning

There were two early siren warnings during the late hours of that Saturday evening, the second warning lasting about three-quarters of an hour. In due course the sound of high flying aircraft could be heard overhead and the pilots received a 'warm' reception for the night sky above Rogerstone was soon lit by the flashes of anti-aircraft guns and searchlights.

As the bombing raid abated, Rogerstone residents once again heard a warning siren and again fearing another air-raid that night sort safe shelter. A stray aircraft was seen flying overhead and the residents later reported to the authorities of seeing 'bombs' dropping but hearing no explosions!

The following morning local police and air-raid wardens, while investigating possible damage to local properties, discovered propaganda leaflets littered about the district. One leaflet was caught in a tree branch and the *Argus* reported: 'there was competition for this copy'.



## A Last Appeal

The leaflets dropped and collected were each of four pages measuring 12 inches by 18 inches. The cover page was headlined: 'A Last Appeal to Reason by Adolph Hitler: - A Speech before the Reichstag, 19th July, 1940.'

One bale of leaflets had failed to open and nearby there were slats of wood held by strands of wire used to hold the bundle of leaflets together. In another local district, leaflets were scattered in fields and hedgerows while in Exeter a quantity of leaflets fell on a sewage farm.

A railway employee, working a night-shift at the marshalling yards close to Rogerstone's aluminium works, recalls a bale of leaflets crashing onto the roof of a 'gangers' shed located near the rail-sidings. The bale of propaganda leaflets landed heavily, crashing through the tin roof and rebounding off the shoulder of a workmate who was sheltering in the shed. It

was recorded that the 'ganger' suffered from mild shock and bruising but soon recovered to continue his duties.

Local police and military personnel hurriedly scoured the district in an attempt to collect and destroy the leaflets before they were read by the local populace. Quick-action by Rogerstone's residents and railway-yard workers had hurriedly spent Sunday morning souvenir-hunting by climbing trees and walking the hedgerows in order to add the collected leaflets to their war-time scrapbooks.

## For the Benefit of War Charities

Some days later the South Wales *Argus* reported two postmen had also collected propaganda leaflets only to advertise and sell the leaflets to souvenir hunters. The twenty-five shillings proceeds were donated to the British War Charity!

Not to be outdone, leaflets dropped over Rogerstone were collected by residents and later sold by Lady Seager from a stall on the roadside outside her home at Castleton. It was reported that a considerable sum of money was raised to support the Newport and Cardiff Spitfire Fund.

A leaflet dropped on Rogerstone during the night of 3rd August, 1940, can be viewed in the War Room entrance at Risca Museum which is open every Saturday from 10am to 12.30pm.

Leaflet recovered by the late Mr. Reginald Parsons. Donated by Mr. Alan Parsons to Risca Museum.  
Article written by Malc Johnson.





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Houses look at their best with blue skies, green lawns and colourful flowerbeds. Both when photographed and in person and although they say you shouldn't judge a book by its cover, it is the first impressions that will attract potential buyers, so the joys of the summer do help.

## Our Top Tips for **Selling** **Your House** in the Summer

### **Keep the Colours Neutral**

Everyone has their own tastes and don't try to please all. When you are preparing your house to go on the market use neutral paints as this will not only make the property look light, bright and fresh it will help any potential buyers to picture themselves and their belongings living in your home.

### **De-Clutter**

Clutter makes rooms look smaller, might well distract your viewers and means you must pack even more items when you move!

### **Fresh Air and Sunlight**

Open all your curtains and blinds and if safe to do so, leave your windows open. Fresh air and sunlight will help bring your house to life and help to show off the size of your rooms.

### **Deodorise Your House**

You will love your family pets and be accustomed to their smells, but your potential buyers might not be so keen. If you can, ask friends/family to look after them before the viewing so you can air your house and don't empty your house bins regularly in the summer months and try to avoid cooking strong smelling foods shortly before a visit.

### **Added Extra Tip**

According to NAEA Propertymark freshening up your bathroom is a small but inexpensive job which could have a huge impact on viewers.

Add a green, leafy plant or a new white shower curtain to revitalise the room. Then clear away toiletries from view and store them in a cupboard whilst ensuring the toilet, bath, shower, sink and mirrors are spotlessly clean. Put a new toilet roll in the holder and hang out a clean hand towel as a finishing touch.



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# Big Bertha and Other Ghost Stories

**There is a fabulous ghost story recounted by the comedian, Dave Allen, which I came across recently. He told of a haunted house in Ireland that contained a so-called bad room: a chamber with a heavy atmosphere of foreboding and evil.**

A visitor to the property dismissed its reputation and insisted that he be allowed to spend the night inside. As morning arrived, however, there was a terrible scream and the room was found to be empty save for the smell of brimstone and a solitary shoe. A local priest was called and endeavoured to solve the mystery by staying overnight himself. He told the owners he would disclose all that he saw but promised that, were he to disappear in the same manner as the previous occupant, he would leave a message on the sole of his remaining boot. At sunrise, an inhuman shriek was heard once more. The owners raced to the bedroom that was now filled with the same sulphurous stench and discovered the priest had vanished, leaving only the single item of footwear. Nervously, they picked it up and searched for his message. And there, on the sole, they saw two words had been scorched onto the surface...Size 9!

It's a cracking yarn, especially when performed by the late Mr

**by Paul Minton**

Allen and I was reminded of it as a friend and I sat in The Rising Sun in Rogerstone, swapping tales of the supernatural. I had begun by telling him the pub was meant to be haunted. There had been several occasions when wine glasses at the end of the bar had tumbled to the floor without being touched. More disturbingly, a member of staff staying alone in one of the bedrooms was suddenly awoken as if a bucket of water had been thrown over her. Her night attire, including the dressing gown she slept in, was drenched and yet the rest of the room was entirely dry. No plumbing defect or other cause was ever identified.

My friend countered with a story of his own, which concerned an acquaintance of his who had been a trainee nurse. She was covering the night shift in a hospital ward when she became aware of another nurse dressed in an old fashioned uniform walking through the corridor. The trainee thought it peculiar but took no

action. When she described her experience to colleagues the following morning, she was assured the uniform had long since been abandoned but that a phantom dressed in such a style was said to roam the building.

While on the subject of female apparitions, I took the opportunity to tell my friend about Big Bertha Ramsey. She was a six foot tall matron, who worked at what later became the Caerleon Campus of the University of South Wales. She died there in January 1962 after toppling over the banister of a high staircase. There have long been rumours that she may have been pushed but no matter, her ghost, wearing brown overalls and with hair arranged in a bun, has reputedly been seen ever since. Security staff also reported odd sounds during the night and observed the lift coming down of its own accord with no one inside. On another occasion, two men watched in horror as a newly hung portrait swung violently from side to side as if moved by an invisible force. Even the Principal was certain Bertha had returned from the grave when she appeared in his office shortly after her funeral. Fortunately, on this occasion, it was just Bertha's twin sister paying him a visit. If only all ghost stories could be explained so easily.

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**For anyone enjoying their retirement years and living a less complicated life, it can be easy to assume that you no longer require professional financial advice. Some people may believe that since they have reached their 60s and 'retired', the hard work is over.**

But there are probably another three or four decades ahead, and if we were to split life into two halves, this second half is likely to be more complex and challenging than our careers. From age 60-plus, the world will throw a host of challenges our way. This is not the time to be without expert professional financial advice. This is the period of life when financial planning is most valuable and rewarding.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Between the ages of 20 to 60 is typically the period of working life for most people. You work and strive, building a career, buying a house, raising a family, perhaps paying for education and enjoying a certain standard of living. This entails managing debt, balancing income and expenditure, putting money away into a pension, saving for a rainy day and topping up ISAs annually. It is hard. It can be a tough climb. You need to be well equipped. All of a sudden, the striving is over. Enough money, or so you hope, has been invested to leave the workplace behind, and your mortgage is repaid. The pension pot is bulging, your children have graduated and the new car on the driveway is finance-free for the first time. Your sights are set on a holiday home, and everything looks good. You may well have

had professional financial help during this 40-year growth phase, but most of those years may be behind you. You need to look ahead.

### OVERRIDING EMOTIONS

But it's the second half of life, from the 60-plus stage, that is more aligned to spending. Having achieved so much in life, the overriding emotion can now be the fear of loss. The conundrum being: 'How can we live our ideal life, safe in the knowledge that we will always have enough?' Safety and fear of loss are key concerns. Have we got enough income to meet our obligations? Will we run out of money? Can we afford to support our favourite charity? What happens if one of us needs long-term care? Should we help our children now, or later? Is our capital keeping up with inflation? Can we keep on having fun? As people age, illness can strike out of the blue and blow plans off course overnight. What then? A new and unexpected challenge, and no life experiences to fall back on. There are choices and tough emotional decisions to be made – this is when professional financial advice and support are essential.

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# The Twmbarlwm Glass Collection

*Positive proof that the iconic mountain-top has been a popular destination for picnickers since Victorian times*

Our litterpick at the end of April was very well attended, which allowed us the opportunity to split the group of volunteers and get a gang to the top of the mountain to do a job we have been planning on doing for the past few months.

That task was to pick up the vast amount of broken glass that was uncovered by the wildfires of last summer. Clearing away the glass was needed for both public safety and the fact that it presents the potential of starting more fires with its magnifying effect in the summer sun.

Half a dozen of us spent a couple of hours up there and each of us collected half a bucket of glass shards. I must stress here that we all used pick-up sticks and thick gloves – picking up broken glass can be an extremely hazardous task if not tackled with care and it's not an exercise for small children.

When we got the glass back down the hill I just couldn't bring myself to simply dump it all in the recycling for collection, so we sifted through it and found that each shard must reveal a part of our social history. To our inexperienced eyes much of the glass was quite thick and with a green hue to it, suggesting it is of considerable age and giving us further proof that people have been climbing Twmbarlwm with their picnics for many generations.

The bottles were all shapes and sizes – there were some flagons with vulcanite screw-in tops and there was also some examples of Codd-Neck bottles – a type of bottle that used a glass-marble as a stopper.

On many pieces you can make out parts of words such as: "...aber...", "...rtons...", "...ercar...", "...BRO...", "...miner..." – and we spent a while guessing what some of these could be.

The most common wording we could decipher on the shards were "Newport and Merthyr Bottle Co." and



*A few examples from the "Twmbarlwm hoard"*



a quick Google search reveal that many of those could date from the early part of the 20th century.

One of our group later identified the piece with "...ERCAR..." on it. It was probably a bottle from the Gwyddon Vale Mineral Water Company that operated in Abercarn from 1880-1920. The bottle itself would have been a Codd bottle made by Cannington & Shaw in St. Helens, Lancashire.

None of us is an expert on the history of glass, so Cadw put us in touch with an expert in this field. We have since met with him and he has already identified much of the glass, and confirmed that some could date back to Victorian times.

We have also had a second foray onto the hill with him and found a great deal more. Together we will be compiling a more thorough report on our findings and will publish it on our website in due course.

I can promise you we won't be pursuing the person who dumped any of these bottles, or their descendants, for littering – and I wonder, if we find a complete bottle, will we still be able to claim back the deposit?

*Terry C. Evans, Chairman CTS*

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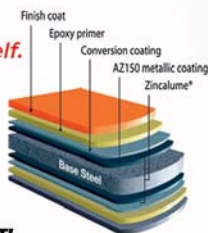
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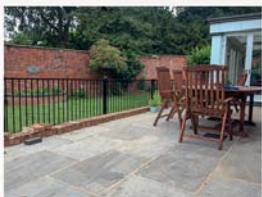
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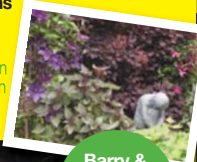
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# Newport U3A's Music Groups

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## And Now for Something Completely Different....

As I'm sure you appreciate 'it' almost always starts with a telephone call; 'Is that Swan Rescue?', to which the answer is, of course, 'Yes'. Usually, what follows is perfectly straightforward; help is needed for a swan, a goose, a duck, or at this time of year, a multitude of ducklings. Occasionally the question asked is surprising; 'will you help - my dog (or cat) needs rescuing. This one is followed by a pause for breath and then the statement 'we're very sorry, but the clue is in the name SWAN RESCUE, which tends to bring the conversation to an abrupt end! On this occasion, second half of April, it really was completely different, a first; an Osprey. The caller is an employee of Welsh Water based at the string of reservoirs to the west of the A470 between Merthyr Tydfil and Brecon. It was reported to be unable to fly, but instead was fluttering helplessly behind the dam wall of the middle reservoir.

Because of other commitments it was left to the locals to catch the casualty, which they were able to do quite easily. We then met their driver at Pwll-y-Pant to the north of Caerphilly, and from there to



*Examination of Osprey at ICBP*

the only organisation capable of carrying out the necessary assessment and follow-up treatment, the International Centre for Birds of Prey (ICBP) at Newent in Gloucestershire (very well worth a visit).

The initial assessment was mildly encouraging, a few primary feathers damaged and some strain to the wing, but no broken bones. This was confirmed the following day on a visit to a world renowned bird of prey vet at Swindon. Once back at Newent, work was started on repairing all but one of the damaged flight

feathers. This involved cutting them and inserting into the shaft and gluing in place bamboo slivers, obviously very carefully aligned and waiting for the repair to set.

The next development was a phone call just five days after the rescue to announce the bird really was raring to go, simply astonishing. As with the rescue itself, it was disappointing not to have been part of it, so with the release, but for obvious good reasons it was right and proper that ICBP staff should take control of this. The release went very well, actually on the sixth day. Those who work on the reservoirs report the bird stayed around for most of the rest of the day, but there was no sign of him the following day.

This bird was ringed, so we know a bit more about him. He was ringed as a nestling on 2nd July 2014 on The Black Isle, Inverness. This species migrates for the winter to The Gambia, West Africa, and so must have been returning to the breeding grounds when some accident befell him. It is so gratifying to have been involved, and to have the hope we may have contributed to securing a long and healthy life.

Text: Peter. Photos: ICBP & Welsh Water.



*Release of Osprey at Cartref Reservoir*



# GRACE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

**gathers for public worship on Sunday afternoons at the Malpas Community Centre, Pillmawr Road, Newport, at 3pm and fourth Sunday mornings of the month at the Libanus Centre, Libanus Road, Blackwood, at 10.30am**

## **What do we believe?**

### **We seek to be Word-centred and gospel-driven.**

The Word of God is crucial! The ministry of Grace Baptist Assembly will, we trust, always keep God's Word central. Why? The Holy Bible is God's written Word; it is how He has chosen to communicate to us who He is, what He has been doing, and what He expects of us. The Bible alone holds the ultimate, most trustworthy, most authoritative answers to the questions of life and eternity. Thus, rather than magnifying the ideas of mere human beings, we look instead to God, trusting that He inspired and preserved His Word for His glory and our good. We believe that the written Word is a reflection of the Living Word, Jesus Christ, and that its contents are our reliable, sufficient rule of faith and practice. When a moral question is raised, or when we face a difficult circumstance, we choose to resort to the Bible for guidance, correction or comfort, rather than falling back on our own experiences and opinions.

### **We seek to be traditional in our message.**

We hold to historical Baptist distinctives. Specifically, we are fond of The First London Baptist Confession of Faith, 1646 edition. We gladly accept broken, unaccomplished, needy sinners like ourselves; but we are not seeker-driven. We do not believe that 'doing church' is what God requires of people, and we do not believe that it is this or any other local church's responsibility to water down, nor add to, the gospel of Jesus Christ in order to create a more 'comfortable' environment. Do we want that gospel [good news] to be understandable? Yes. Do we ourselves want to be compassionate and inclusive? Yes. We want broken people - people like us - who know their sinfulness. We are here for those who know that they need something more than what this life has to offer. We seek not to offer more of the same, but to offer something different. The person and work of Jesus Christ is enough for us. We invite you to come see why.

### **We seek to be relevant in our vision.**

We maintain that the Bible is more than a collection of ancient writings, but rather, it contains everything we need to face the problems of life in today's culture. Consequently, our teaching and preaching will include practical application to help us live as we ought to live. We are not an elite group of those who have 'arrived' and we are committed to continual change. We rest on and submit to the absolute, unchanging truth of the Bible; and it in turn changes us. We hear and meditate on God's Word - and while we do that, we try to be doers of that Word, and not hearers only. We have found that the unchanging truths of the Bible affect our everyday lives, and we pray that we will become more and more like Jesus Christ as we submit to and obey His Word.

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## GRACE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

gathers for public worship on Sunday at the **Malpas Community Centre**, Pillmawr Road, at **3 pm**.

Sermon excerpt from: *A KINGDOM WHICH CANNOT BE MOVED*

In light of the recent earthquakes in the Philippines and the continuing aftershocks, as well as the terrorist attacks in New Zealand and Sri Lanka, our text today should be a great encouragement to those of us who are trusting in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And let us continue to pray that God would turn the tragedy there into a triumph by shaking the affections of people loose from the world and putting those affections on the kingdom of God. So, let's pray together.

What is it that God is saying to us in such an earthquake as this in the Philippines? To find out, we turn to the Holy Bible. God's written Word is given to help us interpret His voice in nature - whether it is the voice in the wind and rain and floodwaters of Cyclone Idai, or in airplane crashes, or in auto accidents, or in the voice of the earth in the Philippines. Holy Scripture is not silent about earthquakes. And when earthquakes awaken the attention of the world, we need to go back and remember what they mean.

There are **four points that I consider helpful**.

**First**, God has appointed a great earthquake to bring this world to a close - **a great final shaking** of the earth and the heavens someday that will end this fallen creation as we know it and usher in eternity.

**Second**, long before that great shaking comes - even before the Tribulation - God has also appointed that **there'll be an increasing frequency and intensity of earthquakes and other calamities**.

**Third**, God in His great mercy is offering to everyone who trusts in His Son **a kingdom that cannot be moved** and will never end.

**Fourth**, therefore, let's worship and serve God with reverence and godly fear, because our **God is a consuming fire**.

So, let's take these one at a time and I'll try to unfold them from our text and elsewhere in Scripture and, hopefully, plant your feet upon a Rock for your own encouragement and for your free and willing service for Jesus Christ. I invite every believer to pray that there would be an irresistible attraction to the gospel of Jesus Christ in these days so that more people here in Wales and around the world in places like the Philippines and New Zealand and Sri Lanka and Mozambique would pass from spiritual death to spiritual life, because the shaking will increase as the coming of Christ approaches. And I cannot help but think that everybody would want a place to stand and that everybody would see the reasonableness that Almighty God - redeeming people through His Son - is the safest place in all the world to stand.

God has appointed **a great final shaking** of the earth that will mean the end of the world as we know it and the beginning of something infinitely better - the consummation of His kingdom.

Look first at verses 26 and 27 of our text: ...whose voice then shook the earth (referring to the shaking at Mount Sinai when He came to give the law, Exodus 19:18): but now he hath promised (an allusion to Haggai 2:6), saying, **YET ONCE MORE I SHAKE NOT THE EARTH ONLY, BUT ALSO HEAVEN**. (And then comes the interpretation of this prophecy.) And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Now then, what you have here is a biblical prophecy that there's coming a day in which there'll be such a violent shaking in creation that the world as we know it will be removed. It simply will not be anymore. Finally, there'll come a new heaven and a new earth on which righteousness dwells, but this world is going to come to a cataclysmic end someday, and there'll be a removal of the world as

we know it, and what cannot be shaken will remain - the kingdom of God and everyone who dwells in it.

There are other places in the Bible where this is made clear. For example, take Isaiah 13:13, "I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger."

So, there's coming a day of fierce anger and retribution and justice upon the earth for its sin, and the earth will be shaken out of its place.

Yes, it is a painful admission for a Texan, but I was born in California (or Caal - ee - for - nee - uh as Arnold Schwarzenegger pronounces it). If you spend much time around Californians, you find that they like to joke about "the big one" that's coming someday. Yes, there is "a big one" coming someday. It is going to be bigger than anyone can imagine. Christian friends, the desire of our heart ought to be that flippant Californians, Filipinos, and everybody else would realize just how big "the big one" that's coming is really going to be! It is so ginormously bigger than anybody realizes! Our imaginations cannot conceive of what it'll be like when the stars are falling, the skies are rolled up like a scroll, and the earth comes out of its foundations and collapses, and all the islands and the mountains vanish, and there is only God with whom we must deal. Listen to me now - if you feel secure and safe outside of Jesus Christ, I pray that you'd tremble at this thought, because you're most definitely going to face God someday with nothing to stand on but what was in your heart when the great quake came!

But long before this end comes, God has appointed that **this great final shaking will be preceded by smaller earthquakes and other calamities of increasing frequency and intensity** to give notice of something awesome, the way contractions and labour pains precede the birth of a child and tell us that it is coming.

This particular point is not found in our text from Hebrews. It is found in the words of Jesus to His disciples in Matthew 24:6-8. The disciples ask Jesus in verse 3 what will be the sign of His coming and the end of the world. He answers beginning in verse 6: **"Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."** The word "sorrows" there is the Greek word *ᾠδίν* (*odin*) for "birth-pangs". Notice three things: **first, there's an end coming ("the end is not yet"); second, before it comes there'll be wars, famines, and earthquakes; and third, these calamities before the end are called "sorrows" or "birth-pangs".**

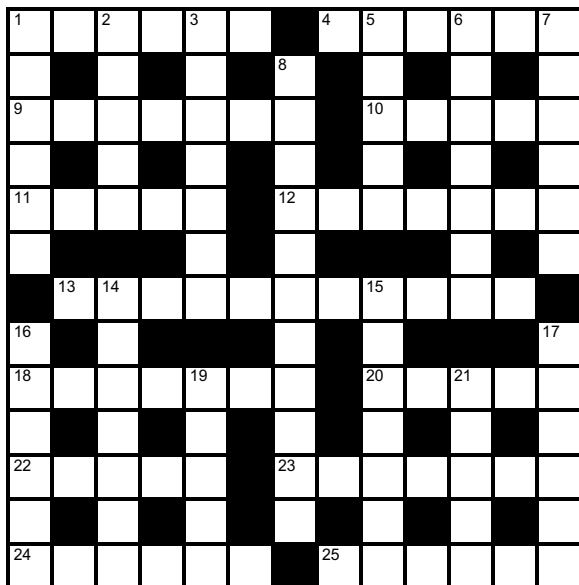
Calling the wars and famines and earthquakes "birth-pangs" is important for two reasons. **First**, it means that **there'll be an increasing frequency of these things as the end comes near and that the intensity of them will increase**, because that's the way it happens with labour pains before the birth of a child. **Second**, it means that **what these earthquakes are leading up to is something wonderful**, like the birth of a child. The labour may be painful, but it is full of hope. They're the birth-pangs of a kingdom. That's what the meaning of increasing frequency of calamities will be as this age draws to a close.

We should, then, hear in every rumour of war and every famine and every earthquake, first of all, the voice of the Lord saying, "I reign! And I am a God of holiness and justice and wrath and I will not condone sin." We should also hear in this great shaking, "I am a God of mercy, a God of hope; I am bringing in the kingdom; I don't want it to happen suddenly without warning, so I have warned again and again and again with shakings that should have broken you loose from your love of the world." That's what the real meaning of this earthquake is. Believe in God. Put your trust in Him...

(to be continued in the next issue)



# Crossword



## Across

- 1 Plant stalks used as roofing material (6)
- 4 Government tax on imports or exports (6)
- 9 Coastal area between La Spezia in Italy and Cannes in France (7)
- 10 Man in chess or draughts (5)
- 11 Well-grounded in logic or truth (5)
- 12 Stretchy fabric (7)
- 13 Substance that stimulates love or desire (11)
- 18 Female ruler of many countries (7)
- 20 Often the last movement of a sonata (5)
- 22 King of Judea who ordered the death of many children (5)
- 23 Country, capital Quito (7)
- 24 Beads used in prayer (6)
- 25 Fish-eating bird (6)

## Down

- 1 Flourish, prosper (6)
- 2 Block of iron or steel on which hot metals are shaped (5)
- 3 Popular British cheese (7)
- 5 First letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 6 Disposition to remain inactive (7)
- 7 Picture painted on a plaster wall (6)
- 8 Trader who sells sewing and dressmaking materials (11)
- 14 Egyptian paper reed (7)
- 15 Johann \_\_\_\_, Austrian composer of waltzes (1804-1849) (7)
- 16 Rope or light chain used to restrain an animal (6)
- 17 Scottish clan leader and outlaw (1671-1734), the subject of a novel by Sir Walter Scott (3,3)
- 19 Duck valued for its soft down (5)
- 21 Point directly opposite the zenith (5)

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# Sudoku

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The object of sudoku is to insert the missing numbers in the boxes to satisfy just one condition: each row, column and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 through to 9 exactly once. This can be done by applying logic – you do not have to guess.

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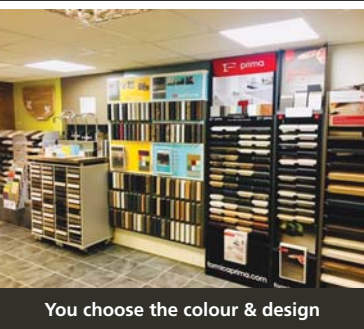
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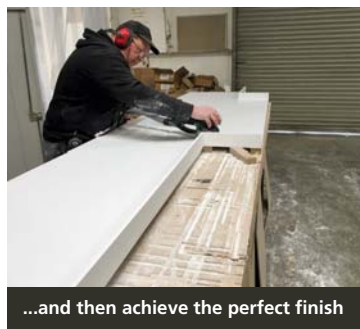
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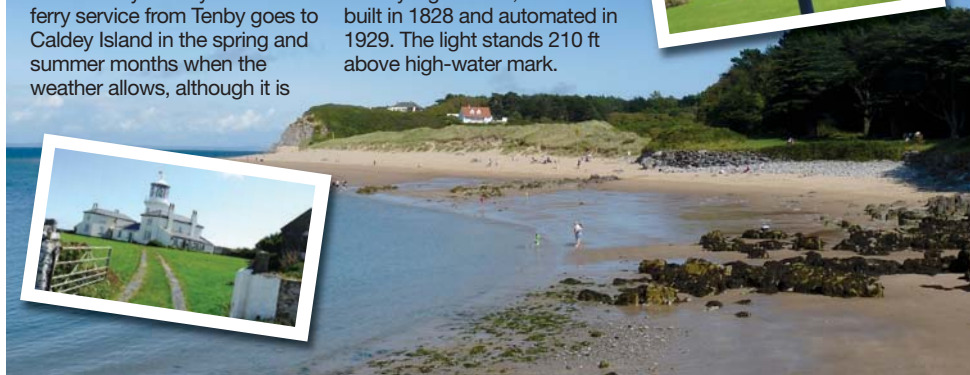
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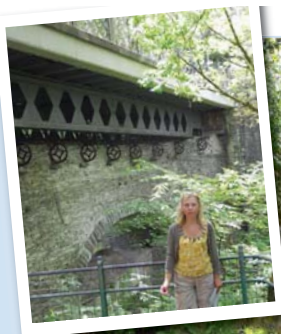
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Down: 1 Thrive, 2 Aivil, 3 Cheddar, 5 Alpha, 6 Inertia, 7 Fresco, 8 Haberdasher, 14 Papyrus, 15 Strauss, 16 Tether, 17 Rob Roy, 19 Elder, 21 Nadir.

### Sudoku

5	4	2	3	7	6	8	1	9
1	9	3	2	8	5	6	7	4
8	6	7	9	4	1	3	5	2
2	3	5	7	9	4	1	8	6
6	1	4	8	5	2	9	3	7
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# Laugh and the world laughs with you

I was somewhat stumped as how to start this article because I am one of those people who cannot for the life of me remember jokes. I invariably start with the punch line and then of course have spoiled it right from the beginning, so I haven't started with a joke, instead I will start with some very famous quotes about laughter.

*"Laughter is the greatest weapon we have and we, as humans, use it the least."*

**Mark Twain**

*"If I am not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don't want to go there."*

**Martin Luther King**

Just before Easter, a lady called Lorna Pearson came to W.I. She is called the 'Chuckle Lady,' this is possibly a big clue as to the sort of entertainment she provides but I am almost positive your thoughts and ideas would fall short of her expertise. This diminutive local lady stood for over an hour and told jokes, sang comical songs she had composed and regaled funny anecdotal stories. The subject matter of these is endless, many everyday happenings suddenly turned into comic renditions. The ladies were in stitches, just when you thought Lorna couldn't get any funnier, she would take a deep breath and start on another strand. Another very entertaining speaker was Roger James from the Black Mountain Falconry Centre in Abergavenny, he



arrived with three wooden crates of various sizes, sat solemnly while the business end of the meeting was conducted and then proceeded to regale us with some very comic tales of life with his avian friends. Who would have thought a crate of partridges, one smallish terrier, two Doberman (I think that's what they were, large canines, anyway) and an elderly gentleman could cause so much mayhem!! Yet again the hall was filled with laughter. Sorry I don't have enough space to go into the whole story. Eventually he quenched our curiosity and opened the smallest box which contained a falcon, Roger explained the bird was calm because it was hooded, the second crate contained a magnificent red kite, who though not hooded seemed calm enough. Roger, talking all the time about the birds toured the room so all ladies were able to see these creatures. You know what they

say you keep the best till last and in the third crate was an eagle owl and wow was he superb. This owl is the largest of the species, a beak and talons that could do serious damage to human tissue. However this bird, apologies I've forgotten his name, was a pussycat of the bird world, he didn't mind people stroking him and getting up close and taking photos.

Again another wonderful evening filled with laughter but as with both evenings strands of information permeated the laughter, two wonderfully uplifting evenings, thoroughly enjoyable.

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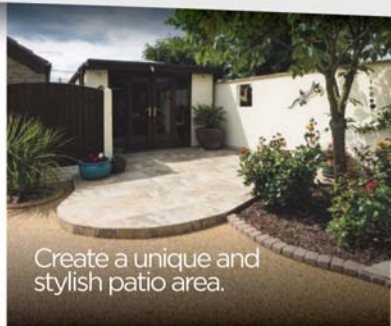
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