

# CORVEDALE NEWS

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*Tony Bennett*

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- on the telephone

### Telephone Advice:

#### *Adviceline Shropshire:*

0808 278 7894

Telephone advice is available  
Monday to Friday 10:00 to 16:00

#### *Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline:*

0808 223 1133

Consumer helpline is available  
Monday to Friday 9:00 to 17:00

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01588 672 192

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- Your local **parish councillors**
  - [ShropshireLarder.org.uk](http://ShropshireLarder.org.uk)
- **Shropshire Council** on 0345 6478 9028 or at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- **Corvedale Helping Hands** - email [corvedalehelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:corvedalehelpinghands@gmail.com)

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### Church of England

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Munslow  
SY7 9EU  
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[revjbeesley@gmail.com](mailto:revjbeesley@gmail.com)

### Catholic Church

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Henley Road, Ludlow  
SY8 1QZ  
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### Methodist Chapel

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[circuitoffice2803@gmail.com](mailto:circuitoffice2803@gmail.com)

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*Our Domestics*

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*What's on in the Dale*

**Choral Concert Stanton Long Church**

**The Blue Hills Choir**

presents

one hour programme of classical choral pieces

**Saturday 18th June at 7:00pm**

Tickets: £10 per head  
to include a glass of Pimms or wine (or non-alcoholic drink)  
and strawberries, served after the concert.  
Children under 16 free

All monies raised in aid of Stanton Long Church

Tickets available on the door or from Gordon Grant

*gordon\_grant1951@hotmail.com*

01746 712 667 or 07817 023 742

or Rona Markland

*rjmbrookfarm@hotmail.co.uk*

or 01746 712 233 or 07903 494 079

**Corvedale Folk Club**

**at The Sun Inn, Corfton**

**on Friday 20th May**

**at 7.30pm**

and on the 3rd Friday of each  
month thereafter

**Free entry! Everyone welcome!**

For further information contact  
Ian on 01584 841 331



**CORVEDALE TOTS**  
For Bumps, Babies, Toddlers & Parents!

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10AM - 12PM  
(TERM TIME ONLY)

BABY AREA, TODDLER AREA, BALL PIT, PLANNED ACTIVITY  
AND SELECTION OF RIDE ON TOYS.  
HOT DRINK AND CAKE INCLUDED.



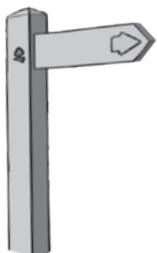
**£2 PER FAMILY**



WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL,  
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CRAVEN ARMS,  
SY7 9JL



**ST. LAURENCE  
FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
9th to 15th of July 2022



**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:

May	Wednesday 25th	Friday 27th	Sunday 29th
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*What's on in the Dale*

## Diddlebury Fun Dog Show

(Part of Diddlebury Church Fete)

**Saturday 11th June @ 2.30pm**

Diddlebury Village Hall & School Field

### Classes (£1):

Best Six Legs

Loveliest Lady

Most Handsome Fella

Sausage Race

Best Young Handler

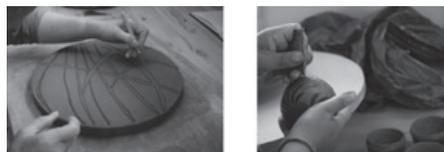
Best Trick

Dog Judge would most like to take home

Golden Oldie 9+ years

Waggiest Tail

## PLAY WITH CLAY



Let your imagination and creative inhibitions run wild!

Established ceramic artist/sculptor offering informal fun and friendly classes, in hand-building with clay to realise your creative ideas.

Plenty of one to one tuition

Be creative whilst coming together with like-minded local people for a chat & a brew, use your imagination to create your own designs and ideas in clay!

Make a gift for a special occasion, for your home, your garden, or a present

**7pm - 9pm, annually, term time only**

### 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](mailto:info@halimacassell.com)

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

## New Hope Gardens Daylilies

### The End of an Era for Daylily Missionary

After more than four decades of growing, selling and promoting his beloved daylilies in America and in Shropshire, Mark Zenick will be ending his missionary career in spreading the Daylily Gospel at the close of the 2022 season.

Having met and befriended a wealth of fellow gardeners over his 14 years as a Yank nurseryman in Shropshire, Mark remains hopeful that a younger daylily enthusiast will come forward to assume his mantle by offering his collection of more than 240 hybrid daylily varieties to passionate gardeners in the UK.

To celebrate his tenure as Daylily Missionary, Mark will be hosting at his Colebatch, Shropshire nursery an End of Era Sale on his potted daylilies and on daylily clumps in his nursery beds.

2022 Open Weekends will be Saturdays and Sundays, 12 noon to 5pm  
July 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 and 30/31

There will be a Farewell Concert at the nursery on July 31st from 3-5pm

Visits outside of the Open Weekends can be made by appointment  
01588 630 750 or [markzenick@aol.com](mailto:markzenick@aol.com)

Garden clubs are warmly invited to schedule no cost visits outside of the Open Weekends.



**IN UNISON WITH UKRAINE**

A concert in aid of the Ukrainian people

**St. Laurence's Church, Ludlow**  
**Saturday, 14th May**  
**7.30 pm**

A host of International musicians, composers and performers join forces to give their support for Ukraine. **Please join us.**

Donations on the door.  
All proceeds to DEC Ukrainian humanitarian appeal.

*What's on in the Dale*

*Join Munslow to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee*



Celebrate with Munslow in Millichope Park  
**JUBILEE PICNIC LUNCH IN THE PARK**  
 Sunday 5th June from 12 till 4 pm

Watch out for details about a Dog Show, Fancy dress competition, a Tug of War, an Exhibition celebrating the Queen's seven decades and lots more.

More details in the June issue of Corvedale News. Next planning meeting at Beambridge Clubroom on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30 pm

**DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL SPONSOR**



**Queen's Platinum JUBILEE CELEBRATION at**



**DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL,  
 CORVEDALE CoE SCHOOL  
 & ST PETER'S CHURCH**

**On SATURDAY 4th JUNE 12pm – 7pm**

**Competitions**

- Children's Art Competition - royal related theme - paint a royal family member, a royal castle, corgis etc.
- Diddlebury Parish Bake-off competition - test your baking skills, bring along a cake and have it judged
- Tug of War (Diddlebury vs. Westhope)

**Entertainment**

- Live stream of national festivities on the large screen
- Music
- Optional fancy dress - come as a Royal

**Food & Drink**

- Bring a plate to share
- Ice creams provided
- A "light bites" spread will be available
- Stocked bar available at the hall

If you would like to volunteer with planning activities, decoration or if you can help out on the day please contact any member of the organising committee:

Amie Watson - 07486 414742  
 Anil Rattu - 07505 056607  
 Rev'd John Beesley - 01584 841488  
 Jonathan Brough - 01584 841030

Arts@StLaurence 2022

**Gala Organ Concert to Celebrate**



Thomas Trotter Organist

with

The Academy of St Laurence

*Present a programme of Royal music*

Saturday 4 June 4.00 pm

Tickets: £16 (under 16s free) from [www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk](http://www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk)



The Space at St Laurence, Ludlow



**PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

Sunday 5th June from 12pm until 4pm



**Fancy Dress Competition**

Fashion from 1950's to 2020's

Choose your favourite decade and join in the fun!

A prize awarded for the most stylish costumes to an under 16 and an over 16.



A prize for each category

*What's on in the Dale***HEATH CHAPEL IMPORTANT NOTICE****PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION - SATURDAY 4TH JUNE**

Community Event. Everyone will be welcome. Marquee • Entertainment • Free BBQ, Coffee & Tea  
*Bring a Share Plate, your own drinks and a chair!! Time TBC*

**Corvedale & District Autumn Show**

The complete schedule for this year's show is now available to download at:

<http://www.diddleburyparish.co.uk/corvedale-and-district-autumn-show>

You will find us under the Community' tab in the banner at the top of the Parish Council's home page.

It is hoped that, Covid-19 infection rates permitting, it will be possible for the Corvedale & District Autumn Show to return on:

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
2022**

**Munslow Annual Parish Meeting  
7.30pm - Thursday 5th May 2022  
at Beambridge Village Hall**

*Everyone Welcome***An opportunity for you to:**

- Hear about the Parish Council's work to reduce the speed of vehicles through the Parish and "20's Plenty For Us"
- Discuss changes to the Parish Boundaries
- Hear about plans for a new defibrillator in the Parish
- Raise any issues of concern with Parish Councillors

The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by the Munslow Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The agendas for both meetings will be placed on notice boards, Parish Council website and Facebook page by 28th April 2022.

For more information contact the Clerk on [munslowpc@gmail.com](mailto:munslowpc@gmail.com) or 07817 607 355.

**Culmington Annual Parish Meeting  
7.00pm - Tuesday 3rd May 2022  
at Culmington Village Hall**

*Everyone Welcome*

An opportunity for you to raise issues with your Parish Councillors

*and*

The Government's Boundary Commission is carrying out a review of parish boundaries. Have the opportunity to discuss Culmington's boundaries with its neighbours and consider possible changes.

Followed by Culmington Annual Parish Council Meeting

The agendas for both meetings will be available on the Parish Council Website [culmington.org](http://culmington.org) and notice boards from the 26th April.

For more information contact the Clerk on [culmingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:culmingtonpc@gmail.com) or 07817 607 355

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

Please note that the deadline for all submissions to the Corvedale News is Monday 16th May.

**May 2022**

Every Mon	<b>Corvedale Choir</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Culmington Village Hall	10.00am-11.30am
Every Mon	<b>Bridge Club</b>	Culmington Village Hall	Afternoons
Every Mon	<b>Westhope Whist Drive</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Tues	<b>Blue Hills Choir</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	10.00am
Every Tues	<b>Corvedale Artists</b>	Beambridge Club Room	10.00am
Every Tues	<b>Chair Yoga</b>	Culmington Village Hall	
3rd Tue	<b>Culmington Annual Parish Meeting</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7.00pm
5th Thu	<b>Westhope Clover Club</b>	Westhope Village Hall	2.30pm
5th Thu	<b>Munslow Annual Parish Meeting</b>	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
7th Sat	<b>Munslow WI Coffee Morning</b>	Heath House	10.30am
7th Sat	<b>Curry and Comedy Night</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7.00pm
9th Mon	<b>RSPB Walk</b>	The Wrekin	TBC
11th Wed	<i>Flicks in the Sticks - Belfast</i>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
11th Wed	<i>Diddlebury WI Talk - Life behind the Movies</i>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
11th Wed	<b>Munslow WI</b>	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
12th Thu	<b>Hayton &amp; District WI</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
12th Thu	<b>Corvedale Book Group</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Sat	<b>Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning</b>	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
14th Sat	<b>In Unison with Ukraine Concert</b>	St. Laurence's Church, Ludlow	7.30pm
15th Sun	<b>Plant Sale</b>	St Milburga's Church, Stoke St Milborough	TBC
18th Wed	<b>CPR Training Session</b>	Abdon Village Hall	7.00pm
19th Thu	<b>Culmington Lunch Club</b>	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
20th Fri	<b>Corvedale Folk Club</b>	The Sun Inn, Corfton	7.30pm
25th Wed	<b>Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBC	9.30am
27th Fri	<b>Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBC	9.30am
27th Fri	<b>Westhope Bingo Night</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7.00pm
27th Fri	<b>Culmington Village Hall Social Night</b>	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
28th Sat	<b>Coffee and Cake Morning</b>	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
28th Sat	<b>Beaded lampshade workshop</b>	Culmington Village Hall	10.00am-12.30pm
28th Sat	<b>Sam Oldham Talk</b>	St Peter's Church, Diddlebury	7.30pm
29th Sun	<b>Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBC	9.30am
29th Sun	<b>RSPB Walk</b>	Wyre Forest	TBC

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## Westhope Village Hall



With lockdown rules being less restrictive we have been able to organise more events, in the hope of raising much needed funds for our ongoing repairs and improvements.

Our **Cash Bingo** on the last Friday of the month is very well attended, the more people we have the greater the cash prizes. The next bingo is **Friday 27th May**. Doors open at 7.00pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Licensed bar. Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

The change to weekly Monday whist drives is going very well and attracting more players every week. 7.30pm start.

The pop-up cafe in the village hall is open from 1.00pm-4.00pm on the days Flounder Folly is open to the public, for tea, coffee, soft drinks, homemade cakes and scones with jam and cream.

The highlight of our calendar is the restoration of the roof, fundraising event - **Curry and Comedy** with a promises auction on **Saturday 7th May**, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £10. There will be an alternative dish for the non-curry eaters also a vegetarian dish. Licensed Bar.

Booking for this event is essential. Book a table, bring your friends to what promises to be a very entertaining evening. There will be a cash draw, and some excellent promises in the auction so far: Fortnum and Mason four vintage wines in wicker wine basket; a spa day for two with treatments; an evening meal for six at a committee member's home; a meal for two at Downton Lodge; afternoon tea for two at Downton Lodge; pickup full of logs; 2x Ludlow Race day tickets for two; half day experienced tree surgeon; a journey within 25 miles of Westhope; four yoga sessions; vehicle valet, external car wash internal hoover and polish; alpaca walking experience for two; carp fishing 24 hours for two people; afternoon tea for two at Hillside Coppice; a full days painting and decorating x2; half day gardening; half day carpentry/general building work x2; full head colour or highlights trim and blow dry; day course at Westhope College; four tickets for Monkey Mania; £25 voucher for Walcot stables; a feature craft; Beefy Boys voucher.

*Betty Manley*

All enquiries contact Betty on 07860 447 397 or Amie on 07486 414 742.  
Our village hall is available to hire with a licensed bar and catering if required.



### 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

The next bingo night is **Friday 27th May**. 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 now held weekly on a Monday night, all welcome. Start time 7:30pm.



### WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

The first Thursday of the month. All enquiries to Kath Woodhouse 01584 841 254.



### WESTHOPE'S ROOF APPEAL

Curry, Comedy and Promise Auction **Saturday 7th May** 7.00pm till late. Licensed Bar.

## Westhope Clover Club



Kath welcomed 16 members to the April meeting. Unfortunately, due to Covid our musical afternoon and sing along had to be postponed, but we rallied round with a couple of quizzes, some poems, and a delicious tea party.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 5th May, 2.30pm** at Westhope Village Hall, when Mr Barrie Archer will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Underwater - A World Apart'. Come along and enjoy it.

*Kath Woodhouse*

*Diddlebury Village Hall*

[www.diddleburyvillagehall.org](http://www.diddleburyvillagehall.org)

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**



**BELFAST** 7.45 pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
Diddlebury Village Hall  
Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan  
Caitriona Balfe  
Bar opens 7.15 pm  
Tickets £5



**DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL**



will be hosting their  
**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party**  
to be held at the Hall and the School field on  
**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**  
**12 noon - 4.00pm**  
See separate News advertisement for details



**SAINT PETER'S CHURCH, DIDDLEBURY**

**Return of the Church Fête and Dog Show!**  
To be held at the Hall and School field on  
**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**  
More details to follow



*Diddlebury*  
**OPEN GARDENS**

Sunday 26 June 2022  
1.00pm to 5.00pm  
12 beautiful gardens for you to enjoy.  
Afternoon tea, cake and raffle.  
More details to follow soon.  
All proceeds to Diddlebury Village Hall  
Registered Charity No: 511522

**Save the date!**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Talk at the Hall by Geoff Neden:  
**LIFE IN SAUDI ARABIA**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
**CORVEDALE AND DISTRICT  
AUTUMN SHOW**

**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](mailto:07903_014498/enidgill21@hotmail.com).

**Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates**

Classes: Fridays, 9.15-10.15am. Please contact Beverley on: [07967 814412/ beverleychumber@sky.com](mailto:07967_814412/beverleychumber@sky.com).

**Book Group**

Second Thursday of each month, 7.30pm. Please contact Cath Burley on: [cathburley@hotmail.com](mailto:cathburley@hotmail.com).

**Corvedale Choir**

Mondays, 7.30pm

**Blue Hills Choir**

Tuesdays, 10.00am

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.

## Abdon Village Hall

- S UFO (Un Finished Objects) Craft Morning** **Saturday 14th May** **10.30am - 12.30pm**  
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.
- T CPR Training Session** **Wednesday 18th May** **7pm - 8pm**  
The session will cover what to do following a cardiac arrest, and how to use the defibrillator located at the village hall. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be provided. Places are limited, so if you would like to attend, please email: [abdon.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:abdon.villagehall@gmail.com)
- N Coffee & Cake Morning** **Saturday 28th May** **10.30am - 12.30pm**  
Come and join us, everyone welcome!
- E The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party** **Thursday 2nd June** **2.00pm to 6.00pm**  
BBQ, entertainment, raffle, bring your own booze. Jubilee hat parade with a prize for the best hat!  
If you would like to dress up there are two themes: 1950s and Royal Ascot.
- V Abdon Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting** **Monday 6th June** **7.30pm**  
All Abdon residents are welcome to attend. Would you like to become a Trustee of Abdon Village Hall?  
We are looking for new members. For more information email [abdon.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:abdon.villagehall@gmail.com)

### Abdon Village Hall Bookings

Contact Helen Audin: 01746 712 365 or [abdon.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:abdon.villagehall@gmail.com)

Or visit our website for the booking form and details: [www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk](http://www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk)

### Abdon Village Hall takes part in the Queen's Green Canopy Campaign

An oak tree has been planted in the garden of Abdon Village Hall to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year. The planting was organised by Abdon Village Hall Committee, and the ceremony took place on Saturday 26th March 2022 at the coffee and cake morning. A plaque next to the oak tree will be unveiled at the Abdon Platinum Jubilee Party on Thursday 2nd June. The event was part of the Queen's Green Canopy campaign, which is a national project to promote the importance of trees for the environment, and to ensure that as many trees as possible are planted as a legacy. The location of the tree will be added to the map on the Queen's Green Canopy website. Pictured are Margaret Buckingham (Chair) and Helen Audin (Secretary) planting the oak tree.



## Culmington Village Hall Activities & Events - May

- Every Mon **Coffee Morning, 10:00am - 1:30pm.**
- Every Mon **Bridge Club, afternoon.**  
Contact: Peter Whitehead, [pst.whitehead@gmail.com](mailto:pst.whitehead@gmail.com)
- Every Tues **Chair Yoga For All Abilities**  
Contact: Liz Curtis, 07734 358 001 or [lizcurtisyoga@gmail.com](mailto:lizcurtisyoga@gmail.com)
- Wed 11th **WI - 'Life behind the movies' by Judi Brown, 7:30pm**  
Visitors welcome. Contact Jane Cockburn 01584 841 483
- Thurs 19th **Lunch Club, 12:30pm for 1:00pm lunch**  
Please book with Gwyn on 01584 861 666
- Fri 27th **Village Hall Social Evening**  
Come along for a chat and drink with friends and meet new people.
- Sat 28th **Can-Do-Crafts – Beaded lampshade workshop, 10:00am - 12:30pm.**  
Contact Rosemary Jones on 01584 861 823 or 07837 609229

## RSPB Walks 2022

- |                 |               |                    |                    |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Monday 9th May  | - The Wrekin  | Wednesday 8th June | - Wenlock Edge     |
| Sunday 29th May | - Wyre Forest | Saturday 9th July  | - Catherton Common |

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



*Church News*



*Poetry Corner* A poem for May.

**Letter from the Rectory**

At the end of this month, we will mark Ascension Day on Thursday 26th May. There will be a service of Holy Communion at Broadstone Chapel at 7:30pm. This is one of relatively few evening services at Broadstone and a good chance to come if you haven't been to a service there before and don't fancy getting up in time for the usual 8:30am Communion service on the third Sunday of the month! The chapel is a Chapel of Ease, there to make it easier for people to go to church without having to face the long walk to the parish church at Munslow. We know relatively little about its history – we know it was there in 1589 and that for much of the 18th century it was used mainly for agricultural purposes, before being restored to its current form in 1844. Approached across a field it can be a really lovely spot on a summer evening, so we hope for fine weather. Do come and join us for what is always a very special service.

As we enjoy the beauty that surrounds us here it can be difficult to comprehend the scale of the events we see reported from Ukraine and we wonder how people can inflict suffering and destruction on others in this way. The diocese of Hereford has partnered with Citizens UK to help make links between people who might be willing to host refugees and the refugees themselves. If you would like to be involved as a host, please let me know and I can send you details of the scheme.

We hope to have a more 'normal' summer in which it's possible to have a variety of events. By the time you read this the Diddlebury Plant Sale will have happened and we'll be turning our thoughts to Saturday 28th May when Sam Oldham, an Olympic Gymnast, is coming to talk about his experiences. The talk will be given in Diddlebury Church and will help us raise funds for the group of churches. We look forward, too, to various events to mark the Jubilee and to summer fêtes later in the year.

*Rev'd John Beesley*

**The Platinum Bucket** by Mary Hall

Today we are all celebrating  
 At the Swan Inn, in the Dale  
 It's seventy years since our Queen was crowned  
 And that was a magical tale!

The Royal Yacht has taken her  
 To countries far and wide  
 The Commonwealth has loved her  
 She is their joy and pride

She's worked hard and looked after us  
 Her husband and children as well  
 And that is not an easy job  
 As all mothers will tell

Now look at us, at the Clover Club  
 We are getting on a bit  
 With hearing aids and zimmer frames  
 And even a white stick

We're lucky to be here today  
 Let's sing with heart and soul and rocket  
 And let's enjoy life while we can  
 Before we kick the bucket!

*From the Registers*



**Funerals**

7th April	Garry Beazley	Diddlebury
11th April	Joan Morris	Diddlebury

*Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury*



**May 2022**

1st	Mrs Speight	8th	Mrs Speight
15th	Mrs Francis	22th	Mrs Francis

***Rainbow to the Future Flower Festival***

After all the challenges of the last two years with Covid, St Laurence's flower team are well under way with their plans to celebrate all the amazingly good things that came to life in 2020 and 2021. This event will showcase how Ludlow and its surrounding areas rallied round to ensure that the area took care of itself, from the start of the pandemic to today.

The flower team started fundraising for the festival with cake and Christmas crafts at Ludlow's Medieval Bazaar, and are grateful to add sponsorship from Florabunda, Twigs, Borage & Bloom and the Ludlow War Memorial Group who are taking part in the displays, as well as Churches in the Ludlow area. Our especial thanks go to McConnells for being our main sponsors.

We hope that the Flower Festival will be well visited by locals and tourists and that it brings a buzz to the town with some amazing floral displays, a community art exhibition and musical events every lunchtime.

We would be grateful to anyone who would like to take part in the festival, whether it is with the setting up of the display on 6th to 8th of July or helping to keep all the displays watered while the event runs. If you'd like to get involved in any way, please contact Sue Thornley 01584 872292.

The festival will be held at St Laurence's from 9th to 15th July 2022. Entry is free.



*Sue Thornley*

## *St Milburga's Bell Festival, Stoke St Milborough, 11th - 15th June*



Red, white and blue flowers are seeded and growing in the 'Big Bell', just inside the lychgate of St Milburga's Church. With a bit of luck, they will flower in time for the **Church Plant**

**Sale** on **15th May**, the Jubilee weekend and the **Bell Festival**, from the **11th - 15th of June 2022**. It certainly will be a summer of merriment! To celebrate our brand-new ring of eight bells, the festival programme includes something for everyone.

On **Saturday 11th June** at **7.00pm** there is an early **Evening Concert** by Harmonia Sacra, a highly acclaimed

choir from Bristol who perform mainly late Renaissance and Baroque works.

On **Sunday 12th June** at **6.30pm** our annual **Songs of Praise and Organ Recital** is given by the current Hereford Cathedral Scholar.

**Monday 13th June** at **7.30pm** sees **Burghill And Tillington Hand Bell Ringers** delighting us with a concert.

**Tuesday 14th June** at **7.30pm** Paul Herrington's '**Keys to Please**', will inspire, with a concert of eclectic keyboard virtuosity.

Our closing festival service celebrating the new bells, with the Bishop of Hereford is at **6.30pm** on the **15th of June**.

All events are free but donations towards expenses will be most welcome.

*Sue Cornah*

## *The Corvedale Kitchen*

### **Kentish Cake**

Another new contributor this month.

#### **Ingredients**

175g/6oz sugar

175g/6oz butter

175g/6oz self-raising flour

40g/1.5oz desiccated coconut

40g/1.5oz ground almonds

75g/3oz grated dark chocolate

3 eggs

Pinch salt

#### **Method**

1. Cream the sugar and butter.
2. Stir in the coconut, chocolate and ground almonds.
3. Add the flour and eggs alternately and give everything a good mix.
4. Pour into a 7"/20cm tin and bake at 160°C for approximately 40-45 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean.

Optional: before the cake cools completely, cover the top with 80g of melted chocolate and scatter with flaked almonds.

*Jan Kennedy*



## *Cost of Living Help*

Increases in the cost of food, fuel and utilities is affecting many households in Shropshire and we know that it is a worrying time for everyone.

To help, we have brought together a number of useful links, tips and pointers on where and how people can find help across the county:

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/)

This will help people see the range of services we and our partner organisations have on offer. This includes a benefits calculator so that people can check whether they're getting the benefits they're entitled to, advice about energy bills and reducing energy costs from the Marches Energy Agency, as well as information about how to manage debt from Citizens Advice.



We also recently announced that every household in council tax bands A to D will receive £150 rebate towards rising energy costs, to be paid from April 2022.

To find out more about this, please have a look on our website Energy bills rebate and newsroom Direct debit energy rebate.

We hope that you find our webpage helpful, and we will of course continue to add to this as more help becomes available.

*Gwilym Butler - Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Resources*

## Funding for farmers and landowners in the Shropshire Hills AONB



Launched last summer, the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme has so far awarded £176,529 to 14 projects in the Shropshire Hills AONB. The grants support one-off farming projects which deliver benefits to nature, climate, people, and place.

The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership is providing support and administering the programme locally. As we approach the second year of this 3-year funding programme, we are encouraging farmers and landowners in the Shropshire Hills to take a fresh look at the land they own or manage.

Are there areas that are difficult or expensive to farm? Could these spaces be better managed for wildlife? Are there areas suitable for 'slow the flow' measures which help with natural flood management? Could repairs help to conserve an historic site or monument, or are there opportunities to interpret a site of interest and/or encourage appropriate public access?

We would love to see this funding used to deliver large nature, climate, or access projects across several farms,

and we are encouraging farmers and landowners to think beyond their boundaries. Example projects might be work to restore an area of upland peatland and manage it extensively with cattle, or habitat creation and management for a specific threatened species.

Looking at your land in a different way can be a daunting task. A good starting point is to make sure you know what you already have in terms of good and potential wildlife habitat, historic monuments, or what public rights of way or watercourses cross your land. We can help with this, or you can access the information yourself on MAGIC maps, an online mapping tool, which highlights priority habitats, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), historic monuments etc

There is also lots of information about the funding programme on our website, including summaries of the projects which have been supported to date, see: [www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/help-to-look-after/farming-in-protected-landscapes](http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/help-to-look-after/farming-in-protected-landscapes)



## Footpath Maintenance Group

Despite difficulties in getting stock for repairing the footpaths, and difficulties related to the pandemic, in 2021 across the county the various P3 footpath groups amassed over 8000 volunteer hours. Here, in the Corvedale, our local group completed 373 of them!

After a break during December, we started off the year in January adding two stiles to the footpath that runs between Broncroft Lodge Farm and Bouldon, in the field just south of the lane where new fencing had been added circling the field. As you see from the photo, the new stile is set back from the lane. We trimmed the hedge on the other side to make room for a new fingerpost to waymark the continuing



path. We continue to repair the stiles between Heath and Upper Norncote and have added another couple of new steps.

In February, we made a start on repairing the stiles

on the footpath from Munslow to Broncroft Lodge farm, but due to the heavy rain we have had, the water table is too high to dig deep holes in many low-lying fields and we have had to abandon that for the time being. However, we managed to make a start on the dilapidated stile in the corner of the field at Milford Top and replaced the stile frame. In March, we completed the stile and added a flight of steps up the steep bank from the lane. Only minutes after

the chaps had cleared the tools away, a group of lady walkers came along the lane and happily posed for a photo.

We are incredibly lucky to have such a large network of footpaths in our local area and I feel privileged to be able to live in and enjoy our lovely countryside. You may have noticed that some of our newest stiles have been made 'dog friendly,' however, we can only do this if we have the consent of the landowner. Beautiful as our countryside is, our farmers look after it and must make a living from it, so we should be grateful and respect this aspect by closing gates where necessary and keeping dogs on a lead, most importantly, when there is stock in the fields. At the end of February there was a most regrettable incident near Munslow when a dog running free, in the company of its owner, mauled five lambs and a ewe. Sadly, the animals did not survive. The farmer tells me that he has lost 14 animals this way in the last five-year period. The dog is an animal too, and, clearly, is often predatory, so we do have a responsibility to keep them under control.

This isn't much to ask given the bounty that we share, so enjoy your walking in 2022!

Jenny Vine



*Diddlebury & Westhope WI***A great time had by all!**

Our meeting this month was all about willow. John Hart gave a lovely talk and demonstration about willow and basket making. He also very kindly brought along some willow so we could all make our own little pan trivets. It was lovely creating something that looked so attractive, just from a few bits of willow. There was a bit of clearing up to do with all the off cuts, but well worth it, as it seemed everyone really enjoyed the evening. It was great to see so many of the new faces from our taster session last month come again.

Next month we will be meeting on **Wednesday 11th May** at **7.30pm**. We will welcome Judi Bunn to talk about

'*Life behind the Movies*'. Please come along and join us, we're getting quite a following now, which is great, but the more the merrier! Our competition next month will be: An item beginning with T. This month's competition winner was Joy Williams, 2nd Mary Hall, 3rd Gwyneth Lewis.

As I've said many times before, there is no commitment to joining the WI, just come along as a guest and give it a try. If you need any further information, just get in touch with me.

Jane Cockburn, 01584 841 483,  
pmc1989@btinternet.com

*Munslow WI*

There were not many ladies present at our recent meeting but enough to enjoy a Bring and Share supper whilst decorating Easter eggs that Barbara had supplied. The silence was deafening if you can believe that of a WI meeting! The finished eggs were displayed on an Easter tree.

We were reminded about the coffee morning to be held at Lorraine's home Heath House, Munslow on **Saturday**

**7th May at 10.30am** in aid of our Local Refuge.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm** will include a talk about the conservation of Whitcliffe Common, Ludlow.

For more information call me on 01584 841 251.

Jenny Rose

*Hayton & District WI*

Phyllis welcomed us all to a pleasantly warm evening in the village hall. There were a number of notices following the usual business of reports and 'matters arising'; Amanda directed us to the array of information on the new notice board where we could peruse details of forthcoming events and sign up for future activities including a 'pudding tasting' at the next Saturday market on May 28th with profits going to the Ukraine appeal; bowling at The Hickory Stick on April 27th and Resolution discussion and delegate briefing on 28th April.

Phyllis then welcomed our entertainment for the evening when Tina Hobbin took to the floor (musical accompaniment by Lynn). We were entranced by a slight, dark-haired lady in a sequined golden sheath mesmerizingly gliding around the floor; after several minutes, the dancing stopped, and Tina introduced herself and began to tell us of her fascinating life as a belly dancer. This started at the age of two when she discovered her passion for dance and her

first performance at the age of three. After practicing a variety of dance techniques she developed a passion for belly dancing. There followed a series of radio and TV appearances, a book on the History of Dance and a close association with the gynecological units of hospitals. Tina explained that her main interest in belly dancing was to promote health and fitness and the important part this exercise could play in pregnancy, labour, and back and digestive disorders. Tina then took us through our paces by firstly encouraging us to stand and practice some posture and breathing exercises before attempting a few basic steps which caused considerable merriment and red faces.

The next meeting is on **12th May** when Tanis and Martin Jordan will give a talk on the work of the Hedgehog Rescue and the competition, letter 'S'. For more information, please ring Phyllis on 01584 823 436. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Barbara Wright

**PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED****Get featured on the front cover of the Corvedale News.**

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](mailto:photos@corvedalenews.co.uk)

## *Culmington Jubilee Gardens and Sunflower Challenge*

After a dismal couple of years, we can look forward to an extra holiday in June to celebrate Her Majesty's remarkable 70 years on the throne. The Village Hall will be holding events on **Friday 3rd June** and **Sunday 5th June** when we can all get together as a community and enjoy ourselves. Nationally, the Jubilee has a green theme with us all being urged to plant a commemorative tree. The Parish Council has responded to the call and space has been earmarked in the churchyard.

As individuals we mostly don't have space for a mighty oak, but would you consider a small fruit tree or pretty acer or camellia in a pot? There is no doubt that getting out in the garden on a nice day lifts the mood and there is a huge amount of satisfaction gained from seeing the garden in bloom over the summer. How about concentrating on our front gardens this year and putting on a really dazzling

display? And if you don't have a front garden try hanging baskets, pots or troughs on your wall or gate? Let's really brighten up our pretty village for this special year. Then photograph the results of your gardening efforts and these can be displayed at the **Culmington Flower and Produce Show** on **Sunday 21st August**.

The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine and this year there will be a new class at the Flower Show - 'Grow The Tallest Sunflower'. It will be open to all ages. Seeds should be planted from now to mid-May. They can take 11 to 18 weeks to flower from seed. With that in mind, it is a good idea to plant a few seeds every couple of weeks, so you will have a few to go at. Measuring day will be announced later. Left until autumn your sunflower seeds are a tasty treat for birds.

## *Thank you from the Corvedale Festival*

Diddlebury Village Hall was the venue for the highly successful launch event for the inaugural Corvedale Festival. Both the Jarualda Quartet and the festival committee were delighted with the support they received from an enthusiastic and attentive audience, and we would like to extend our thanks to all who attended. We would also like to thank all the people who worked so hard to make it happen - the ticket sellers, the advertisers (including the Corvedale News!) furniture movers, sandwich makers, flower arrangers, raffle donors, stewards, front-of-house, and washer-uppers! No event of this sort can happen without all those people, so thank you! Special thanks also to the Jarualda Quartet who generously donated their services free of charge to support the festival.

The festival will be happening, here in the Corvedale, from **16th - 24th of September**. Tickets are available now, including the bargain Festival Pass. Priced at just £85, these give admission to all festival events. These are already

selling well with about a fifth of the fifty available sold, so make sure to get in touch if you want to be sure of yours! Full details of the festival, how to buy tickets and passes, and ways you can support us, are on the website, [www.corvedalefestival.org](http://www.corvedalefestival.org)

*Ruth Henley for the Corvedale Festival Committee*



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*The Corvedale News Team*

## Corvedale Past and Present



### Field and other names that you might know

I have rather changed what I was going to write about this month, as I was greatly inspired by a talk given by Doctor Jayne Carroll from the English Place Name Society at Nottingham University, on the Field Names of Shropshire. Thanks also to David for suggesting this topic.

If you think this is a rather dusty, moth-eaten old subject, think again! It's certainly alive and dynamically producing lots of new research, giving the very origins of our English local heritage a fresh coat of paint.

The reason I say this is that a large proportion of the names that we are likely to encounter comes from the old English language, that is, the tongue the Angles, Jutes, Saxons and others brought from the continent when they arrived after the Roman occupation of Britain finally failed. Three to four hundred years afterwards, England (as it was then becoming known) underwent a massive change. The first settlements of the 'folk' (their word), were rather ephemeral and transitory and shifted and morphed. Later on, in the 800s AD particularly, permanent settlements, which became the precursors of our modern villages, started to form. At the same time some of the field names were created and these have been passed down to us. Of course, not all of the names are from this far-off time, but a goodly number have such ancient origins and studying our field and other names is a direct link back to more than a millennium ago.

It's likely that permanent colonisation in Shropshire was quite late compared to other counties and coincided with this consolidation phase i.e. some names we encounter may be from the earliest times of England as we understand it. Such names are also a wonderful source of English words that otherwise would have been completely lost to us.

Our county is particularly lucky in that in the last century, a man called George Foxall transcribed all the field names for nearly all the parishes in the county onto a series of 'Tithe Apportionment' maps which were made in the middle of the 19th century. If you go into the County Archives in Shrewsbury and ask for the 'Foxall Maps', you are beginning a journey to an ancient place. Today we hear a great deal about 'data', whereas in the past people passed on information by reference to the natural world and the way it had been shaped by the people in it.

Where fields occur, then as now, hedges are present which we might think of as linear woodland containing tree species. It turns out that almost all these species names come from Old English, as does the name hedge itself. If we stand in Hawthorn Leasowe in Wheathill, or move onto Mayblowe pasture (referring to the May blossom), in Cleobury Mortimer, these names we can be sure are

far more than a thousand years old. Other tree names for fields are also common: apple, or hazel, or something more unfamiliar, such as Bannut (Walnut) Meadow in Bitterley or Maple Furlong (Culmington) may delight us.

Two of my favourite ancient field names occur in the former Saxon deer park of Earnstrey on the Corvedale flank of the Brown Clee. Here Thirsty Lawn and Further Lawn are found. This is not the modern use of the word: 'lawn' refers to clearings in wooded hunting country where the animals of the chase were pursued.

Sometime in the middle of the Saxon period, organisation of the land and the people started to appear and this made England what it is today and will be in the future. Not only did counties have their origin at this time but so



did 'Hundreds' which were subdivisions of the county. They took their names from a hundred families, each supported by a hide (traditionally reckoned as 120 acres, though this varied). Meeting places within the hundred were often trees, and the thorn tree with its unworldly shape and associations and profusion of spring blossom was a common choice. The name Round Thorn on the Ludlow to Bridgnorth road in Bitterley Parish was such a meeting place. Whilst *that* thorn is long gone, above is *our* weird thorn!

You may think it curious that when the English speakers came naming fields and habitations and organising divisions they did not attempt to change any of the topographical names around them, which therefore are likely to be even older, named by the ancient British people. Rivers are a really good example of this. So 'Teme' (coming from the same word-source as Thames), 'Onny' (Onn being an old 'Welsh' name for an ash tree) and 'Corve' were probably already fabulously old when the Saxons first put in an appearance in these parts. I hope you like that thought!

*Peter Cornah*

PS: The English Place Name Society website is at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/epns/](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/epns/) where you can also research field names. They have also produced two useful small books on Shropshire Place Names and Shropshire Field names, both usually on sale in the Shropshire Archives in Shrewsbury.

## Corvedale Garden Group

### Maesfron Hall and Gardens

A beautiful drive through the rapidly greening spring countryside in and out of the English/Welsh border, took us to Maesfron Hall, near Welshpool. Dr Derek and Mrs Monica Owen couldn't have been more patient as our planned visit in earlier years had been cancelled twice due to lockdown. There was ample parking in a field at the entrance to the property and we all made our way up to the covered terrace where Dr Owen gave us a brief history of the property.

This small Georgian Gentleman's Residence is set on the lower slopes of Moel y Golfá (396 meters). Maesfron means a field on a mountain. The house is set in 6 acres of land and was built by Francis Allen around 1820. He was a local solicitor who had done the Grand Tour and embellished the gardens with a tower folly, chapel and a shell grotto. When he died in 1852, his daughter Mary Grace Allen gained the property. She had been married in middle age to a Liverpool businessman, William Fisher in 1854. They added the service cottages to the property in the 1860s and the two wooden conservatories. Mary died childless in 1893. The distant Canadian relatives who then owned it rented it out until it was sold in 1918.

In 1927 JB Priestley used it as the setting for his novel 'Benighted' which was filmed in 1932 as The Old Dark House with Boris Karloff as the mad butler.

After a succession of further owners, the estate was sold and went into a decline, suffering some vandalism. Dr and Mrs Owen bought it in 1993 and have lovingly restored it since. The hillside approach is wooded with a selection of specimen trees, amongst them a Redwood, a Tulip tree, a 4 stemmed Monkey Puzzle all underplanted with spring bulbs. The steep steps down from the covered terrace which overlooks The Long Mountain, lead to a lawned area and a long colourful border. We were delighted to see a stunning purple flowered Foxglove tree, Paulownia Tomentosa, AGM, (also known as the Empress Tree or the Princess Tree), which was named in honour of Anna Pavlovna of Russia. The fragrant large flowers appear before the large leaves which can be 40 centimetres wide. These are very efficient at carbon capture. The tree grows to a spectacular 25 meters, its seeds dispersing

so easily it is nominated an invasive species in North America. Interesting fact for a quiz night: the seeds were used by the Chinese in packing porcelain for export to Japan and America in the 19th century before the development of polystyrene.

The border leads round to the hanging garden which is in the process of being redeveloped, leads on to the Shell Grotto. Shell Grottos were popular in the 17th and 18th centuries, as a way to enhance the damp undercroft of larger houses, set up to mimic sea caves. Initially they had quite formal shell patterns, imitating the swirls of the Italian Renaissance, becoming less formal with the onset of the Romantic movement. Although James I is said to have built the first known version at Whitehall Palace in 1624, the earliest examples you can now visit are at Woburn Abbey (1626) and Skipton Castle (1627).

Moving up the hillside the terrace above the grotto features the Tower Folly with colourful stained-glass windows and stone circle on the lawned area beside it. The partly walled kitchen garden already had broad beans growing strongly in it and a host of young plants in the greenhouse waiting for warmer days to plant out. Other features included a rose walk, a tropical garden, and two well restored wooden conservatories. Behind the property it was possible to visit the chapel which held the Owen family bible and the housekeeper's rooms, full of interesting antiques.

We adjourned for refreshments and a sociable hour on the terrace, although sadly the sun didn't break through until later in the day.

Our next visit on **Saturday 21st May** is a great contrast as we will view the Japanese Garden at Tranquillity Haven in Whitton, near Knighton.

*Cath Burley, 07746 647 737, cathburley@hotmail.com*



## Corvedale Book Group



### *Our Spoons Came from Woolworths* by Barbara Comyns

This Virago Modern Classic was written in 1950 about a couple who meet and marry in the 1930s. It is narrated in the first person by Sophia Fairclough who tells the story of her marriage to Charles, an impoverished artist, despite his family's loudly voiced misgivings. She has two completely unexpected pregnancies, Sandro, and Fanny. Sandro spends some of his life living with other members of the family, so although he is fed and clothed; Fanny dies of malnutrition and Sophia nearly dies of scarlet fever. The young couple have extremely limited life-skills or finances, little idea about how to develop a relationship and even less about how to become parents. Sophia recounts her day-to-day existence for the sad and painful eight years as she moved from early adulthood into learning how to be happy in a different relationship. In a way, the book recounts the suppressed flashback to those challenging times; the flashback which resulted from her sharing the story of her earlier life with her friend Helen who went home and cried when she heard it. As a piece of social history, it was fascinating and appalling in turns. As a result, the Book Group members had a 'marmite' reaction to it. Nevertheless, our discussion about the book was far ranging and as often happens, we went home seeing the book in a different light.

In the brief introduction by Maggie O'Farrell, who loved the book, she describes her search for information about the author who has another 10 books to her name. Barbara Comyns was born in Warwickshire in 1909 as one of six children, had an invalid mother with a pet monkey and a father who spoiled and frightened the children alternately. As the mother became deaf at 25, the children communicated with her using sign language. Barbara started to write and illustrate stories from an early age. Aspects of the book are autobiographical, as she too lived in a bedsit in London, married an artist at an early age and *'after two children and many troubles, parted amicably.'* The description of the wedding and childbirth are particularly vivid and personal. It was useful to be reminded of the lack of options pre-Welfare State.

Despite the lapse of time between then and now, the relationship difficulties are sadly all too familiar. The impact of marriage, pregnancy, and childbirth on a woman's freedom to be herself, to have a voice, or to act independently of her husband without independent financial means, has not changed. Some men, as Charles did, refuse to provide for or help with the child, making Sophia feel that by getting pregnant *'as though I had betrayed him in some way... I had a kind of idea if you controlled your mind and said 'I won't have any babies' very hard, they most likely wouldn't come. I thought that was what was meant by birth control.'* Poverty, malnutrition, abortion, illness, death all follow. They are recounted in a matter-of-fact way which conceals the level of emotional distress which must have occurred. In her way Sophia tried to do her best, continuing to fund the family as an artist's model, accepting meals from a man friend so she wouldn't starve (only to find he had another agenda and was grooming her). As someone commented, there was *'a hopeful hopelessness'* to each chapter. Sophia did get, though, maturity and skills to hold down a job as a housekeeper, find a new relationship and survive in the end.

The sparse immediacy of the style makes it hard to 'get into' the book, but several people commented that the prose might be better read aloud. Indeed, elements of the book had the flavour of pantomime where the appearance of the mother-in-law could well have been preceded by a boo and a hiss. The book was not without a wry humour as the characters' names indicate Mr. Blunderbuss and Peregrine Narrow both appear. We wondered how it would have been received by the reader in the 1950s as the topics dealt with were about taboo, major life events.

For our May discussion we are reading *Himself* by Jesse Kidd, a story set in Ireland about a young man seeking to uncover the secrets of his past.

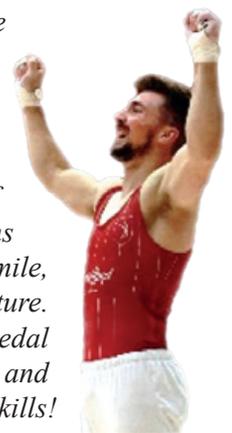
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## An Evening with Sam Oldham

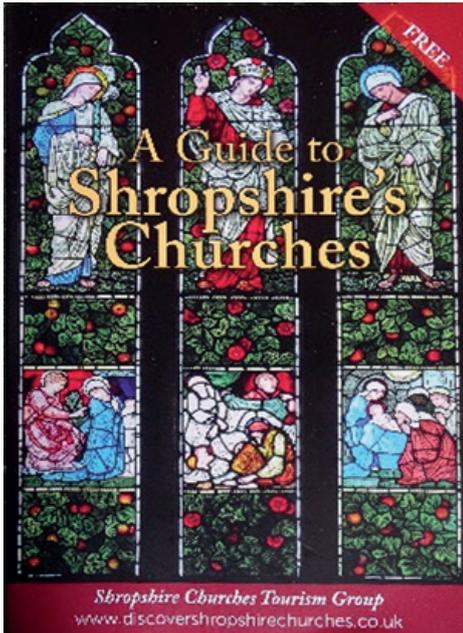
On **Saturday 28th May** we are looking forward to a talk by Sam Oldham about his life as a gymnast. This will be in Diddlebury Church, starting at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £7.50 (to include a glass of wine and nibbles) and are now available from churchwardens. Profits in aid of the Corvedale Parishes. Do join us for an interesting and entertaining evening!

Sam writes: *I'm very much looking forward to sharing my unique story with members of the local community. My journey took me all the way to the London 2012 Olympic Games, where my team mates and I won an historic bronze medal. Like all difficult roads there were*

*many challenges along the way, some of which had a profound impact on my life. In many ways I lost my faith in myself; however, with the help of some incredible people, I managed to find peace at the end of my career. I'll look to share the lessons I've learnt, hopefully make people smile, and talk about my hopes for the future. I'll be bringing both my Olympic medal and Olympic torch to show everyone and maybe even demonstrate some of my skills!*



*A Guide to Shropshire's Churches*



It's beginning to feel that things might be getting easier although it's still safer to be sensible. Many of us are wearing masks less frequently and even daring to go out a bit more. Perhaps we have reached the point when we can have a 'normal' day out. And you do not have to go far.

Shropshire Churches Tourism Group has just produced a new, 32-page booklet featuring 100 of the best and most welcoming churches in the county. Each church included is unique, with some dating back a thousand years and more. You will find evidence of Saxon stone work in places like Barrow, the oldest church in the county; Diddlebury has herringbone stonework in its north wall; at Stanton Lacy look at the exterior walls of the building.

Others may be younger but still have a lot to show off. The yew tree in Hope Bagot churchyard is about 1600 years old, so began growing around 400 AD - that's old! The sandstone church at Bromfield is a fascinating site, originally with a monastery, but quickly becoming a Parish Church with lots to see. Building started in Culmington in the early 1300s but was not finished until the spire was completed in 1967!

The front cover of the new brochure features the east window of Whitton church, designed by the Pre-Raphaelite artist, Edward Burne-Jones, and there are more windows in other churches. Read the brochure and you could go on a 'hunt-the-stained-glass-window' outing! Talking of Pre-Raphaelites, you will be stunned by the interior of Jackfield church as these artists were big on tiles, too.

In the middle of the county, you could visit the Greek Orthodox Church on the edge of Shrewsbury or go to one of the oldest Unitarian Churches in the country, in Shrewsbury High Street. Augustus Pugin designed the Houses of Parliament but he also designed the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Shrewsbury.

In the north of the county Whitchurch, which traces its origins back to Roman times, is home to Shropshire's first grand classical church built in 1713. In Oswestry church you can still see evidence of damage from the Civil War of the 1640s. Moreton Corbet is, strangely, only the Church and a ruined castle but both are worth a visit.

You should find the new guide in churches in your area which are members of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group, the picture showing you what you are looking for! You can also view it online at [www.discovershropshirechurches.co.uk](http://www.discovershropshirechurches.co.uk) or pick it up in Tourist Information Centres or some major tourist sites. Make the most of it and this year get to know even more about Shropshire.

The member churches locally include: Culmington, Diddlebury, Holdgate, Munslow, Stanton Lacy, Stoke St Milborough, and Tugford.

*Anni Holden Calver,  
CfGA Trustee & Member of The Churchyard Task Team  
Secretary of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group*

**ANSWERS TO  
APRIL'S CROSSWORD**

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May Crossword - by Artemonas

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ACROSS

- 1) Put Alan into strange business and it is countrywide (8)
- 7) Push the media (5)
- 8) Stimulate into action in salvage shake up (9)
- 9) Bristle from cropped lawn (3)
- 10) Part of wishing bone (4)
- 11) Back in flat urban country it's vicious (6)
- 13) Charge in Latin dictionary (6)
- 14) Report of cockney's tougher passion? (6)
- 17) Frank first let unused land (6)
- 18) Young lady is in M & S (4)
- 20) Sheep found in a sewer (3)
- 22) Sweet briar oddly inelegant (9)
- 23) They match in fine qualities (5)
- 24) Chance of success to search for gold (8)

DOWN

- 1) The king of Abyssinia turns his guns on the East (5)
- 2) Bound to admit everything added up (7)
- 3) The president's office has nothing against Gore (4)
- 4) There's a real buzz around this place (6)
- 5) Nepal is about punishment (5)
- 6) In pieces and sure to be put together again (7)
- 7) Worry in upper turbulence (7)
- 12) Knife to cut hair off the Spanish (7)
- 13) A number turns it green (7)
- 15) If I go into the core shaking, there will be a hole (7)
- 16) She has bird – what a mistake! (6)
- 17) Iron drink back to the bone (5)
- 19) It's hard work sorting waste (5)
- 21) A burden is almost upon us (4)

## Parish Councils

### MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

#### Draft Minutes of the meeting of Munslow Parish Council, held on Thursday 7th April 2022

**Present:** Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), David Marston, Ed Povey, Nigel Dobson, Chris Meeson. In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Val Fotheringham and Antonia Bury, Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council).

**Declarations Of Interest:** None.

**Public Forum:** No members of the public in attendance.

**Minutes** from meeting held on 3rd March 2022 were approved and signed.

**Matters Arising:** Cllr Marston reported that the broken manhole cover that he had reported to Shropshire Council had now been cordoned off.

**Planning Matters:** 22/01354/LBC - internal alterations to form an additional staircase, The Swan Inn, Aston Munslow, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9ER. The Council resolved to not make a comment about this application.

**Rowe Lane:** Cllr Meeson had received a report of building works that may not have the appropriate planning authorisation. The property is in Stanton Long parish, not Munslow.

**Land near The Chains, Munslow:** The planning applicant has applied to the Land Registry for adverse possession of the small area at the front of The Chains. It is not clear who owns this land and the Parish Council resolved not to investigate this issue further.

**Reports:** *Chair's Report - Cllr Archer* said that she attended the Parish Council Chairs meeting on 24th March which was attended by John Campion, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner. He reported that there were 400 more officers now than in 2017. Pippa Mills became the new Chief Constable last September. There are 16 Speed Watch teams across Shropshire. There is a trial of number plate recognition speed cameras that if successful will be rolled out further. John Campion does have a budget for road engineering schemes. He did warn about the increases in fuel theft.

**Shropshire Council - Cllr Motley** had sent a report which the Clerk read out. The bid for improvements to public transport that Shropshire Council had made to the Department of Transport was not successful. Her team are looking at increasing the services based in libraries.

**Beambridge Village Hall - Cllr Dobson** reported that the updating of the electrics for the hall had not yet been completed.

**Finance:** The Annual Accounts and Bank Reconciliation were discussed and agreed. The bank account held £12,451.40 as at 31st March 2022. There are ring-fenced holdings with £7,404.65 of unspent money of which £5,500 has been allocated to speed calming measures in the

forthcoming financial year. Cllr Dobson signed the bank reconciliation.

Clerk's pay scale for 2022-2023 - it was resolved that the Clerk will align with point 10 on the NJC scale which is £11.28 per hour.

Payments - resolved to pay Mr R Lane (Munslow Burial Ground Maintenance) 1/8/21 – 30/11/21 £102.00.

**Highways:** The Parish VAS sign has been replaced. Cllr Archer agreed to investigate the new guarantee.

**Maintenance and Repairs of Speed Signs:** The Clerk has reported both of the faulty Speed Signs to Shropshire Council.

**Update on the Joint Parishes Highways Proposals:** Cllr Archer will follow up the report from Shropshire Highways. It had been noted that speed measuring tapes had been in place along the length of the B4368 over the last few weeks.

**20's Plenty for Us:** Cllr Archer reported that she had attend this meeting. It was agreed that this issue would be placed on the Parish Meeting Agenda.

**Car Parking Charges Consultation:** It was resolved to object strongly to the car parking charges as rural residents have no option but to travel by car into the towns due to the lack of public transport.

**Risk Assessment:** It was resolved to adopt the risk assessment with the addition of the Vehicle Activated Sign and the defibrillator (once it has been purchased).

**Community Governance Review and Parish Boundaries:** Cllr Archer will discuss the boundary of the parishes of Munslow and Diddlebury, specifically Aston Top, with Cllr Hedgley, Chair of Diddlebury Parish Council. This issue will be added to the Annual Parish Meeting Agenda.

**Arrangements for Jubilee weekend of June 3rd to 6th 2022:** The Village Hall Committee is leading in plans for the celebrations.

**Update on the Queen's Jubilee Canopy:** Cllr Dobson collected the tree from Shropshire Council, and it has been planted at The Deans with a plaque. Cllr Archer will add it to the Queen's Jubilee Canopy Map.

**Action Regarding a Defibrillator:** Cllr Dobson will discuss an electricity supply for the defibrillator cabinet with The Crown Inn. The Clerk and Cllr Dobson will look at the costs of defibrillators and cabinets and investigate grant-making organisations.

**Items for the Next Meeting:** Defibrillator costings.

**Date of Next Meeting:** The Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings will be at 7.30pm on **Thursday 5th May 2022** at Beambridge Village Hall.

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### CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

#### Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2022

**In Attendance:** Cllrs Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mr J Turley, Mrs C Byng, Ms J Watts, Ms J Mear, Mrs M Holland, Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Steele and Alderson.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Public Involvement Session:** No members of the public in attendance.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 were approved as correct.

**Finance:** The bank account held £7028.08 on 31st March 2022, which is mainly ringfenced for specific projects. There is £560.80 of unspent money. The accounts reconciled with the bank statement. It was resolved to accept the Annual Accounts.

It was agreed that the Clerk's Annual Pay Award 2021-2022 should be backdated as per the NJC guidance to 1st April 2021 and paid in the June 2022 payroll. This rate is £10.63 per hour.

Payments to D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) of £45 for Inv 127 and H Coonick (Clerk) reimbursement for stationery, postage and domain registry

of £44.03 were agreed.

The Clerk reported that the Council has re-declared its status with The Pensions Regulator.

**Reports from Members:** *Cllr Motley* reported that the bid to the Dept of Transport for improving public transport had not been successful. They have been asked to form an enterprise partnership. There is an aim to increase the services based within libraries.

*Cllr Mear* reported that the Village Hall committee is continuing to plan the Jubilee events, and is looking for younger members to join the committee. There will be a curry night on 29th April.

**Flood Committee:** Cllr Byng reported that she will attend a flood committee meeting before the next Parish Council meeting.

**Planning Enforcement Update:** Cllr Motley agreed to look into this matter.

**Community Governance and Boundary Review:** Cllr Motley asked the Chair of the Council to discuss this with the bordering councils, put the issue on the Parish Meeting Agenda and encourage parishioners to attend to express their opinions.

*Parish Councils Continued...*

**Flooding at the Church:** Cllr Motley reported that she had met with Andy Wilde (Interim Head of Highways). Shropshire Council are bringing a lot of highways services back in-house which should improve the service.

**Risk Assessment:** The Risk Assessment was adopted with the addition of risks around the Vehicle Activated Sign being included.

**Ownership of the Village Hall:** The Clerk and Cllr Byng had met with Cllr Mear (in her role as Village Hall Committee Chair) and Avril Enston (Village Hall Committee Secretary) to look at the documents that they both hold. The Clerk will update the Parish Council contact details that are held by the Land Registry. The Parish Council is Custodian Trustee and the Village Hall Committee is responsible for managing and insuring the Village Hall.

**Locked Gates on Bridleway:** The Clerk has reported the locked gates to Outdoor Partnerships, Shropshire Council.

**Fallen Tree in Seifton Brook:** The Clerk has reported this to the Environment Agency.

**Trees Overhanging Church Walk:** The Clerk contacted the Parish Paths Team who have cleared the trees.

**Road Closure and Informing Residents:** Parishioners can join the Geoff Neden Google Group which has updates on road closures.

**Plastic Waste at Laundry Works:** The Clerk has re-referred the issue to the Environment Agency due to no response since December, as there are continuing concerns about the storage of plastic at the site.

**Parish Council Website and Planning:** The website is still not updating with planning applications, the Parish Council pay £220 per year for the website hosting. An alternative without planning updates would be free. Cllr Motley will follow this up but, if not successful, the Council will decide whether to cease the contract with Web Orchard and use a free website service.

**Thanks:** The Council would like to thank Cllr Seabrook for planting the Jubilee Tree in the church yard in Culmington. A commemorative plaque for the tree has been received.

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**DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL****Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at Westhope Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr D Hedgley - Chairman, Cllrs A Watson, G Neden, T Pardoe, S Povall.

**Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllrs R Povall, A Rattu, T O'Boyle, R Morgan.

**In attendance:** The Clerk, Unitary Cllr Motley and two members of the public.

**A Declaration Of Interest** was made by Cllr S Povall re planning application 22/00778/OUT and he left the room whilst it was discussed.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2022 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising:** It was agreed the Clerk would investigate obtaining warning signs for the two areas of Mill Lane with no pavement to warn drivers of pedestrians using the lane.

**Reports:** *The Chairman* reported he has distributed Safe Neighbourhood signs; has investigated breaches of a S.106 restriction on agricultural vehicles using the DVH car park to access fields; has attended a seminar about CIL entitlements, how they are calculated and what projects they can be used for. He has investigated an Enforcement Notice relating to land at Corfton and he has held discussions with Cllr Motley and Mr Eddie West of Shropshire Council about DPC's £11,000 CIL entitlement, which he has been pursuing since 2019. SC will not clarify if this £11,000 is part of a payment of £17,896.83 which DPC is due to receive in April and SC are also refusing to explain to which developments in Diddlebury Parish the £17,896.83 payment relates, so DPC has no way of checking the accuracy of the payment. The Chairman is keen to go to the Shirehall to discuss this whole CIL matter with Mr West but Cllr Motley advised he does not work from the Shirehall: she advised the Chairman to write to Tracey Darke instead.

The Chairman thanked all those who had worked on the Ukraine appeal - which has raised £333 to date.

**Unitary Cllr Motley** reported on SC's current budget decisions, which include an expansion of library provision and a community organisation to deal with mental health issues. There is no response yet from government to the Transport Bill and in the meantime Arriva wish to scale back the Shrewsbury/Ludlow bus service as it is a loss-making route. She will chase SC's IT department re DPC's website problems with WebOrchard.

**Cllr Neden** gave the FAG report. He is arranging renewal of the indemnity insurance and requested a donation of £250 from DPC for

the 2022/2023 financial year. He is still chasing the National Flood Forum for a date for the next MAM meeting: he has updated the Flood Response Plan in a few details.

**Cllr Watson** reported for Westhope Village Hall and advised that the Jubilee celebration arrangements are under way. An appeal has been launched and fund-raising events organised. Grants are being sought to re-roof the village hall.

**Planning Applications: 22/00595/FUL** - Application for the erection of a farm building to store manure at Honeydene Farm, Mill Lane, Diddlebury. Councillors supported this application. SUDS and FAG require a flood risk assessment.

**22/00778/OUT** - Outline application for the erection of an agricultural worker's retirement dwelling, to include access, on land at Corfton Farm. Corfton. Councillors supported this application.

**Highways:** Highways were discussed, in particular the forthcoming series of closures of the B4368 in April. Cllr Watson outlined the chaos which had resulted during the last closure due to a lack of warning signs, diversion signs and Kier staff who did not know in which direction Bridgnorth lay. The Clerk will take this up with Kier.

**Communications & Correspondence:** Nine items of correspondence were considered including the notification of the £17,896.83 CIL/Neighbourhood Fund payment. The Chairman suggested the sum could perhaps be put towards resurfacing the DVH car park, re-roofing WVH and obtaining permanent speed indicator devices on the B4368.

**Finance:** The Finance Report for April 2022 was considered and cheques totalling £724.99 were authorised for payment. The cash book/bank statement reconciliation was verified. A donation of £250 for the FAG was approved.

**Register of Assets:** This had been updated by the Clerk and was approved.

**Grievance Procedure For Employees:** A further draft of the Grievance Procedure was considered, approved and adopted.

**AOB:** Having had previous experience of civil defence emergency planning, the Chairman is concerned that there has been no information or advice from Shropshire Council about the ramifications of the Ukraine war, especially what precautions households should be taking now in case the war escalates. The Clerk will investigate whether emergency plans are available from SC and Craven Arms Town Council.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 27th April 2022 commencing 7.30pm in Diddlebury Village Hall**

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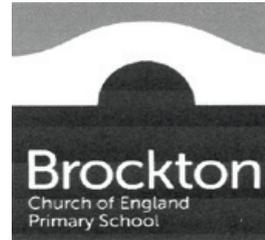
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<b>Broadstone</b>			8:30 HC		
<b>Culmington</b>	11:15 HC		6pm EP	8:30 HC	
<b>Diddlebury</b>	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	
<b>Holdgate</b>	8:30 HC				
<b>Munslow</b>	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC	
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**Key:** HC = Holy Communion, EP = Evensong, FS = Family Service.

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