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What's on in the Dale - Dates for Your Diary

Please note that the deadline for all submissions to the Corvedale News is **Monday 17th January 2022**

December 2021

Every	Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every	Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10.00am
Every	Tues	Corvedale Artists	Beambridge Club Room	10.00am
2nd	Thu	Diddlebury Church Room clean-up	Church Room, Diddlebury	10.00am
2nd	Thu	Westhope Clover Club Christmas Lunch	The Swan, Aston Munslow	12.00noon
2nd	Thu	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
6th	Mon	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
8th	Wed	Munslow WI	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
9th	Thu	Diddlebury Craft Group	Church Room, Diddlebury	2.00pm
11th	Sat	Un Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
12th	Sun	RSPB Walk - Whixall Moss	Grid ref SJ 49333 35408	9.30am
12th	Sun	Flicks in the Sticks - Tom and Jerry The Movie	Diddlebury Village Hall	2.30pm
13th	Mon	RDA Quiz	The Swan, Aston Munslow	7.30pm
13th	Mon	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
14th	Tue	RSPB Talk - Shropshire's Wonderful Wildlife - Andrew Fusek Peters	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
14th	Tue	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Christmas Party	The Swan, Aston Munslow	7.00pm
14th	Tue	Corvedale School Nativity Play - 'Away in a Manger'	Corvedale School	TBC
16th	Thu	Corvedale School Carol Service	St Peter's, Diddlebury	6.00pm
21st	Tue	Tree Festival and Christmas Hamper Draw	St Peter's, Diddlebury	from 7.30pm

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11th	Tue	RSPB Talk - The Stepping Stones Project - Charlie Bell	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
12th	Wed	Underwater - A World Apart - illustrated talk	Beambridge Club Room	2.00pm
13th	Thu	Abdon and Heath Parish Council Meeting	Abdon Village Hall	7.30pm
22nd	Sat	New Year Supper and Dance	Westhope Village Hall	TBC
24th	Mon	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
26th	Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
28th	Fri	Westhope Bingo Night	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
29th	Sat	Coffee and Cake Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am

Diddlebury Village Hall Classes and Activities - see page 6

Westhope Village Hall Classes and Activities - see page 8

What's on in the Dale

Ludlow & District RDA

Reg. Charity number 1191318



Christmas Pub Quiz

The Swan, Aston Munslow
Monday 13 December 2021
7.30pm start

Entry: £3.00 per person Teams of any reasonable size!
 Prizes, Raffle, Light Refreshments



Ludlow and District RDA putting the fun into fundraising!

Underwater - A World Apart

An illustrated talk giving an insight into the world under the sea by an experienced, local scuba diver.

at Beambridge Clubroom,
on Wednesday 12th January 2022
at 2.00pm.

Doors open 1.45pm. There will be light refreshments after the talk.

Free entry but any donations gratefully received and will be shared equally between the Midlands Air Ambulance and Munslow WI. All are welcome.

This event is hosted by Munslow WI.

Abdon Village Hall Events

UFO (Un Finished Objects) Craft Morning

Bring along your unfinished projects. Join us and learn a new craft skill or teach your craft skills to someone else.

Please supply your own materials.

Please make a donation for refreshments.

Saturday 11th December - 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 8th January - 10.30am - 12.30pm

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Coffee & Cake Morning

Come and join us, everyone welcome!

Saturday 29th January 2022 - 10.30am - 12.30pm

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Abdon Village Hall / Club Room Bookings:

Abdon Village Hall - Helen Audin -

01746 712365 - abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

Or visit our website for the village hall booking form and details: www.abdonandheathparish.org

RSPB Talks & Walks 2021/22

TALKS

All talks start at 7.30pm in Culmington Village Hall. Membership for the year is £10.

Entry on each evening will be £2 for Members and £4 for visitors. Refreshments included.

Tuesday 14th December - Andrew Fusek Peters - Shropshire's Wonderful Wildlife

Tuesday 11th January - Charlie Bell - The Stepping Stones Project.

WALKS

Sunday 12th December 9:30am - Whixall Moss - Grid Ref SJ 49333 35408

Sunday 6th February 10.00am - Colemere Lake - Grid Ref SJ 43633 32843

More information on both walks and talks can be found on the RSPB local group website.



Church News



Letter from the Rectory

Writing this in mid-November I am finding it difficult to believe that Christmas is as near as it is - something I am putting down to the lack of activity in the early part of the year and to the unseasonably warm weather at present.

Various sensationalist news reports have been telling us for a while now that Christmas might be cancelled, or that we won't be able to get the various items we need to be able to have a Christmas, whether that be food, a tree or presents. Whilst these things are nice to have it all seems to have missed the point that Christmas cannot be cancelled because it's not a festival which is about food, or trees, or presents - it is a celebration of the birth of God's Son, a child whose life and teaching changed the world.

Whilst none of us can say at this point what may happen between now and Christmas in terms of the pandemic and associated restrictions, it is looking likely that we will not have as many restrictions this Christmas as were in place last year. This means that we can have carol services in church (even if we have to sing with masks on). It also means that we should be able to get together with other people more easily than last year. Judging by many conversations last Christmas it was not being able to meet up with friends and family that many people found most challenging - perhaps this tells us something important about priorities.

To help us to remember what it is that we will celebrate there will be the usual services of Compline on Wednesday evenings - we will try to record these and upload them to YouTube as well. Services for both December and January are given elsewhere in the magazine - you no longer need to book in advance and we would be delighted to see you.

I wish you, when it comes, a very happy Christmas.

Rev'd John Beesley

Corvedale Parishes Christmas Hamper Draw

Once again, the Corvedale Group of Churches are holding a Christmas Draw with luxury hampers and other prizes. The pandemic meant that we were unable to hold the Hamper Draw last year, but in 2019 it made £1685 which was shared between the six parishes of the group. The lack of fundraising opportunities over the past 18 months has had the inevitable effect on church finances - the Hamper Draw makes a real difference and we are very grateful to all who contribute in any way.

Please support us by donating a luxury item for a hamper (please leave it at The Rectory or in one of the churches), selling tickets and, most importantly, buying tickets. Why not come and join us at Diddlebury Church on **Tuesday 21st December** to enjoy the Christmas Trees and see if you have won a prize...?

Many thanks, as always, for your help and support.

St Catherine's, Tugford

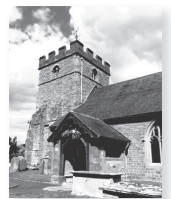
On 12th November we were entertained by a fascinating and instructive talk and slideshow by Andrew Pike on 'The Churches of Shropshire'. Andrew's talk followed a chronological path starting back in the 12th century (with a respectful nod to Wroxeter for starters) through to the 20th century, finishing with some highlighted artefacts, pride of place being our two Sheela-na-Gigs of course!

The talk was one of our 'Benefit to the Community' events, a commitment to the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of our £30,000 grant for the internal restoration. Although the latter was largely completed two years ago Covid has delayed these activities, since the relaxation of restrictions, the talk followed the June Open Gardens and the Bishop's re-dedication service in October. The evening raised £190 which will be shared between the Corvedale Parishes and we will now be able to apply to draw down the final instalment of the grant.

Colin Porter / Maggie Teague

St Peter's, Diddlebury

Many thanks to all who supported the **illustrated talk given by Rev'd John Beesley about the Holy Land** on Friday 22nd October. It was well attended and raised the sum of £352 for group funds.



Readers will, I am sure, be pleased to hear that the **Quiz Evening** on 6th November was a great success. Six teams battled it out over ten rounds, with the winning team, called appropriately The Victors, coming out on top. A good time was had by all, and we are most grateful once again to Norman and Theresa for their hospitality and support. The evening made £135 for church funds, and I believe that Martin Jones is already working on a Spring quiz.

The Hamper Draw tickets have now been printed, and members of the different Corvedale churches will have been busy selling them for some time by the time you read this. Please support this fundraising draw. The churches have lost a lot of revenue during the lockdown period, and desperately need to recoup some of their losses. Added to which, the prizes are very good! In addition to the hampers filled with Christmas goodies, prizes have been donated by local businesses including meal vouchers from The Swan at Aston Munslow and The Sun Inn, Corfton; and prizes from The Seven Stars; Aston Munslow Garage; Sophie's Butchers (in Tuffins) and Cyril Bason. The draw will be made at the **Christmas Tree Festival in Diddlebury church on Tuesday 21st December**.

A Plea for Help. Over the last eighteen months the Church Room, having been left in the care of the spiders, is looking a trifle sad. A clean-up operation has been scheduled for **Thursday 2nd December at 10.00am**. Anyone who would like to assist will be very warmly welcomed, and plied with tea, coffee etc.

Martin Speight

*Church News continued...***Shop online and help our local churches**

The Corvedale churches are part of the "Easy Fundraising" scheme, which raises a small donation each time you shop online, if you register with the site. There are over 3,300 retailers involved selling books and music, groceries, clothes, travel and more. It won't cost you anything extra - but it will help us. This is a time of year when many of us will shop online and, whilst each donation may be only a few pence, so far the scheme has raised just over £220 in a little over three years - it's amazing how it all adds up if enough people are involved!

To find out more and to sign up please look at:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thecorvparish/

Thank you!

Rev'd John Beesley

Used Stamps

Somewhere near the back of all the Corvedale churches you will find a reddish box, in which we are collecting used stamps for The Leprosy Mission. They can use the stamps to raise funds towards the treatment of leprosy - a disease which affects about 3 million people around the world, with about 200,000 more cases being diagnosed each year. Any stamps are suitable - British and foreign, unusual and ordinary. We collect the stamps throughout the year but in the coming weeks we will all receive many more stamps than normal as cards are sent and received - please tear off the stamps from the envelopes, leaving a small margin of paper around the stamp, and place them in the boxes in church - an easy but effective way of helping others. Thank you.

From the Registers**Baptisms**

30th October	Patrick Lewis Whalley	Abdon
30th October	Edward John Henry Whalley	Abdon

Funerals

28th October	Janette Gaches	Munslow
30th October	Fiona Calderwood	Westhope
11th November	Edwin Raymond Thomas	Culmington
12th November	Eric Clinton	Munslow
12th November	Thomas Rawlings	Culmington

Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury**December 2021**

5th	Mrs Clinton *	12th	Mrs Worthington *
19th	Christmas Decorations	28th	Mrs Worthington *

January 2022

2nd	Mrs Worthington *	9th	Mrs Jones
16th	Mrs Jones	23rd	Mrs Jones

30th Mrs Jones

* Brasses only

Christmas Tree Festival

A new event for the Corvedale Group of Parishes for this year will be the Christmas Tree and Crib Festival, which we are holding at Diddlebury Church on **Tuesday 21st December**. We will be decorating Christmas Trees and will have a variety of Christmas Crib on display. You are invited to come and enjoy the decorated church any time between **4pm and 9pm**. Seasonal refreshments will be available and at 8pm we will have the draw for this year's Corvedale Parishes Hamper Draw.

If you would like to decorate a tree to go in the church, or if you can lend us a Christmas Crib (you can have them back afterwards ready to enjoy it at home over Christmas) please get in touch.

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2021/2022 course dates:

28 September – 19 October (4 weeks)

2 November – 14 December (7 weeks)

4 January – 15 February (7 weeks)

1 March – 5 April (6 weeks)

26 April – 24 May (5 weeks)

7 June – 19 July (7 weeks)

Cost £20 per weekly session, (payment for each term required at time of booking) includes materials and firing, subject to reasonable use.

Limited spaces available (Maximum of 12 people)

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE OR BOOK YOUR PLACE?

For more information contact Halima or Martyn on 0781 705 3308 or email: info@halimacassell.com

The Old Station, Broome, Aston on Clun SY7 0NT

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Despite the ending of our regular photo feature, don't forget that we still need photos for the cover page. Send us your photos, from landscapes to local goings-on.

We're looking for pictures that capture the essence of living in the Corvedale and surrounding community.

Please send all photos to: photos@corvedalenews.co.uk

Diddlebury Village Hallwww.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:****3 PM SUNDAY 12th
DECEMBER****DOORS OPEN 2.30****POPCORN, ICE CREAM
BAR****TICKETS £5 &
£2.50 (under 16)****TOM & JERRY THE MOVIE (PG)**

Everyone's favourite cat and mouse team bring their classic rivalry to this animated comedy adventure



NO TIME TO DIE
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at Diddlebury Village Hall

Diddlebury
OPEN GARDENS

**SUNDAY 26th JUNE 2022**

Further details to follow.

CLASSES AND GROUP MEETINGS**Tai Chi**

Classes: Thursdays, 10.00-11.00am.

All participants must book in advance. Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014498/enidgill21@hotmail.com.**Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates**Classes: Tuesdays, 7.00-8.00pm (**please note time change**). Fridays, 9.15-10.15am.Please contact Beverley on: 07967 814412/ beverleychumber@sky.com.**Book Group**

Second Thursday of each month, 7.00pm.

Please contact Cath Burley on: cathburley@hotmail.com.**Corvedale Choir**

Mondays, 7.30pm.

Blue Hills Choir

Tuesdays, 10.00am

Latin and Ballroom Dancing

We shall let dancers know the new start date for dancing classes as soon as possible.

**All dates are subject to further government guidelines which can change at short notice.
Please refer to our Facebook and Website pages for news of any changes.**

Corvedale Book Group



Milkman by Anna Burns

Milkman by Anna Burns provoked a lively discussion when eight of us met at Diddlebury Village Hall on Remembrance Day. We all agreed it was a fascinating and complex novel for a debut novelist. Like many multi-layered books it took a while to get into, as it is written from the point of view of a young girl living through The Troubles, in Northern Ireland. It is a 'stream of consciousness' narrative, written at a breathless pace, vividly describing daily life of 'middle sister', what she notices and who she meets. Given the difficulties of trying to work out who was on your side, or the other side, none of the characters are named, merely referred to by their roles, e.g.: 'wee sisters, third brother-in-law, maybe-boyfriend'. It makes light of the precarious tightrope everyone had to walk daily, deciding if they were drinking 'the right sort of tea', buying from 'their' shops, staying in 'their area', never transgressing unwritten and unspoken rules for fear of the consequences. There were consequences, for both sides. At times there is a litany of which family members have been killed, almost in a biblical way, like 'x begat y'. At other times it is dogs or cats that are killed, purposely, as a warning.

The underlying tension was maintained throughout the book, with a careful description of how barely suppressed fear rose and fell as you walked to work, went to an evening class, had a drink with friends, took a bus, always with vigilance. The fear was maintained as much by what was not written, as by what was. In a society where everybody watches everybody else, it was not always clear who were the watchers and who the watched. There was no privacy, gossip was rife and you were held to account for every scrap of your behaviour. Politics with a big P and a small p could not be ignored. Whether you were for or against the renouncers of the state, it was best to make yourself insignificant, invisible, unnoticed.

Middle sister is 18 when she is taken notice of by the 41-year-old Milkman who puts himself in front of her in flash cars or his white van. You hear her pondering why: 'I didn't know whose milkman he was. He wasn't our milkman. I don't think he was anybody's. He didn't take milk orders. There was no milk about him. He didn't ever deliver milk. Also, he didn't drive a milk lorry'. Nonetheless, rumour assumes, from when and where he encounters her, that they are having an affair. He knows a terrifying amount about the day-to-day minutiae of her life. She is observed, stalked, groomed; for what she does not know. She denies there is an affair, and her mother calls her a liar. She changes her behaviour, where she goes, what she does. His observation of her changes the way she behaves in that society and changes her sense of self. To block out the invisible threats she faced on a day-to-day basis, she would read while walking, a way of distancing the complex reality in which she lived. Her third brother-in-law warns her it isn't safe to do that. She has been

noticed doing it, she is noticed to be different, and if she does that, she isn't being vigilant enough. When she begins to feel under threat, she wonders who to go to: 'As for the actual police, the statelet's police, going to them didn't rate consideration... the only time you would call the police in my area would be if you were going to shoot them, and naturally they would know this and so wouldn't come.'

She has been beginning a relationship with 'maybe-boyfriend'. An adolescent exploration, voicing her likes and dislikes, her concerns about whether it is a relationship or not. If not, what would make it a relationship? Is it temporary or is it permanent, she ponders? He takes her to view a sunset. Why? People don't do that.

All the time we are listening as if inside her head - her description of what is happening around her, her musings, her attempts to make sense of small changes around her, to acknowledge and describe her feelings, to respond. The people from each side are described and accepted as being neither wholly good, nor wholly bad. Their behaviour seems to be ballet-like, a complex orchestration of who walks down which side of the street, who enters the pub when, who buys what where. In her head, her voice is repetitive, her descriptions circular, as she builds up the information she has gained, trying to make sense of it. There is humour in the narrative too, often unexpected, which relieves the tensions.

The status quo is challenged by the French teacher who holds an evening class, attended by people from both sides of the divide. She too makes them look at the sunset and describe the colour of the sky. They all look at each other uneasily and spout the received wisdom. It is blue in the day and black at night. Is it, she asks them, is it really? Look and describe what you see. Notice change then change will happen. You can make a difference. You have a choice.

It made us ponder what it would be like to live and grow up in societies where you were constantly under that level of intense surveillance. We cited many examples, war-torn societies, refugee camps, religious sects, societies recently invaded, where that might have been and sadly still is the case. We also talked of how the book built up the sense of a society putting its citizens under coercive control. How do you become inured to that? What happens when your world shrinks? What does it feel like to belong, to be on the inside? Or not to belong, to be seen as different? The novel raised universal themes, very pertinent today, but was chilling. It was well worth persevering with.

Next month we are reading *The Danish Girl* by David Ebershoff. This is described on the cover as a 'tender portrait of marriage'. It asks the question 'what do you do when the person you love has to change?'.
Cath Burley

Westhope Village Hall**CORVEDALE TOTS**

Every Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00noon - term time only.

Corvedale Tots is a small friendly group for parents, babies, toddlers and bumps run by local mums. Why not come along and enjoy some tea, cake and socialising.

**YOGA with SUE PUGH**

Every Thursday, 9:15 - 10:15am and 10:30 - 11:30am. There are now a few spaces available in each class. Sue is fully qualified and insured. To book a space contact Betty on 07860 447 397

**MONTHLY BINGO**

There is no bingo in December, so the next bingo night will be on **Friday 28th January 2022**. Doors open at 7.00pm with eyes down at 7:30pm. The bar will be stocked and there is always great fun to be had.

**WHIST DRIVES**

Whist drives are up and running now, and are run fortnightly, all welcome. Start time of 7:30pm. **December** dates will be the **6th** and the **13th**. The 13th will be our Christmas whist with festive refreshments. **January** dates are the **10th** and the **24th**.

**WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB**

For more details please contact Kath Woodhouse on 01584 841 254.

**NEW YEAR SUPPER AND DANCE**

Saturday 22nd January. Tickets £6. Licenced Bar. Country Music and music through the ages with Ryder.

For more details on any events contact Amie on 07486 414 742 or Betty on 07860 447 397. Enquiries on hiring the hall are also welcome.

Westhope Clover Club

Kath welcomed a lovely crowd of Clover Club members to the November meeting. She then introduced Richard from Mynd Hardy Plants who gave a delightful historical talk with beautiful slides, on Lady Gardeners, everyone enjoyed this, and Richard was warmly thanked. Tea, mince pies and a draw followed. Mary then gave an update on the preparations for the Christmas dinner. This year we

are going to **The Swan at Aston Munslow on Thursday December 2nd, 12.00 for 12.30**. After the Christmas dinner the club will close until March 2022.

Wishing all our members a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Kath Woodhouse

Corvedale Garden Group**2022 Provisional Programme. Save the dates!**

After a two-year break Corvedale Garden Group will resume meeting from February to November 2022. We meet at 10.00am on the third Saturday of each month (except for Easter Saturday when we meet a week later*). We have a talk in February and November, at Diddlebury Village Hall. From March to October, we meet at the gardens listed to have a talk, explore, drink tea, eat cake and share gardening news. Members attend and pay on a month-by-month basis. Price includes refreshments. New members always welcome. If you would like a full programme and more information, please contact Cath Burley 07746 647737 or email cathburley@hotmail.com

Detailed descriptions of the gardens will be included in the February 2022 Corvedale News.

Feb 19th	Talk: <i>Permaculture in Gardening</i>	£7
Mar 19th	Bury Court Gardens, Wigmore.	£7
Apr 23rd*	Maesfron.	£8
May 21st	Tranquillity, Knighton	£7
June 18th	Wharf House	£9
July 16th	To be confirmed	-
Aug 20th	Shepherds Barn, Corfton	£5
Sep 17th	Broadwood Hall. Private tour	£12.50
Oct 15th	The Dell House	£7.50
Nov 19th	Talk: <i>'Is my garden good enough?'</i>	£7
	Diddlebury Village Hall	

Cath Burley

Winter Warmer Appeal

Community Resource, formerly known as Shropshire Rural Communities Charity (RCC), has launched its appeal to raise funds to give out as grants for emergency fuel, debt relief and energy-saving improvements in people's homes across the county, including our Parish.

The Warmer Winter Appeal has given out over £79,000 and helped more than 200 households facing fuel poverty in the county since it launched 10 years ago.

More than 23,000 households in Shropshire are living in fuel poverty; higher than the UK average. A large number of homes in our county are also 'off gas' so fuel choice is limited and can be more expensive.

Community Resource partners with referral agencies to find people most in need and provide them with grants and energy saving measures. It also works to raise awareness about how households can make simple changes to reduce their costs while still keeping warm.



To find out more or to make a donation visit:

www.community-resource.org.uk/support-our-work/warmer-winter-appeal

Plant a tree for the Jubilee

Anna Turner, the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, is very keen to ensure as many people as possible in the county are aware of the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) scheme. It is an initiative designed to encourage the planting of trees as part of next year's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It will include plantings by individuals, community groups and businesses. Those who plant trees are invited to identify

the location of the trees on a map on the QGC website. It is proposed that this map will be presented to her Majesty as a gift from the nation to mark her seventy years' service.

Further details can be accessed on the links in the banner above or from Claire Brentnall DL. claire.n.brentnall@gmail.com or 078373 61196.



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Diddlebury & Westhope WI

We are on the move and looking for new members!

Starting in the New Year we are changing our venue and meeting day. In future, we will be holding our meetings at **Culmington Village Hall** on the second **Wednesday** of the month at **7.30pm**. There is no meeting in January as we find just after Christmas is always a very quiet meeting. Our AGM will be held in February. This will be a chance for us to decide who's going to be doing what in the coming year and how we want to model our WI going forward. We really do need new members, young and old alike, to come along and bring ideas and enthusiasm to shape our WI into a WI which can thrive in the future.

We are currently putting our programme together for next year, but one thing that we are doing is having a taster session on **Wednesday 9th March** to, hopefully, bring in some new women to the WI. We will have details of what we have planned for the year ahead and it will

also be a chance to meet our current members. We are not a formal WI: just pretty laid back and friendly!

The WI is a current organisation, it's not all 'Jam and Jerusalem', but like any organisation; variety is the key to keeping it current, which is why we need women of all ages, with different ideas and interests so that we can keep the WI modern and thriving. Visit the WI website: www.thewi.org.uk for more information or feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Our Christmas party is on **Tuesday 14th December at 7.00pm at The Swan Inn, Aston Munslow**. Our AGM will be on **Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.30pm, Culmington Village Hall**. I really do look forward to welcoming more of you to the WI in the new year!

Jane Cockburn

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Christmas Quiz Answers: 1) 4; 2) True; 3) Germany; 4) Theodore Roosevelt; 5) Vixen; 6) Birth; 7) Egypt; 8) January 7th; 9) Lords a Leaping; 10) Christmas Crackers; 11) Silent Night; 12) Gingerbread men; 13) Boots; 14) Carp; 15) Pere Noel; 16) Capricorn; 17) Settlement; 18) False; 19) Snowflakes; 20) Midnight Mass

Diddlebury Parish Road Safety – Community Speed Watch

Road safety and speeding were key concerns in the Diddlebury Parish Plan consultation of 2012. To that end Diddlebury Parish Council arranged funding to purchase a portable speed camera. This allows the camera to be sited at locations within the parish or used with a portable tripod. Due to the pandemic restrictions the implementation has been delayed but the camera has now been field tested and will be operational in 2022.

An application to comply with police protocols is being

made and then volunteers will be sought to form a Road Safety Group. Training will be provided.

Other speed cameras are already in place in the locality and Diddlebury Parish Council has joined a wider initiative in the Corvedale which will coordinate action and share best practice.

If you would be interested in joining the Diddlebury Road Safety Group then please email diddleburyparishplan@gmail.com

Diddlebury Parish Plan Steering Group

*The Corvedale Kitchen***Apple and Celery Stuffing**

A slightly different recipe for you to try which works well with turkey or goose.

Ingredients

50g bacon

2 onions

2 sticks of celery

25g butter

4 medium sized cooking apples, peeled, cored, and sliced
- if you have fewer it doesn't matter too much, but they do bring a lovely sharpness to the stuffing.

75g white breadcrumbs

several sage leaves (or parsley), quantity according to taste, finely chopped

salt and pepper



If you have a large bird, you may need to double the quantities.

Method

1. Fry the bacon gently until coloured. You can use a little of the butter, but the fat in the bacon may be enough. Put aside.
2. Melt the rest of the butter and fry the celery, then add the onion and continue to fry until both are soft. Add the sage (or parsley) and continue to fry until wilted down and incorporated. Put the bacon, celery, onion, and herbs into a large mixing bowl.
3. Fry the apples for a couple of minutes, until soft)
4. Add to the mixing bowl, along with the breadcrumbs. Season and mix well.

You can either stuff your bird or put the stuffing into a serving dish and cook separately for 15-18 minutes at 160°C from room temperature. The apples should ensure that the mixture remains moist, or you can add a tablespoon of the meat juices, or a knob of butter.

Alison O'Boyle

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The Corvedale News Team

Caring for God's Acre



*The Holly and the Ivy, when they are
both full grown,*

*Of all the trees that are in the wood,
the holly bears the Crown.*



But should the holly be king of the forest or is there a strong case for the ivy being top dog? Do we get it wrong when we sing it each Christmas?

Holly and ivy have been part of our celebrations for thousands of years. In pagan times, holly was a fertility symbol and something that kept the witches and goblins at bay. It was then absorbed by Christianity, the new religion, to keep the devil away. In Celtic mythology, it was a symbol of peace and goodwill. Both Celtic and Norse legends thought it provided protection from thunder, as holly is resistant to lightning! The Romans used holly to decorate their homes when celebrating Saturnalia, the midwinter festival. In medieval times holly was believed to be a male plant and ivy was female. An old Midlands saying claims whichever is brought into the house first indicates whether husband or wife will rule the home next year!

Ivy is an amazing plant, not killing the tree but using it as a support. It has its place in myths too. A piece of ivy tied to the Church door protects it from lightning (tie some to your front door if you're worried). Some florists still slip a piece of ivy in a wedding bouquet for good luck. Ivy

is widely used as a Christmas decoration. Many a Christmas mantelpiece is draped with long fronds alongside the sprigs of holly, even today.

So holly or ivy – which should wear the crown? The prickly shiny leaves of holly offer protection to birds and insects, providing essential food for birds in winter. Deer enjoy the leaves, too. Under the tree, deep dry leaves are used by hedgehogs and small mammals for hibernation.

As winter approaches, ivy is an essential food source for insects and birds, also providing warm shelter for insects, birds, bats and small mammals. Ivy berries are full of fat, making them a nutritious food source for thrushes, black caps, wood pigeons and blackbirds, as well as migratory redwings. Ivy is also vital to insects before they hibernate. Bees, hoverflies and wasps gorge on the nectar and pollen in readiness for the long sleep. It's also important for the larvae of butterflies and moths.

So which is the best tree in the wood? I think we can find a good compromise using the old belief that holly is male and ivy is female. We can have both King and Queen. It is clear that in winter both holly and ivy offer a host of different ways of protecting our wildlife. The medieval carol earns its place in your carol service - so sing out with gusto this Christmas.

*Anni Holden Calver
Trustee of Caring for God's Acre*



Corvedale School

The school joined members of the community to attend the service of remembrance at St Peter's Church war memorial on Thursday 11th November. Year six children read out the names of the soldiers from the parish who died during the first world war and explained about the work of the Royal British Legion that was formed a century ago.

We are now beginning to turn our attention towards Christmas, which is fast approaching. All being well we are hoping to celebrate with some form of near normality. Our younger children will be performing a nativity musical, called Away in a Manger (now there's a novel title!), on **Tuesday 14th December**; mums, dads, grandmas, and granddads all welcome. This will be in the school hall.

The children from Class 3 - our older children - will be

performing songs from Hosannah Rock at our Carol Service at St Peter's church in Diddlebury on **Thursday 16th December at 6:00pm**, to which anyone is welcome. Song practices with Mr Bennett have started in earnest.

The children 'dressed down' for the BBC Children in Need appeal and raised nearly £100 with their generous donations.

For more information on what's going on, to keep up with the latest happenings/news at school, visit the school website - www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk or on Twitter @CorvedaleSchool.

*Jonathan Brough,
Headteacher, Corvedale CE Primary School*



CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP

Working parties are usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month and the following Friday and Sunday, beginning at 9.30am. Please ring Jenny Vine on 01584 841596 to confirm work location.

Also, if any local walkers in the Corvedale notice any stiles or steps in poor condition, please report back to Jenny. The current planned dates are as follows:

No working parties in December

Poetry Corner Some verses for December and January.

If you have written any poems, or have any favourites you would like to have printed in future editions of the Corvedale News, please send them to:
editor@corvedalenews.com

John Clare

John Clare (13th July 1793 - 20th May 1864) was an English poet. The son of a farm labourer, he became known for his celebrations of the English countryside and sorrows at its disruption. He is now often seen as a major 19th-century poet. His biographer Jonathan Bate called Clare 'the greatest labouring-class poet that England has ever produced. No one has ever written more powerfully of nature, of a rural childhood, and of the alienated and unstable self.'

This poem is in the public domain

Winter Walk

The holly bush, a sober lump of green,
 Shines through the leafless shrubs all brown and grey,
 And smiles at winter be it eer so keen
 With all the leafy luxury of May.
 And O it is delicious, when the day
 In winter's loaded garment keenly blows
 And turns her back on sudden falling snows,
 To go where gravel pathways creep between
 Arches of evergreen that scarce let through
 A single feather of the driving storm;
 And in the bitterest day that ever blew
 The walk will find some places still and warm
 Where dead leaves rustle sweet and give alarm
 To little birds that flirt and start away.

Clement Clarke Moore

(Clement Clarke Moore (July 15, 1779 – July 10, 1863) was an American writer and Professor of Oriental and Greek Literature at the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in New York City. He is credited and is most widely known as the author of the Christmas poem 'A Visit from St. Nicholas', first published anonymously in 1823. It later became widely known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and has been published in numerous illustrated versions in various languages.)

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'Twas the Night before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
 The children were nestled all snug in their beds;
 While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
 And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
 Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
 When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
 The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
 Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,
 When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
 But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
 With a little old driver so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
 And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
 "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!
 On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
 To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
 Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
 As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
 When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
 So up to the housetop the coursers they flew
 With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too—
 And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
 As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
 He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
 His eyes - how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
 And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
 The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
 He had a broad face and a little round belly
 That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
 He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
 A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
 He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
 He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—
 "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

Of Tithes and Men

The End of Tithes

In my last article I indicated that tithes were, to say the least, unpopular. In the case of those who sought to prove exemption in the courts the motives were self-interested, but as the seventeenth century progressed there were others whose motives were somewhat more altruistic. The years between the execution of Charles I and the Restoration had seen an explosion of Protestant sects. While the Baptists and Independents (later the Congregationalists) were never a serious presence in the Corvedale, the Quakers had a presence in Culmington, and a member of the Beddoes family was actually imprisoned for refusing to pay tithes. It was only in the first half of the nineteenth century that the rapid growth of Methodism led to a significant non-Anglican presence in the Dale. Needless to say, Nonconformists generally objected to paying for a church of which they were not members.

It was not, however, these considerations which led initially to the reform of the system. By the 1830s tithes were in a mess. In areas where there had been Parliamentary Enclosure of farm land, tithes had been changed to a money payment as part of the Act. In areas like Shropshire, where such enclosure acts were uncommon, some parishes still paid tithes in kind, whereas others had adopted voluntary cash payments or *modus*. Others, like Diddlebury, as I mentioned last month, kept elements of the two. There was no uniformity about rates which were charged, with similar lands in adjacent parishes paying different levels of tithe. In 1832 a Liberal government was elected with a mission to reform the institutions of the country, and in 1836 it set its sights on tithes.

The Tithe Commutation Act of 1836 sought to create a uniform system of money payments, based on a seven year average of grain prices. This was payable as a charge on the rents paid by tenants to their landlords, rather as Council Tax payments were included in the rents paid by tenants of council houses. These 'corn rents,' at least initially, tended to disguise tithe payments, and thus diffuse opposition. In order to implement the programme three Commissioners sent an army of surveyors throughout the land to make accurate large scale maps of all parishes, and to record the ownership and occupation of all properties. The size and name of every field was to be included, as also was the use to which each was put. The Victorians were expert at collecting information, and most of the work was completed by 1851.

Tithe Maps, and Apportionment Schedules have acquired immense importance as tools for the historian and are an excellent first stop for anyone who wants to trace the history of their house. It is a happy coincidence that the Tithe Award may be used in conjunction with the census returns of 1841 or 1851 to find more information about who owned and lived in a certain property at the time. My illustration comes from the map of Corfton township,

which was made in 1845. It shows the Sun Inn, which was tenanted by Mary Dyer [No.69]. In total Mrs Dyer rented nearly 18 acres from Mr Wilson Aylesbury Roberts of Corfton Hall, on which she owed £1:13:6d in tithes to the vicar. We know from the census that in 1841 she lived with her 80-year-old father-in-law and eleven-year-old son, who succeeded his mother as licensee on her death in 1865.



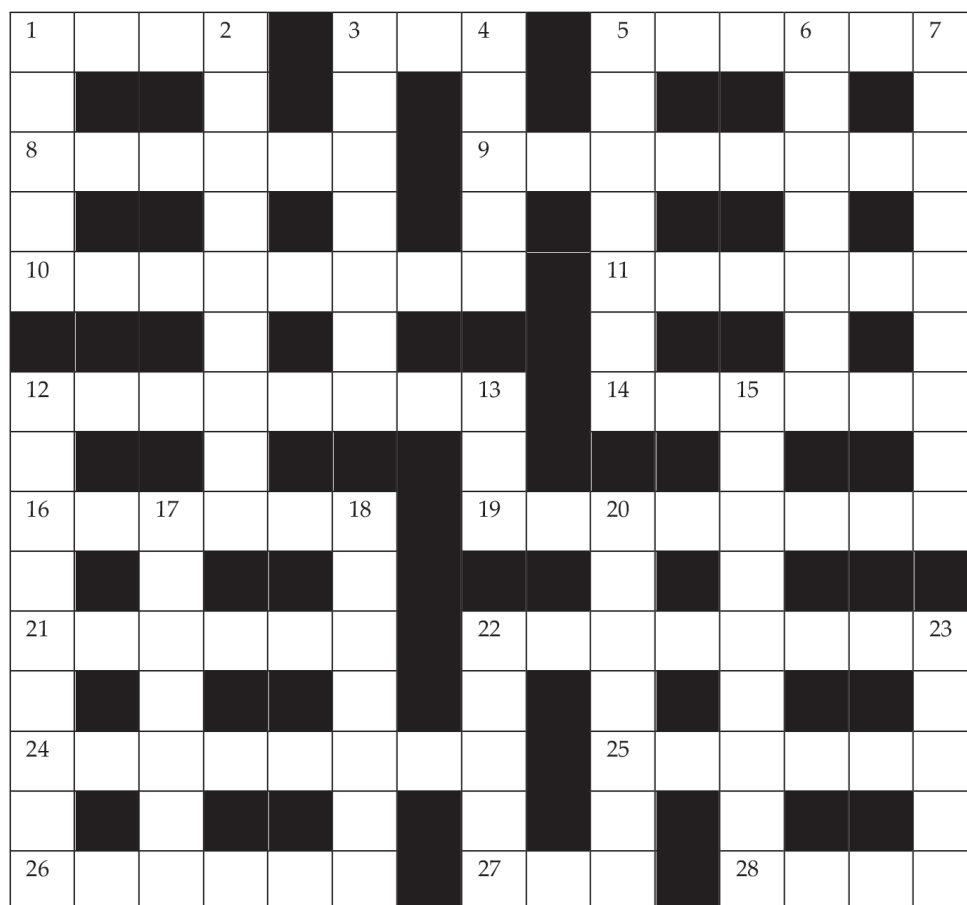
Corfton Tithe Map 1845. Mrs. Dyer of the Sun rented fields 67, 68, 70, 87, 89, 117, 120-21. The long-demolished cottage in 120 had been the home of Molly Morgan.

When the Tithe Awards were made there was, of course, no intention that they should be used as historical sources. They were administrative tools, aimed at avoiding future disputes, and initially they were quite successful. By the later nineteenth century, though, problems began to arise again. The Welsh in particular resented paying tithes to a church to which most did not belong, and the 1880s riots in Denbighshire had to be suppressed by troops. In addition, as more and more estates became broken up, a growing number of former tenants who had bought their freeholds discovered how much tithe they had been paying in their rent. In 1936, a century after the Tithe Commutation Act, the government took action and effectively abolished tithes, while awarding compensation to tithe owners, the largest being the Church Commissioners. The details of the process, and various measures which followed are way beyond my comprehension, and I will not attempt to bore my readers with them.

Few will mourn the passing of tithes, though if we still had them it might make the financial burden on parishes rather lighter!

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The next article will be 'Catholic Gentlemen: The Smiths of Aston Hall and Their Successors.'

December Prize Crossword - by Artemonas**ACROSS**

- 1) Singers lose drug and gain fibre
 3) & 27) Knock out West, go West and grovel
 5) Removes from spirit of Steven
 8) Robbed sitar player's part of home
 9) Annoying the embroiderer's work?
 10) Game played when the wind blows
 11) Bring in some of the chimp or terrapin?
 12) Reading about a new flower
 14) Bird goes round King Igor, certainly sends you round and round
 16) Houses sailor's poems
 19) Drug has labels on social media
 21) Caring woman in green
 22) They could design a left spanner
 24) Drove one wild – it's too much
 25) Hang around church building without gas
 26) Eases Michael into the seed
 27) See 3 across
 28) Pleasant old biscuit

DOWN

- (4) 1) At the start can Uncle Ben eat dauphinoise potatoes
 (3,3) like this? (5)
 (6) 2) Noise in the plant echoed around (9)
 (6) 3) Nick the broken room (7)
 (8) 4) Succeed most of the day despite the gales (5)
 (8) 5) We're VIP, hence early showing (7)
 (6) 6) Some trousers are ok in chopper (7)
 (8) 7) Soldiers have nights out and things are seen (9)
 12) Piano issues for these descendants (9)
 (6) 13) Burnt tree? (3)
 (6) 15) See toxins making an addition (8)
 (8) 17) Ways to leave the cheap stores (7)
 (6) 18) Indication of mineral for Italian gentleman (7)
 (8) 20) Be quiet and let it be unimportant (7)
 (8) 22) The French girl round fold (5)
 (6) 23) Start the point round poetry (5)
 (6)

ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER'S CROSSWORD:

ACROSS: 1) Take charge; 7) Plain; 8) Remains; 10) Ringlets; 11) Stir; 13) Turban; 15) Course; 17) Asti; 18) Last post; 21) Present; 22) Andes; 23) Star player

DOWN: 1) Train; 2) King Lear; 3) Curate; 4) Aims; 5) Glitter; 6) Spirit lamp; 9) Screen test; 12) Contrary; 14) Retreat; 16) Cartel; 19) Order; 20) Rear

Christmas Quiz - Answers on page 9

1. How many ghosts are there in 'A Christmas Carol'?
2. True or False: Before turkey, the traditional English Christmas dinner included a pig's head smothered in mustard.
3. Which country was the first to use the tradition of Christmas trees?
4. Which American President banned Christmas trees in the White House?
5. Which of Santa's reindeer is named after another animal?
6. What did Noel mean in Latin before being used for Christmas?
7. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?
8. When does the Russian Orthodox Church celebrate Christmas?
9. On the tenth day of Christmas, what does my true love give to me?
10. What indispensable item for the Christmas table did Tom Smith, a confectioner, invent?
11. Which carol was sung by British and German soldiers in the trenches during the 1914 Christmas truce?
12. Back in Tudor times, what did women who wanted to find a husband eat in the hope of finding a partner?
13. What did turkeys in Norfolk wear in Victorian England when they were walked to London?
14. Which food replaces turkey on the Christmas menu in Hungary?
15. What is Father Christmas' name in French?
16. If you were born on Christmas Day, what's your star sign?
17. What is the capital city of Christmas Island?
18. True or False: The first Christmas tree appeared in the United States.
19. Stars, needle, plate, dendrite, column, lacy, and capped column are the six main types of what?
20. 'Misa del Gallo' is observed by many Roman Catholic Spanish-speaking countries. What is it?

*Parish Councils***CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd November 2021**

Present: Cllrs Mr I Steele (Chairman), Mr A Pike, Mr J Turley, Ms J Mear, Mr M Seabrook; Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council).

In attendance: H Coonick (Parish Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Mrs C Byng, Mrs M Holland and Mrs J Watts.

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None.

Public involvement session: none.

Minutes of the Meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Tuesday, 5th October 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed. There were no matters arising.

Reports from Members: *Cllr Motley* reported that Shropshire Council (SC) is trying to reconcile the budget. The costs of Children and Adults Social Care continue to climb. They have been told by the government that they cannot raise council tax by more than 3%. There is no news on the Rural Services Delivery Grant or the New Homes Bonus. SC is making a large bid (£98m) for funding to transform bus services to include a ring and ride type scheme and electric/hybrid/hydrogen buses. There is a meeting planned for Parish Chairs and Clerks to begin considering the parish boundaries and the benefits of joint parishes.

Cllr Mear reported that the coffee mornings in the Village Hall had restarted and the curry night had been successful.

Finance: The Finance Report was reviewed and accepted. The balance in the account as of 6th October 2021 is £9,058.20. A bank reconciliation was signed.

Authorised Payment to: D Lewis £97.50 for Invoices 84 and 91 (Environmental Maintenance).

The Draft Budget was reviewed and will be adopted at the January 2022 meeting.

Correspondence: Invitation from Superintendent Bill (West Mercia Police) re: Local Policing Charter - Clerk will attend. Sebastian Littlefair, Environmental Maintenance Officer re: Laundry Works. Heathcote Bartlett, Highways Engineer, Shropshire Council re blocked drains at Church in Culmington. Arranging another visit by the jetting team.

Water Leak at Castle Barn Bank: The Clerk has reported this to both Shropshire Council and Severn Trent. Severn Trent has investigated the issue and 'raised a job'. Cllr Motley will raise the issue with the Portfolio Holder.

A two-acre piece of land is for sale in the village of Culmington: The Parish Council is not in a position to purchase it. Cllr Mear will arrange a public meeting to discuss the matter.

Highways Meeting: Cllr Steele and a parishioner attended a meeting of parishes along the B4368 and B4365 organised by Munslow Parish Council to discuss speed and noise of traffic. A joint report will be produced by a working party.

Litter: The Clerk will request that the bin, presently on the green by the telephone box, is moved to the entrance to the footpath beside the Village Hall to encourage less littering especially of dog waste. Incidents of littering should be reported to Shropshire Council. The Clerk will investigate the cost of signs and if they are for footpaths they can be paid for from the Footpath budget.

Boundaries: Councillors considered the boundaries of the parish and will propose that there should be changes to the boundaries at: Sparchford, Vernolds Common, Seifton Batch but not The Pheasantry. Cllr Steele will present these proposals at the Boundaries meeting on the 23rd November.

Items for the Next Meeting: Adopt the budget and set the precept.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th January 2022 at 7:00pm.

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Corvedale and Shropshire Maps

Maps have always been a fascination for those keen to know something more about the location they find themselves living in. Maps bring back memories of school and geography lessons and stories of faraway places. Old maps of the Corvedale and surrounds tell a tale of time long lost.

In researching the maps of Shropshire, I found a reference to a map compiled in 1341 by Platt which showed the uncultivated lands in England. The map shows a considerable number of Shropshire villages and hamlets, particularly in the southern half of Shropshire, in Corvedale and in the western borders that either shrank or disappeared altogether during the fourteenth century. Unfortunately, I have not been able to find a copy of this map.

Christopher Saxton map 1579

The oldest, and in many ways the most interesting known map of Shropshire was made by Christopher Saxton in 1579, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Saxton was a surveyor and mapmaker, who produced the first English Atlas of the English and Welsh counties. The atlas was first published in 1579. Seven engravers were employed to engrave the maps. Saxton employed a method known as 'survey by traverse', literally pacing out roads and tracks. Despite being drawn up by a tiny team rushing to cover every county in medieval England, the map is still both astonishingly familiar and accurate, showing towns from 'Whitchvrche' to 'Wellynton', 'Shrowesbvrye' to 'Lvdlow' together with Shropshire's landmark hills.

For those living in the Corvedale and neighbouring villages the Saxton map 1579 map is of particular interest as, besides being a beautiful piece of cartography, the names and places very familiar to current residents of the Corvedale are clearly visible. Antiquarian map experts have noted the detail of the map is impressive with many smaller villages clearly marked making it an extremely accurate and informative map for the time. Some place names have changed such as Diddlebury now Diddlebury, Mydlepe now Middlehope, and Onybury now Onibury, but others have remained the same such as Ludlow, Sutton and Harton.

John Speed map 1611

In 1611 the famous cartographer John Speed published his Survey of Shropshire as part of his Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain. In making his map, which is very similar to Saxton's and which experts think is almost certainly based on it, he had his eye on its commercial success. Speed concentrated on the visual appeal of his maps and to enhance the appeal of his Shropshire map, he included in the top right-hand corner a contemporary three-dimensional representation of the county town of Shrewsbury. There is a key to its principal streets and in the bottom right-hand corner, an image of the



Corvedale and Shropshire Maps Continued...

Battle of Shrewsbury (1403) with a short description. Speed was the first to include the boundaries of the hundreds, and in almost every settlement he depicted its church; the deer parks are clearly enclosed with a pale, and their interiors are coloured green with token trees and the occasional building. Speed's Theatre was re-issued fourteen times in the period up to 1770.

Close observation shows that there is not the detail in the Speed map of the Corvedale area and so the Saxton map is the pre-eminent map of those created in the medieval period and it remained so until well into the 17th century.

By the end of the first decade of the seventeenth century, all the English counties had been surveyed and published in map form at least twice, by Saxton and then Speed. The publication of county maps was interrupted during the years of the Civil War and Commonwealth. It is of note that it was Saxton's wall map, reduced in size, which was used by the rival commanders in that conflict.

Richard Blome map 1673

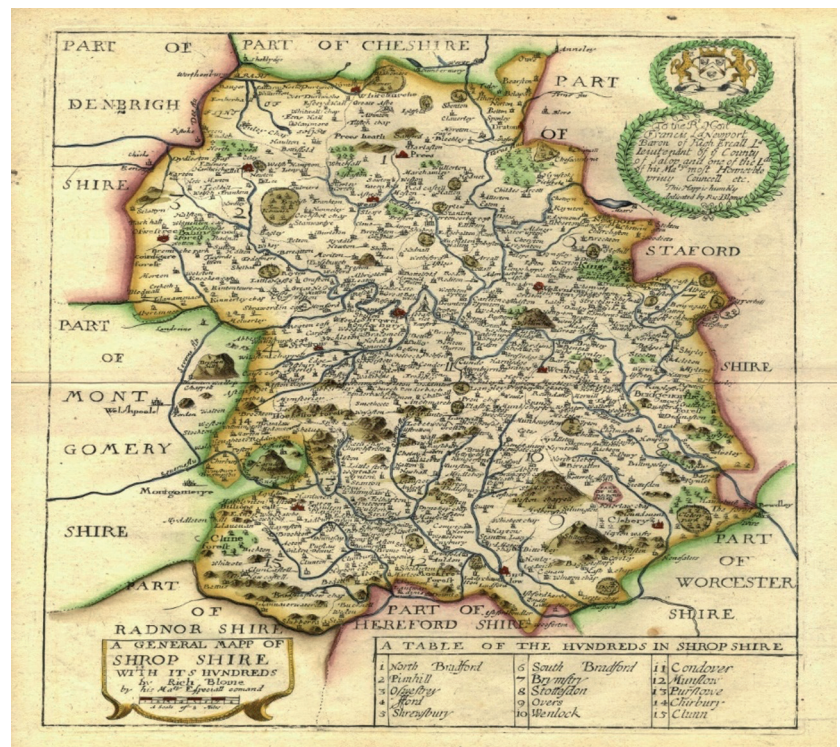
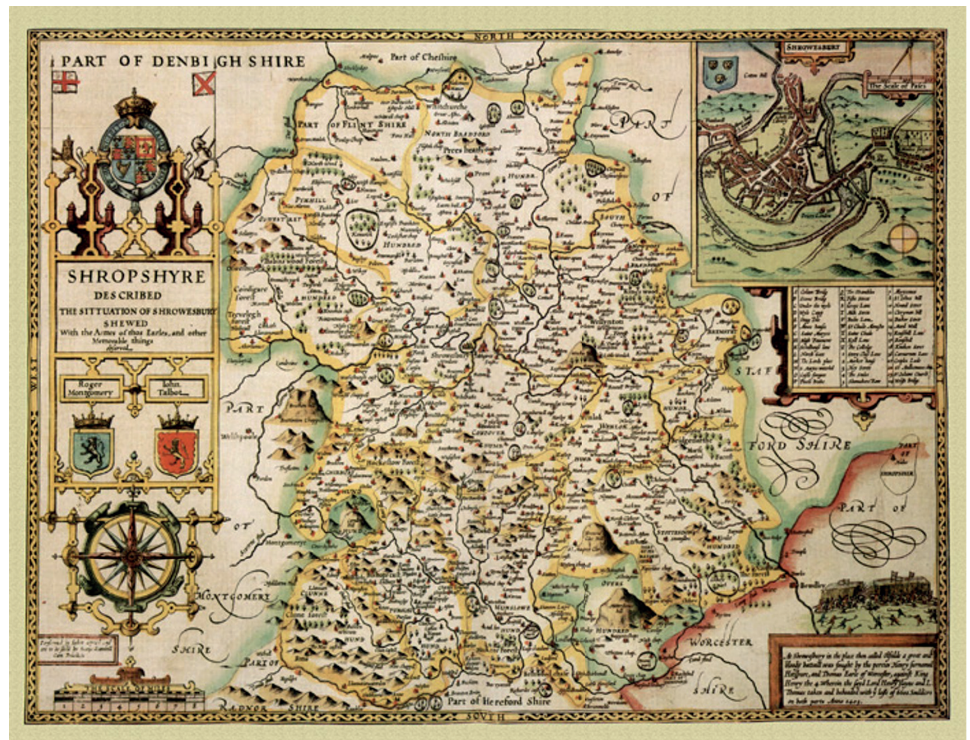
In 1673 Richard Blome published his map of Shropshire and close scrutiny shows many familiar names with some having changed since publication of the Saxton map a century before, including Myddlop becoming Myddlehop.

In the 18th Century Emanuel Bowen published a map of Shropshire dated 1751 which is based on those of Saxton and Speed. This was followed by Rocque's Map of Shropshire dated 1752. Rocque, a Frenchman added details of gardens and parks not seen on maps before.

Whereas Christopher Saxton painstakingly paced out roads and tracks in his surveys and map making, by about 1750 map surveys undertaken were largely based on trigonometrical methods, which were accompanied by new tools such as the theodolite. This represented a cartographic revolution after which nothing was quite the same.

In the latter half of the 18th century there were a succession of maps published of Shropshire including the maps of Thomas Kitchin 1764 and 1777 and John Cary in 1787 and then in 1805.

With the publication of the 1833 one inch to the one-mile OS map the great colourful maps of Christopher Saxton became historical relics. Despite this they are still of considerable interest and value as they do tell a tale of time long lost. From the time of the first Shropshire map in 1579 cartographers published many Shropshire maps and several were based on the Saxton map and so its importance cannot be underestimated. The detail of the Corvedale area is fascinating and bears closer study.



*Parish Councils Continued...***MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL****Draft Minutes of the meeting on 4th November 2021**

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Ed Povey, David Marston, Nigel Dobson, Antonia Bury and Graham Williams. In Attendance: Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Fotheringham and Meeson.

Declaration of Interest: None.

Presentation on Aston Hall Planning Application: Mr and Mrs Cleavelly gave a short presentation on the plans for Aston Hall. It will be a second home for their family and the family hope to be in residence 50-75% of the time. They wish to future-proof the hall making some disabled access areas and aiming to be carbon neutral. They have listened to the views of neighbours and will make changes: they accept that the drainage needs rethinking and the solar panels are not in the best position. They plan to increase tree coverage despite felling some mature trees.

Public Forum: Members of the public raised concerns in the following areas: Parking areas and the new driveway and noise, the balcony overlooking nearby properties, changing the appearance of the barns, drainage and flooding concerns and noise from the media room. The yew hedge should be retained for screening purposes, the number of trees to be felled should be reduced and a rare species assessment should be carried out.

Cllr Motley stated that the Parish Council can only base a decision on the plans as submitted. The Trees and Drainage plans will be scrutinized by Shropshire Council Officers and the application could be called into the Scrutiny Committee.

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2021 were approved. Cllr Archer signed them as a correct record.

Matters Arising: None.

Urgent Items: None.

Planning Matters: 21/04437 FUL and 21/04438 LBC Aston Hall SY7 9ER - Councillors had seen letters from 3 parishioners. The councillors discussed the application and considered a neutral response with representations. Cllr Povey proposed supporting the application and Cllr Dobson seconded it. This was carried, with five in favour and one abstention, although representations will be made to Shropshire Council, including concerns about the positioning of the solar panels, felling of trees and yew hedge reduction, outside lighting, drainage and flooding issues, and sound mitigation.

Application for Leylandii Hedge in Munslow Conservation Area: The Chair and Clerk decided not to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss this matter.

Update on Beambridge Club Room: Cllr Dobson reported that a

new heating system and, possibly, new lights are being investigated which will reduce the running costs. The Wifi system is not yet functioning.

Reports: Cllr Motley reported that a Boundary Review timetable was being prepared. A meeting of Chairs and Clerks to discuss the boundaries will be held on 23rd November. The SC budget preparation is difficult due to the increasing cost of Children and Adult Social Care.

Cllr Dobson reported that West Mercia Police have instructed that Speed Watch in Munslow must cease due to the increased speed of traffic through the village.

Finance: The Accounting Statement was approved with £ £13,710.74 in the account as of 7th October 2021. The bank reconciliation was signed. The draft budget was considered and will be finalised at the next meeting. A letter to the Clerk regarding enrolment in the pension scheme was signed by Cllr Archer in accordance with Pension Regulations.

Highways: The VAS sign is being repaired after it was found to have faults in the alignment and radar carrier board. It should be returned by 5th November.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted two local contractors and will contact the one with the lower charge to carry out work on the ditch near The Swan and the car park.

Joint Parishes Speed and Noise Meeting on 25th October: Parishes from the length of the B4368 and two representatives from West Mercia Police attended the meeting. It was clear there were many joint issues and existing measures were discussed. It is planned to extend the present report to include the additional parishes before dissemination.

Correspondence: The Clerk will attend a Zoom meeting regarding the Local Policing Charter. Caring for God's Acre online AGM – Cllr Archer to consider attending.

Clerk's Delegated Powers: The Scheme was adopted by the Council.

Expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund: Deferred to the next meeting.

Items for the Next Meeting: Boundary Review, update on Joint Parishes Highway Meeting, Neighbourhood Fund, Queens Canopy, Budget adoption.

Dates of Next Meetings: Councillors resolved to hold meetings in December and not January. Accordingly, the next meetings are **Thursday 2nd December 2021 and Thursday 4th February 2022** at Beambridge Village Hall.

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ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21st October 2021 at Abdon Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs R Price, G Trim, P Hartley, M Whalley, C Yarwood; W Richards (clerk), seven members of public, and Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council).

Open Session: Concerns were expressed about the number of people who had attended the open meeting in September. Three enforcement notices had been served in relation to the shepherds' huts, silo and caravan park. Mr Trim said they could only discuss applications but the Chair said any matter could be discussed in open session. The matter was still under consideration by Shropshire

Council. There was a complaint about a lack of information from SC. A member of the public had objected to the development in 2020. Members of the public could attend parish council meetings and raise concerns in the open sessions on planning matters.

Concerns were expressed about the state of the roads and hedges which were inadequate for additional holidaymakers. The Clerk had written to landowners about hedges and Cllr Price asked for further letters to be sent.

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None.

Parish Councils Continued...

Apologies: None.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2021 were read by Chair and agreed as a correct record.

Finance: The balance as at 4 October 2021 was £5455.15. Payment of the Clerk's wages of £133.00 for July, August and September was agreed. A cheque had been made out for the website domain.

Planning Application: 21/04733/VAR (validated: 1 October 2021), Redstart Barn, Brookhampton, Shropshire, TF13 6LN. Proposal: Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 18/02847/FUL dated 14 August 2018. Applicant: Mr Dobson, Redstart Barn, Brookhampton. The Council's previous comments, made in 2018, were read by the Clerk. To date there are no public comments. Cllr Yarwood proposed support as the changes proposed were minimal. This was agreed unanimously. Cllr Hartley will check that the application notice is displayed. The Clerk asked Cllr Motley if she knew why she had not been notified of application 21/04492/FUL. Cllr Motley also had not been notified. It will be discussed at a future meeting. The Clerk will inform the case officer of the issue. Cllr Motley suggests Mr Groucott checks restrictions

with his agents regarding the types of application: affordable, agricultural etc as open market housing is not permitted within the Parish. Cllr Motley suggests there is a lack of clarity with the designation of the property and so the applicant should enquire with their agent. The Clerk will liaise with applicant at a site visit.

Highways: Cllr Price said water needs piping from the Upper House down to the Manor House. Cllr Motley suggested the Council ask for a visit from Andrew Keyland to view the Upper House and Osley Bank. There is a blockage at Brookhouse drain also and the Clerk will investigate this.

Correspondence: Road closures have been added to website. Details of grants/applications for trees for woods/lengths of hedges will be added to website.

AOB: Parish Boundary Review is progressing and starts on 3rd November 2022. The Clerk will share maps for discussion.

Items for consideration for the next meeting: Drainage and Parish Boundary review.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:40

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th January 2022 at Abdon Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's

Meeting held on Wednesday 27th October 2021 at Diddlebury Village Hall

Present: Cllr D Hedgley, Cllr T O'Boyle, Cllr G Neden, Cllr S Povall, Cllr A Watson, Cllr T Pardoe, Cllr A Rattu and Cllr R Morgan. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Povall.

In attendance: The Clerk

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd September 2021 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman. Two matters arising were dealt with.

Reports: *The Chairman* reported on issues he has dealt with recently which included further assisting with a planning application at Sutton Farm concerning restrictions placed on the permission. He attended a meeting about the resurfacing of DVH car park with Ms Ffion Horton of SC, Mr Brough of the school and Mike Woodhouse for the DVH committee. It transpired the quotation for the resurfacing works Ms Horton had obtained did not include the side of the car park fronting the new entrance to the Village Hall, and drainage issues also existed: she is now seeking a further quotation for the work and possible funding from a CIL fund administered in Craven Arms. He had interviewed a new EMO, Mr James Bent, and discussed necessary works with him. He had discussed with Cllrs. S & R Povall the two tree works applications and dealt with them via DPC's Standing Order 27 procedure.

Cllr Neden gave the FAG report: The final working party cleared the Diddle Brook on 28th October 2021; the FAG 's Flood Response Plan is being reviewed by the National Flood Forum on 3rd November 2021; SC's Planning Department have been chased for a response about the possible flood risks at the old poultry shed development in Corfton

Cllr Watson reported on Westhope Village Hall: The AGM was well-attended and all roles on the management committee were filled.

Cllr Rattu reported on Diddlebury Village Hall: Attendances at events are down on previous years but the Harvest Supper was well-attended. "Flicks in The Sticks" is on 18th November and the Christmas Fayre will be held on 27th November.

Cllr O'Boyle reported on a meeting arranged by Munslow PC on 25.10.21: Which he and Cllr Rattu attended representing DPC. Police officers, road safety representatives and councillors from parish councils in the Corvedale affected by speeding and noise on the B4368 also attended. It is hoped a concerted joint effort by all affected parties will result in measures being put in place to reduce speeding and motorbike noise levels on the B4368.

Planning: The Chairman advised on action taken in respect of 21/04828/TCA for the felling of two Leylandii trees at Delbury Farm House and 21/04813/TCA for the felling of seven Ash trees, suffering from Ash die-back, in Delbury Park. DPC had supported both applications. Cllr O'Boyle requested that the Chairman discusses what re-planting measures Mr Wrigley intended to make concerning the loss of so many mature trees in Diddlebury. He felt there should be an obligation on applicants to replace such trees.

Highways/Environmental Matters: The appointment of the new EMO was discussed and the works he has been asked to undertake were outlined. Problems with broken latches and a broken gate on FP20 were discussed and also the obscuring of road signs by vegetation. Action will be taken to deal with these issues.

Communications & Correspondence: Fifteen items of correspondence were discussed and dealt with. Mrs S Hackett was re-appointed as DPC's auditor.

Finance: The finance report was considered and cheques totalling £781.13 were authorised for payment after payment of which DPC's funds stand at £20,866.92.

Next meeting: Wednesday 24th November 2021 commencing 7.30pm in Diddlebury Village Hall

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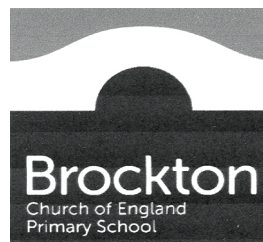
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Contact Numbers for Local Services



(Phone numbers are on the 01584 exchange unless otherwise noted)

	Contact	Phone	Email
<i>Local Services and Emergencies</i>			
Electricity Problems/Power Cuts	Western Power	0800 6783 105	
Water Supply Problems	Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444	
County Flood Management	Shropshire Council	0345 678 9006	flood@shropshire.gov.uk
Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group	Geoff Neden	841815	gneden@googlemail.com
Ludlow Minor Injuries Unit (out of hours 111)	Community Hospital	874297	
Shropdoc (out of hours service)	Doctors Co-operative	111	
Ludlow's Doctors' Surgeries	Station Drive Portcullis	872461 872939	
Craven Arms Medical Practice		01588 672309	
Police (non-emergency)	PC 2693 Grant	07773054602	stephen.grant@westmerci.pnn.police.uk
Voluntary Car Scheme (9.00am to 12 noon weekdays)	Craven Arms Good Neighbours	01588 673732	
<i>Clubs and Societies</i>			
Abdon Wildlife Group	Penny Unitt	01746 712530	artypenny2017@gmail.com
Blue Hills Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Artists	Juliet Hole Ann Hankinson	01299 832603 01584 841460	
Corvedale Book Group	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
Corvedale Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Community Environmental Group	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
Corvedale & District Autumn Show	John Woodhouse	07980 207253	
Corvedale Folk Club	Ian Fotheringham	841331	
Corvedale Garden Group	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group	Jenny Vine	841596	jvcedarwood@hotmail.co.uk
Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
Diddlebury Dancing Group	Sally Woodhouse	841265/ 07813 019010	sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday Badminton	Val Fotheringham	841331	
Westhope Clover Club	Kath Woodhouse	841254	

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	Contact	Phone	Email
<i>Parish Clerks and Websites</i>			
Abdon & Heath Parish Council Clerk	Wendy Richards	07813 271274	abdonandheathclerk1@outlook.com
Culmington Parish Council Clerk	Heather Coonick	07817 607355	culmingtonpc@googlemail.com
Diddlebury Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Jean de Rusett	01568 701880	diddleburypc@gmail.com
Munslow Parish Council Clerk	Heather Coonick	07817 607355	munslowpc@gmail.com
Diddlebury Parish Website:	www.diddleburyparish.co.uk		
Corvedale Google Group:	<p>This is a free service and issues purely local information such as road closures, flood warnings and so on to its members on an occasional basis. It also alerts members to new items appearing on the DPC website. If you would like to join this service, send an email to:</p> <p>Geoff Neden - gneden@googlemail.com</p>		

Village Hall/Club Room Bookings

Abdon Village Hall	Helen Audin	01746 712365	abdon.villagehall@gmail.com
Abdon Village Hall website:	www.abdonandheathparish.org		
Beambridge Club Room	Frances Sutton Anne Donnelly	841654	anne7donnelly@gmail.com
Culmington Village Hall	Jeff Williams	07561 838271	culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall	Sally Woodhouse	01584 841265	dvhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall website:	www.diddleburyvillagehall.org		
Diddlebury Church Room	Jan Kennedy	841372	
Westhope Village Hall	Betty Manley	07860 447397	mbm3049@icloud.com

Children's and Youth Organisations

Corvedale Brownies	Catherine Crowther	861276	
Corvedale School, Playgroup and Nursery	Jonathan Brough	841630	admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk

Women's Institutes

Diddlebury & Westhope WI	Jane Cockburn	841483	pmc1989@btinternet.com
Munslow WI	Jenny Rose	841251	gandjrose@mypostoffice.co.uk

If you represent a local Corvedale group and would like it to be considered for inclusion in this list, please contact the Editor.

The Corvedale Group of Parishes

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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2021

	December 5th Advent 2	December 12th Advent 3	December 19th Advent 4	December 24th Christmas Eve	December 25th Christmas Day	December 26th St Stephen
Abdon		9:45 HC			8am HC	10am Group Service of Holy Communion at Diddlebury
Broadstone			9:45 HC			
Culmington	11:15 HC				10am HC	
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 Carol Service for the parishes of Diddlebury and Culmington	3pm Crib & Christingle Service 11:30pm Midnight Communion	11:30 FS	
Holdgate	8:30 HC			9pm HC for Christmas		
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC	3pm Carol Service for the parishes of Holdgate and Munslow		10:15 HC	
Tugford			6pm Carol Service for the parishes of Abdon and Tugford		9am HC	

Wednesdays at 7:30pm - Compline and Address - December 1st at Tugford, 8th at Culmington, 15th at Munslow, 22nd at Holdgate
 Sunday December 12th at 3pm – Carol Service at Westhope

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2022

	January 2nd Christmas 2	January 9th Baptism of Christ	January 16th Epiphany 2	January 23rd Epiphany 3	January 30th The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Abdon		9:45 HC		6pm EP	10am Group Service of Holy Communion at Munslow
Broadstone			8:30 HC		
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm EP	8:30 HC	
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	
Holdgate	8:30 HC				
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC	
Tugford			9:45 HC		

Thursday January 6th – Holy Communion for the Epiphany – 7:30pm at Tugford

Key: HC = Holy Communion, EP = Evensong, FS = Family Service.

If the Coronavirus situation locally changes, we may have to amend or cancel these services. We currently still have to keep a record of attendance for track-and-trace purposes.