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01742 280 019

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**FREE Universal Credit: Help to claim:**  
0800 144 8 444

**On the web**  
[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

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- Your local **parish councillors**
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- **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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St Peter's RC Church  
Henley Road, Ludlow  
SY8 1QZ  
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[st.peters.ludlow@talktalk.net](mailto:st.peters.ludlow@talktalk.net)

### Methodist Chapel

Craven Arms: for service  
times and ministers, please  
contact the Shropshire  
and Marches Circuit Office  
tel: (01743) 874923  
[circuitoffice2803@gmail.com](mailto:circuitoffice2803@gmail.com)

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*Our Domestics*

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*What's on in the Dale*

# Christmas Music

at St Catherine's, Tugford  
on Saturday 3rd December  
at 7.00pm

Carols, readings, and seasonal music  
featuring 'Stream of Sound'.

*Donations in aid of Corvedale churches*

## Corvedale Folk Club

at The Sun Inn, Corfton  
on Monday 28th November  
at 7.30pm

and on the 4th Monday of  
each month thereafter

Free entry! Everyone welcome!

For further information contact  
Ian on 01584 841 331

## Kim Lowings and the Greenwood

will be performing at

**Diddlebury Village Hall**

on

**Saturday 28th January 2023**

**With support from Nancy & Andy Ketchen and Sam Davies**

**Doors and Bar open 7.00pm**

Kim Lowings and the Greenwood bring a distinctive upbeat approach to traditional and self-penned songs which has established them as highly popular performers at Clubs, Festivals and other venues across the country. They also have a link with Diddlebury Village Hall, having played at the 'Ale in the Dale' festivals to help raise funds for the refurbishment of the Hall. To get a flavour of their music look them up on YouTube.

Nancy and Andy are very well regarded local performers from Hyssington, who have played more widely at Folk Clubs and Festivals, whilst Sam a very accomplished guitarist and singer. will be known to many in Corvedale as he has lived with wife Kate in Corfton for the past several years and performed regularly at The Sun.

This will be an evening not to be missed for those who enjoy top class music. Tickets are limited to 100 and on sale now through We Got Tickets. The link is <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/559998> or via [www.kimlowings.com/tour](http://www.kimlowings.com/tour).

**Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!!**

Contact: [ianfotheringham@btinternet.com](mailto:ianfotheringham@btinternet.com) or 01584 841331



**Harmony Group**

and

## Val Littlehales

*Shropshire Dialect Wordsmith*

*Appearing at*

**Culmington Village Hall**

**Friday, 25th November at 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £10 - Bar open from 6pm**

*for more info or to book tickets contact:*

**John or Yvonne - 01584 861802**

**email: [yhart71@gmail.com](mailto:yhart71@gmail.com)**

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

**MONDAYS 10AM - 12PM**  
**TERM TIME ONLY**

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



**£2.50 PER FAMILY**



WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL,  
WESTHOPE,  
CRAVEN ARMS,  
SY7 9JL

*What's on in the Dale*



## Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday

All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm  
Start 7:30pm

£3 to include half time refreshments

Westhope Village Hall  
SY7 9JL



## CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO

Saturday 17th December

Westhope Village Hall  
SY7 9JL

DOORS OPEN 7PM  
EYES DOWN 7:30PM

BOOKS £1 EACH

### REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE

## ALL WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE MESSAGE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
OR CALL  
07486 414 742  
07860 447 397

## Family Christmas Party

Friday 23rd December  
3:00pm - 6:00pm

£10 per family  
To include nibbles, children's drinks & a visit to Father Christmas with a gift 🎁

Bar open  
Disco  
Games  
Fun for all

Westhope Village hall  
Westhope Craven arms  
SY7 9JL

To book please message our Facebook page or call  
07486 414 742  
07860 447 397

## DIDDLEBURY CHRISTMAS FAIR

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER  
2.00PM - 5.00PM

Teas, raffle, bottles, books, cakes, gifts, crafts etc

and...**SANTA CLAUS!**

In aid of Diddlebury Village Hall  
and  
St Peter's Church,  
Diddlebury

***Culmington Village Hall Activities & Events - November***

- Every Mon **Coffee Morning, 10:00am - 11:30am.** Everyone welcome.
- Every Mon **Bridge Club, 12.30pm - 5.00pm.** Contact: Peter Whitehead, [pst.whitehead@gmail.com](mailto:pst.whitehead@gmail.com)
- Every Tues AM **Chair Yoga For All Abilities** Contact: Liz Curtis, 07734 358 001, [lizcurtisyoga@gmail.com](mailto:lizcurtisyoga@gmail.com)
- Every Tues PM **Art Class - Painting Plants in Watercolour, 2.00pm**  
Class for beginners and improvers. Contact: Sue Linton, [suelinton@btinternet.com](mailto:suelinton@btinternet.com)
- Every Wed **Baby & Toddler Playgroup, 10:30am - 11.30am**  
Sensory playgroup for babies and toddlers up to 5 years.  
Contact: Cally Marsh, 07854 004 556, [callymarsh09@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:callymarsh09@hotmail.co.uk)
- Tues 8th **RSPB meeting** Contact: Carol Wood, [carolwood772@outlook.com](mailto:carolwood772@outlook.com)
- Wed 9th **WI Talk** Contact: Jane Cockburn, 01584 841 483  
'Upholstery & Furniture Restoration' by Rosemary Jones. Refreshments.
- Sat 12th **Can-Do-Crafts Decorative Boxes / Button Picture, 10:00am - 12:30pm.**  
Contact: Rosemary Jones, 01584 861 823 or 07837 609 229
- Thurs 17th **Lunch Club, 12:30pm for 1:00pm lunch.** Contact: Gwyn Edwards, 01584 861 666  
£8 for 2 course meal plus £1 annual fee at your first lunch
- Fri 25th **Folk Evening** Contact: John Hart, 01584 861 289  
An evening of entertainment with bar. Shropshire folk group, Rapsquillion, and Val Littlehales who performs poetry and amusing story telling.

***Abdon Village Hall Events*****WARM WELCOME HUB AT ABDON VILLAGE HALL.**

This is a place where people can gather in the winter to keep warm and receive a warm welcome. We will be holding 'Warm Welcome Hubs' at Abdon Village Hall on the second and last Saturdays of each month (except December) from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and join us for coffee, cake, and a chat.

**UFO (UN-FINISHED OBJECTS) CRAFT MORNING & WARM WELCOME HUB**

Saturday 12th November 10.30am - 12.30pm

Bring along your unfinished projects, learn a new craft skill, or teach your craft skills to someone else. Please supply your own materials

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING & WARM WELCOME HUB**

Saturday 26th November 10.30am - 12.30pm

A roaring fire, Christmas decorations, carols, and mince pies. Everyone welcome!

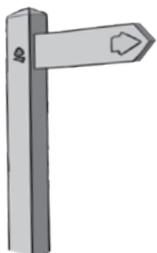
**ABDON VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS**

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)

***RSPB Walks & Talks 2022*** *More information on walks can be found on the RSPB local group website.*

Sunday 13th November - Whixall Moss Walk      Tuesday 8th November - My Shropshire Year Talk

**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:

**November                      Wednesday 23rd                      Friday 25th                      Sunday 27th**

## Westhope Village Hall



October has been a busy month with several autumn events being arranged. We had our first skittles match against Cleve St. Margaret in the skittles league. Everyone had a great night, a very friendly and sociable evening (not gloating but we won!). We are looking forward to rest of the season.

We have our usual regular programme of events with whist drives every Monday at 7.30pm, Tots and Toddlers every Monday 10.00am-12.00noon, Cash Bingo on the last Friday of every month, next one **Friday 25th November**.

We are having a grand **Christmas Prize Bingo on Saturday 17th December**. Great prizes including a Christmas Hamper. £1.00 entrance, eyes down 7.30pm. Licensed Bar and refreshments. At this event we are also having the draw for the Roof Tile appeal fund with one lucky winner of £100. It's not too late to buy a tile for just £1.00.

**Sunday 27th November** 10.00am - 1.00pm the Tots and Toddlers group is holding a children and baby pre-loved sale. All details call Amie 07486 414 742.

### Sunday 11th December

Christmas wreath making workshop with Tina, 10.00am - 4.00pm. All materials provided. Morning coffee and lunch provided. £55.00 per head. All enquiries Tina 07787 554 996.

**Monday 12th December** is our Christmas Whist Drive with festive prizes. Everyone welcome.

**Saturday 10th December** our village hall presents the ever-popular singing duo Johnny and Hywel with live music through the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. 7.30pm - late. Admission £7.50. Licensed bar and refreshments.

**Friday 23rd December** Family Christmas Party 3.00pm-6.00pm. £10 per family. To include nibbles, children's drinks, and a visit to Father Christmas with a gift. Disco. Games. Bar open. Fun for all.

Betty Manley

To book any of our events please contact  
Amie 07486 414 742 or Betty 07860 447 397.



### CORVEDALE TOTS

Every Monday 10.00am-12noon.  
All enquiries to Amie Watson.



### YOGA with SUE PUGH

Every Thursday 9.30 -10.30am.  
Sue is fully qualified and insured. To book a space contact Betty on 07860 447 397



### MONTHLY BINGO

Bingo night is **Friday 25th November**.  
Doors open at 7.00pm with eyes down at 7.30pm. Refreshments and licensed bar.



### WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

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



### CREATIVE & CRAFT GROUP

Every Monday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm.  
Bring along whatever craft you choose.  
Contact Tina: 07787 554 996.  
£8.00 per session. Tea and biscuits included.



### WHIST DRIVES

Every Monday at 7.30pm. All welcome.



### KIDS & BABY PRE-LOVED SALE

**Sunday 27th November**, 10.00am - 1.00pm.  
All details call Amie 07486 414 742.



### COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE

**Saturday 10th December**. 7.30pm - late.  
With Johnny and Hywel. Admission £7.50.  
Licensed bar and refreshments.



### CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

**Sunday 11th December**. 10.00am - 4.00pm.  
All materials provided. £55.00 per head.  
Morning coffee and lunch provided. All enquiries Tina 07787 554 996.



### CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

**Monday 12th December**



### CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO

**Saturday 17th December**. Eyes down 7.30pm  
£1.00 entrance. Licensed bar & refreshments.



### FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Friday 23rd December**. 3.00pm - 6.00pm  
£10 per family. Food, games & disco. A visit to Father Christmas with a gift. Bar open.

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.

## Westhope Clover Club

The Clover Club had a very enjoyable afternoon with HiJinx Ceilidh Band in October. Our next meeting is at Westhope Village Hall on **Thursday 3rd November** when Mr Roy Jones, a retired thatcher will be telling us 'Stories

From The Roof Tops'. Names will also be taken for our Christmas celebrations. Everyone welcome.

Kath Woodhouse

*Diddlebury Village Hall*

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:****Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Gardening Club Lecture:  
David Morgan from the NGS:  
“Is My Garden Good Enough?”  
10.00 am, tickets £7.00

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Diddlebury Christmas Fair  
Stalls, teas, and a visit  
from Father Christmas  
Doors open 2.00pm

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, 7.00pm**

Top class folk music from Kim Lowings and the Greenwood  
(with support from Nancy and Andy Ketchen and Sam Davies)  
Tickets: <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/559998>  
or [ianfotheringham@btinternet.com](mailto:ianfotheringham@btinternet.com) / 01584 841331

**CLASSES AND GROUP MEETINGS****Tai Chi**

Classes: Thursdays, 10.00-11.00am  
Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014498/[enidgill21@hotmail.com](mailto:enidgill21@hotmail.com).

**Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates**

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

**Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre - What's on?****Bonfire and Fireworks Event - Saturday 29th October 7.00pm**

Tickets are flying out of the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre for the bonfire and fireworks event.

Following on from the success of the event in previous years, the staff at the centre are staging their bonfire and firework display again this year on Saturday 29th October. With children's rides and entertainment, there will be plenty to do before the firework spectacular! There will be light-up toys and glow sticks, a choice of refreshments available and a full bar.

Kindly supported by Britpart and Euro Quality Foundation, this will be the event's fifth year and thousands are set to attend one of the centre's biggest fundraisers of the year.

Titanium Fireworks (responsible for the jaw-dropping displays in London on New Years' Eve) will be putting on an astounding display and Sunshine Radio will be bringing their street team for children's entertainment.

Advance, fast track tickets are discounted: £5.00 per adult, £3.00 per child and £14.50 for a family of 2 adults and 3 children. These can be purchased from the centre's front desk. On the gate, tickets will be £5.50 per adult, £3.50 per child and £16.50 for a family (2 adults, 3 children).

The bonfire will be lit at 7pm and fireworks at 7.30pm. A bar and refreshments will be on offer for visitors on site from 5.00pm.

**Events in November****Frost Fair**

*Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th November 10am - 4pm*

With a wide selection of handmade crafts and Christmas gifts from talented Shropshire crafts people, you're sure to find that special gift for family and friends. Free entry.

**Age UK Talk on Dragonflies**

*Monday 14th November 10.30am - 12.30pm*

Part of a series of talks supported by Age UK, aimed at 60+ years. £3 per person. Call 01588 676 060 to book.

**Autumn's Beauty Guided Walk**

*Wednesday 16th November 10am - 12.30pm*

Part of a series of autumn bird and nature walks with local leader Dave Pearce. A stroll to discover the birds and wildlife returning to feast on the Onny Meadows autumn bounty.

Walk 2 *Wednesday 16th November - A Nature Discovery.*

Walk 3 *Wednesday 14th December - A Festive Stroll.*

£10 per person per walk, £9 for members.

Call 01588 676 060 to book.

**Flicks in the Sticks Film - Gone to Earth**

*Friday 18th November*

Based on the book *Gone to Earth*, written by Shropshire poet and novelist, Mary Webb. Filming took place in Shropshire, the extras were local people, will you recognise any of them? The film will be introduced by Professor Ian Christie, an expert on the film, at 7.30pm.

Film starts at 7.30pm. £5.50 per adult, £3.50 per child, £16 per family. Booking essential, call 01588 676 060. Shropshire Fidget Pie or Cheese and Potato Pie from 6.30pm, pre-booking advised.

**Green Willow Weaving Course**

*Tuesday 22nd November 10am - 4pm*

Join us for a fun day of willow weaving, one of the oldest crafts in the world. Learn how to make a willow Christmas tree and a flower hurdle to take home with you. If you have secateurs, please bring them with you. £50 per person, £45 for members. Booking essential, call 01588 676 060.

**Flicks in the Sticks Film - Elvis**

*Saturday 26th November*

*Elvis* is Oscar-nominated filmmaker Baz Luhrmann's musical drama about the life and music of Elvis Presley, seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker. The story delves into the complex dynamic between Presley and Parker spanning over 20 years, from Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom, against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America. Central to that journey is one of the most significant and influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley.

Film starts at 7pm. £5.50 per adult, £3.50 per child, £16 per family. Booking essential, call 01588 676 060. Hamburger and fries available from 6pm, pre-booking advised.

**Green Willow Weaving Course**

*Saturday 26th November 10am - 4pm*

Join us for a fun day of willow weaving, one of the oldest crafts in the world. Learn how to make a willow Christmas tree and a flower hurdle to take home with you. If you have secateurs, please bring them with you. £50 per person, £45 for members. Booking essential, call 01588 676 060.

For information, please call 01588 676060  
[www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)

*What's on in the Dale - Dates for Your Diary - November 2022*

Please note that the deadline for all submissions to the Corvedale News is Tuesday 15th November.

Every Mon		<b>Corvedale Choir</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon		<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Culmington Village Hall	10am - 11.30am
Every Mon		<b>Bridge Club</b>	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
Every Mon		<b>Craft Group</b>	Westhope Village Hall	2pm - 4pm
Every Mon		<b>Westhope Whist Drive</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Tues		<b>Blue Hills Choir</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues		<b>Corvedale Artists</b>	Beambridge Club Room	10am
Every Tues		<b>Chair Yoga</b>	Culmington Village Hall	-
Every Wed		<b>Working at Home Lunch Club</b>	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 2pm
Every Thur		<b>Tai Chi</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Fri		<b>Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am
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3rd	Thu	<b>Westhope Clover Club</b>	Westhope Village Hall	2.30pm
3rd	Thu	<b>Munslow Parish Council Meeting</b>	Beambridge Clubroom	7.30pm
7th	Mon	<b>Culmington Parish Council Meeting</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
8th	Tue	<b>RSPB Talk - My Shropshire Year</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
8th	Tue	<b>Munslow Village Hall - EGM</b>	Beambridge Clubroom	7.30pm
9th	Wed	<b>Diddlebury WI Talk - Upholstery &amp; Furniture Restoration</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
10th	Thu	<b>Corvedale Book Group</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
10th	Thu	<b>Hayton &amp; District WI - AGM</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
11th	Fri	<b>Act of Remembrance</b>	Culmington, Diddlebury, & Munslow War Memorials	10.55am
12th	Sat	<b>Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning</b>	Abdon Village Hall	10am - 12.30pm
12th	Sat	<b>Can do Crafts - Decorative Boxes / Button Picture</b>	Culmington Village Hall	10am - 12.30pm
12th	Sat	<b>Youth Makes Music - in aid of Ukraine</b>	Ludlow Assembly Rooms	6.15pm
13th	Sun	<b>RSPB Walk</b>	Whixall Moss	2pm - 5pm
17th	Thu	<b>Lunch Club</b>	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
17th	Thu	<b>Flicks in the Sticks - Top Gun: Maverick</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
19th	Sat	<b>Corvedale Garden Group Talk - Is my garden good enough?</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
23rd	Wed	<b>Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBC	9.30am
23rd	Wed	<b>Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
25th	Fri	<b>Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBC	9.30am
25th	Fri	<b>Rapsquillion &amp; Val Littlehales</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
25th	Fri	<b>Bingo Night</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
26th	Sat	<b>Coffee &amp; Cake Morning</b>	Abdon Village Hall	10am - 12.30pm
26th	Sat	<b>Diddlebury Christmas Fair</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	2pm - 5pm
27th	Sun	<b>Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBC	9.30am
27th	Sun	<b>Tots &amp; Toddlers - Preloved Sale</b>	Westhope Village Hall	10am - 1pm
28th	Mon	<b>Corvedale Folk Club</b>	The Sun Inn, Corfton	7.30pm

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*Church News*



**Letter from the Rectory**

November is a month in which our thoughts turn to Remembrance. We will begin with a service of Holy Communion, at which we remember the departed, on the evening of Wednesday 2nd November, All Souls Day. After that, our thoughts turn to those who died fighting for their country, particularly in two World Wars.

This year, with war continuing in Ukraine, we are more conscious of the effects and consequences of war than we have been previously. It is now 77 years since the end of the Second World War and whilst there have been wars happening somewhere throughout that time, they have all been outside Europe and so have felt more distant with less effect on us unless we knew someone personally involved. Now we are reminded daily of the terrible impact of war on the thousands of ordinary people who see their villages, towns, cities, and fields turned into a battlefield, at the whim of politicians who are far removed from the effects of their decisions.

At the same time, we are aware that challenges are faced nearer to home as well. The cost-of-living crisis may have relatively little effect on those who have sufficient resources to be able to pay increased costs for food and fuel, but for others the coming winter will see challenges, hardship and tough decisions about food, fuel or heating. All of this can sometimes seem overwhelming.

What can we do in the face of so many challenges? As Christians, we believe in the power of prayer - and I have known many situations where the people involved say that they believe the prayers of others made a real difference. But St James in his letter reminds us that *'faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead'* (James 2:17). Pope Francis put it another way when he said, *'You pray for the hungry and then you feed them: that is how prayer works.'*

None of us, of course, can solve all the world's problems. Most of them are beyond our personal capacity, although we can pray for them and for the people involved. At other times we can make a difference, even if only in a small way - and lots of small differences add up. As one example, there are now food bank collection boxes in the churches in Abdon, Culmington and Diddlebury and you are welcome to leave food for the food bank at the Rectory too.

As part of every service in church, we pray for the world and all its people. The churches are there for you - whether you see yourself as a churchgoer or not. The church buildings are open daily for you to go and say your own prayers - or just to go and be still, with God, in challenging times, remembering that we may not always care much about God, but God always cares about us and all his creation.

*Rev'd John Beesley*

**St Catherine's, Tugford**

For the first time since 2018, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding our Christmas music evening once again and we are delighted that Stream of Sound will be joining us. For their many admirers, this group of gifted young a capella singers is making a welcome return and for those who have yet to hear them, you are in for a real treat. For some reason, they always seem keen to make the journey from Stourbridge to our little church and this year will see their visit squeezed in between four stage performances, a BBC radio show and another Christmas concert.

The event will be on **Saturday 3rd December at 7.00pm**, slightly earlier than usual because the choir needs to travel back to the Midlands straight after the concert. As usual, there is no admission charge, half-time refreshments will be available, and donations will be shared between the Corvedale churches.

*Colin Porter / Maggie Teague*

**Hamper Draw and Christmas Tree Festival**

Once again, this year we will be having the **Corvedale Parishes Hamper Draw**, to raise funds for the churches of the Corvedale group. Tickets will be available from late November, and we will have the usual prizes of Christmas hampers, meals, and other delights. Many thanks, as always, to all those individuals and businesses who provide the prizes. There will be collecting boxes in the churches if you are able to contribute anything for the contents of the hampers.

Last year we held our first **Christmas Tree Festival** which was much enjoyed by those who came and so we plan to do it again - this year on the evenings of **Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December in Diddlebury Church**. The church will be decorated for Christmas, and we hope to have several decorated Christmas trees for you to enjoy. We will have seasonal refreshments available, and the church will be open during the evenings. We will make the hamper draw on the Tuesday evening.

If anyone - individuals, families, organisations, businesses - would like to contribute a decorated tree (real or artificial) to be part of the festival, please let me know. It would need to be in place by 4pm on Monday and you could take it away again afterwards. More details next month but do make a note and save the date!

*Rev'd John Beesley*

**Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury**



**November 2022**

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| 6th  | Mrs Speight | 20th | Mrs Speight       |
| 13th | Mrs Speight | 27th | Mrs Worthington * |
- \*Brasses only*

**From the Registers**



**Funerals**

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|----------------|-------------|------------|
| 24th September | Bob Edwards | Diddlebury |
| 15th October   | Beryl Brick | Holdgate   |

## Corvedale Book Group

### Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Jill had highly recommended this book and she introduced the discussion with a clear resume of the plot and the key characters. The story starts with a beautiful, evocative description which vividly sets the scene for this detective story and coming of age novel.

*'Marsh is not swamp. Marsh is a space of light, where grass grows in water and water flows into the sky. Slow-moving creeks wander, carrying the orb of the sun with them to the sea and long-legged birds lift with unexpected grace - as though not meant to fly - against the roar of a thousand snow geese.*

*'Then within the marsh, here and there, true swamp crawls into low-lying bogs, hidden in clammy forests. Swamp water is still and dark, having swallowed the light in its muddy throat. Even night crawlers are diurnal in this lair. There are sounds, of course, but compared to the marsh, the swamp is quiet because decomposition is its cellular work. Life decays and reeks and returns to the rotted duff; a poignant wallow of death begging life.'*

The North Carolina marsh was inhospitable, originally colonised by shipwrecked sailors, escaped slaves and felons. Here six-year-old Kya lives with her parents and siblings within the marsh and wetlands on the edge of Barkley Cove. Her parents married against their families advice and moved to establish a freeholding in a marginal setting but lost their capital and their love for each other. Kya's father turned to drink and abused his wife and children. One by one the children left, then Kya's mother did too. Kya had to fend for herself and her father until he left as well. Kya tries school, for a day, but it is not for her. She educates herself through nature, learning from the land, the sea, the seasons, the birds. She struggles to survive and is known in the town as *The Marsh Girl*. She watches and waits. Some people look out for her. Jumpin' and his

wife Mabel provide food, money, clothes, and friendship, becoming the parents she lost. They too are isolated and marginalised by the wider community, but respect Kya and she respects and comes to love them.

As a teenager, she begins to want more. Tate, a boy she has observed, has been watching her too. They become friends and, before he leaves for college, he teaches her to read. A new world opens up. Missing Tate, she gets entangled with Chase Andrews, a boy of a different kind. When one day his body is found in the swamp, she is accused of his murder and goes to trial. The community is against her. As a feral child, and someone strange, will she be found guilty? The sheriff, the judge, the community try to find the evidence.

The story is not all bleak but is about resilience in adversity, about courage and steadfastness. The pace is slow and watchful. Nature provides solace and can be trusted when people cannot. The carefully drawn word pictures of the cottage, of the birds and animals, of the endless skies and hidden coves stay with you. The themes are about abuse, abandonment and isolation, trust, and mistrust. They are also about building relationships as well as losing them, about giving and receiving gifts, about respect and integrity, about developing relationships and the various forms of love. The intricate ebb and flow of the narrative is gripping. There are clues in the pages, but you are left until the end to find out who the murderer is.

Although it was deemed a little sentimental at times with a few loose ends, as a first novel we all rated it positively and would recommend it as an enjoyable read.

When we meet again on November 10th, we will be discussing *Still Life* by Sarah Winman.

Cath Burley, [cathburley@hotmail.com](mailto:cathburley@hotmail.com)

## Diddlebury Flood Action Group

A big thank you to all who helped with the annual clearing of the Diddle. The stretch through the village centre was once again cleared. Taking advantage of the unusually low stream flows summer growth was cleared back, and the weeds under the bridge arches scraped out. Special thanks to Andy Farnell whose expert handling of the digger made the manual work much easier, and the job was completed in next to no time.

It's worth remembering the headwaters of our little stream start three miles up the valley from a spring north of Middlehope at Wetmore Farm. This spring keeps us in water all year, thankfully. The other tributary to the stream is from west of Middlehope at Burwood. A total catchment area of approximately eight square kilometres. The predominance of livestock farming reduces the

absorption of the rain as the animals constant walking hardens the ground's surface. The rain not absorbed by the land runs rapidly into the Diddle. Through the village the flow of Diddle is 'dammed' by the road bridges, firstly over the B4368 and then the small bridge at Glebe Farm. This damming slows the flow of the waters to flatter grounds around Delbury.

Clive Martyn



## *Caring for God's Acre*



So how do you like your churchyard? Wild, neat and tidy, or a bit of both? Don't answer yet! Let's find out whether there is anything special about these particular bits of land.

Christianity grew in England after St Augustine arrived in 597AD, with about 40 monks. They were very efficient and soon wooden buildings were constructed to serve as churches. In 1066 William the Conqueror became King of England, bringing his new fancy ideas about buildings. Instantly, stone buildings sprang up in a village near you. The ground around this new build became a burial place - and a lot more.

While the vicar held a council meeting with the local elders, other meetings were taking place outside. A group of gossips was keeping everyone aware of what was going on. Agricultural workers exchanged tips on the year's harvests. On the north side of the church a crowd of children devised games to play - it's believed the ball game 'fives' originated in a churchyard. There are many accounts from churchwardens about damage to windows and repairs to tiles in the 16th century. Remnants of fives courts can still be found in a couple of Herefordshire churches.

Gravestones that named the person or people buried became popular in the 17th century. At a time when the grass would have been cut only in the autumn and - possibly - in spring, gravestones were a bit troublesome for scythes and later became even more so for 20th and 21st century mowers!

So where are we today with our burial grounds? There is now a much greater awareness of how special these ancient sites are. Each is unique, as the land has not been ploughed or sprayed with pesticides but has generally been left to nature. This has created havens for wildlife. More than 30% of lichens, those funny colourful splashes found on old gravestones, are found only in churchyards. Some fungi also are unique to churchyards, but they host other common species too. Yew trees thrive in such conditions and 75% of the ancient ones are exclusive to churchyards. Red berries feed thrushes at this time of year - birds we could do with more of. Ivy flourishes and is home to small mammals and invertebrates, keeping them warm in winter, whilst its flowers are essential to bees and butterflies. Owls like the quiet of these places, with their tall trees for nesting and rearing a brood of chicks.

We need wild areas. What goes on under a yew tree, stays under a yew tree! Uncommon insects can live their short lives in peace. The threatened dormice will thrive in a well-kept natural churchyard, as will the slow worms. My idea for churchyards, which might please everybody, is dividing them into three areas; the wild, the cared-for-naturally (CfGA!) and the mown area along the paths and around the church door. What do you think?

*Anni Holden Calver, Churchyard Team Member  
and trustee of Caring for God's Acre*

## *Diddlebury Harvest Supper*

This year's harvest supper was a resounding success, thanks to a hall full of people who all arrived ready to enjoy themselves, and the room rang to the sound of chatter and laughter.



Following a delicious buffet supper of cold meats, vegetarian dishes, and delicious desserts, the tables were cleared in readiness for Diddlebury's own HiJinx ceilidh band to take to the stage. Led by Kitty Greenwood, the band opened with a couple of toe tapping tunes to get everyone in the mood before the caller, and walking guitar playing troubadour, Garry Wiseman, took to the floor. From the moment he invited people to take part in the first dance the floor was filled with dancers and remained that way for the rest of the evening and much fun and laughter was had by all.

Special thanks go to: HiJinx for their enthusiasm and great music; to Sally Woodhouse who, yet again, planned and organised the delicious

buffet; to all the helpers at the buffet and in the kitchen; to Steven Ross and his team of barkeepers who took a record amount behind the bar; to those who set up the room and sold tickets at the door. And especially to all the generous villagers who donated delicious home-made salads and desserts.

If you were unfortunate to miss out on all the fun this year then keep a look out in the Corvedale News and on the DVH Facebook page [www.facebook.com/diddleburyvillagehall](http://www.facebook.com/diddleburyvillagehall) for the date of next year's event. It promises to be another great night out in Diddlebury.

*Kim Simm*



*Corvedale Past and Present***A World on the Brink. Series One Episode 2!**

A couple of months ago (if you bothered or chanced to read it) you might have read Episode 1: how, leading up to the year 1300, the populations of England and other parts of Western Europe had expanded. The countryside became increasingly under pressure from a tide of human beings, and, in a process called 'assarting', farmers nibbled at existing woodland in order to make more growing space. Whether or not this was related to the disasters that the 1300s brought is open to debate, but I suggested a possible parallel with our own times which you might have found convincing or fanciful.

This month I am going to be a little braver and draw a parallel right from the start. In what we call 'early modern times' (think Tudors from the middle of the late 1400s), people got into their heads that they were running short of wood. If today we live in a plastic and metal world, people in those times lived in a wood world. Almost everything they used around the house, the workshop, and the farm involved wood, including of course the buildings themselves. Again, the late 15th century was a time when the population was starting to expand and people could see the trees around them disappearing.

The great majority of south Shropshire was legally 'forest'. Originally this had been reserved for royal and noble hunting and, most notably, hunting deer, the prized 'beast of the chase'. Although not necessarily wooded, forests were still home to many useful trees. The governments of the time started turning their eyes to the old Royal Forests, and radical reforms came into their heads. In the 1540s, the traveller and map maker John Norden raged against landowners who were ignoring new tree preservation laws. That tells us, I suppose, that many trees had been cut down, yet there were still many that had not.

South Shropshire had huge areas of 'emparked' or afforested land. Both forest and park were under pressure to yield up their trees in time of perceived scarcity of wood. Inevitably there was resistance from the local countrymen and large landowners. The former, the forest dwellers, had used their different legal status over the years to build up a gritty independence: 'robust' or 'bloody-minded' depending on your viewpoint! It was the sort of thing that spawned tales of Robin Hood. The landowners knew, consciously or subconsciously, that wooded, hunting landscape gave them hauteur, status and gravitas. Should you wish to imagine the landscape of hunting go to Holdgate in the Corvedale and gaze eastward to Abdon Burf. Here, in medieval times, stood the 1,000 acres of Earnstrey Park. It is known that

by the times we have in mind vast amounts of timber and understorey wood had been or were being cleared from the park. There is some evidence that a specialist funnel-shaped game coursing clearing was fashioned within it, a 'launt'. It's where our word 'lawn' comes from.

Here is Earnstrey, today, from above.



So what of today? Is there a modern parallel to the early modern worry about the felling of trees? Thirty years ago the world's richest countries met and decided that all of us really had to stop using fossilised fuels from the earth's crust. It was polluting the atmosphere, wrecking sea life and would eventually be a threat, with other things, to the whole living world. We see these fears realised all too vividly today as the last 30 years has been, as one commentator has said, 'the golden age of fossil fuels'. Their use has mushroomed out of control.

It may be fair to say that attempts to stop the depletion of our trees in the 15th century failed also, if not so spectacularly and catastrophically. For instance, wood burned on open fires remained the principal way of heating houses until the industrialisation of coal production in the 19th century. Coal, used on open fires and then in industry then became, and I understand still is, the worst of our air pollutants. So, I fear, there seems to be a link between these differing ages of mal-use of the earth's resources.

*Peter Cornah petercornah@gmail.com*

*Afterword;* I know a little of one of the old royal forests that survived, losing its status only in the nineteenth century. This was the forest of Wychwood in Oxfordshire. Clearly the 'old forest ways' were still alive and kicking for the government commissioners viewed the inhabitants as lawless and godless (some villagers stoned strangers on sight) and they regarded the land as wasted. Vast numbers of trees were flung out of the ground with new-fangled hydraulic jacks and the land was put to cereal growth. Later, the new farming was pronounced a failure as the land was not suitable. Perhaps this was a reason it was forest in the first place.

**Remembrance Day**

On Friday 11th November there will be a short ceremony at the War Memorial in Munslow commencing at 10.55am to remember those who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

Their names will be read out and a two-minute silence held, after which a wreath will be laid by the chair of Munslow Parish Council. All Welcome.

## Corvedale School

Our long running superfast fibre broadband saga is finally at an end, and I am delighted to report that the switch has taken place. Ironically, two days after the switch the whole of Telford & Wrekin (who supply our internet service) developed a fault and we had no internet whatsoever for the day.

We held a special event for parents recently to promote early reading. Focussing on how we teach phonics and an introduction to our reading scheme, Accelerated Reader, and our reading programme, *Pathways to Read*. A special thank you to Mrs Rook and Mrs Condra who gave up their time and made a special effort to prepare their informative presentations.



Many congratulations to our school football teams who took part in the Festival of Football at Ludlow Town FC. Our A team missed qualifying for the next round by the narrowest of margins, goal difference. A development squad played their hearts out too gaining valuable experience before the next tournament.

We are celebrating harvest this year in St Peter's church in Diddlebury. It is a celebration in song; the children have been learning some harvest themed songs with Mr Bennett. Hopefully, the congregation will bring along their singing voices for the congregational harvest songs too. In these challenging times we felt it is more important than ever that we support local charities so once again donations to the harvest will be given the local food bank for distribution to those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Nursery at Corvedale is located within the main building of the school. It provides a safe, caring and stimulating environment which promotes learning through play, using excellent resources and many opportunities for children to develop their social skills as they play alongside, and with, other children. The facility has been completely

refurbished inside and out in the past twelve months. Our dedicated and experienced staff team is committed to providing the highest quality early education and wellbeing of the children. We provide a wide range of new experiences and activities for the children. We encourage independence and self-confidence throughout. Our aim is to enrich and stimulate the children's experiences, to provide opportunities for them to progress through learning situations, and to help them develop skills relevant to their needs in school. We will also encourage them to develop socially and to form good relationships with other children and adults. We have plenty of space for more children. So, if you are looking for a nursery place for your two-, three- or four-year-old why not come along and see our marvellous provision for yourself.



Quick question. Do you look at our school website? [www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk](http://www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk) It is packed full of useful information about our school. There are picture galleries that celebrate many of the amazing things that happen at our school. There are details of the curriculum we teach and lots of useful additional extras. On the home page you will see links to our weekly newsletters and future events for your diary. Have a look at some of the recent pictures from Seedpips in the galleries section and Class 2's visit to Ludlow castle.

Other events coming up before the end of term include:

- Our **Carol Service** at St Peter's Church Diddlebury 6:30pm Tuesday 13th December, please join us.
- Class 1 & 2 will be performing their **Christmas Musical** on Wednesday 14th December.
- The whole school is off to see the **pantomime** in Ludlow Friday 16th December.

*Jonathan Brough, Headteacher*

## Munslow Village Hall (aka Beambridge Clubroom)

### Extraordinary General Meeting Tuesday 8th November at 7.30pm

Following the September AGM, an Extraordinary General Meeting is called to complete unfinished business relating to the Committee of Management. Due to absences, the meeting was unable to confirm the appointment of three elected members and representative members of various organisations, within the Parish. It is anticipated that this situation can be remedied with the attendance of all interested parties. It is also possible to co-opt two members to fill casual vacancies, as and when required.

Organisations to be represented: Munslow Parish Council, Munslow WI, and Corvedale Artists.

Parishioners are urged to note the date and time of the meeting, your attendance would be much appreciated.

Retiring members would be reassured to know that a fully functional and enthusiastic committee is in place to fulfil the objectives of Munslow Village Hall, within our community.

*Anne Donnelly & Christine Evans  
(Retiring Secretary & Treasurer)*

*Corvedale Garden Group***The Dell House, Malvern Wells.**

Unusually, this month saw a select few, nine of us, visiting The Dell House at Malvern Wells, as many members were occupied with other things this week including the Art Exhibition and the Harvest Supper. Thankfully, the heavy overnight rain had cleared and after an early morning appointment for my flu and covid boosters I enjoyed a beautiful autumnal drive enjoying the sun on the changing leaf colours via the back roads to Malvern. For once my sat-nav was playing ball; others, sadly, had long diversions. Once we were all assembled, our hosts, Elizabeth and Kevin Rolph, led us to a sunny terrace with amazing views across to the Stroud hills.

They had been planning to move from Cambridgeshire in 2014 to the Peak District to run a B&B, but ended up in Malvern, where they now run a 'Green B&B' with four rooms and three self-catering units. Both are Quakers; Kevin was a software engineer and Elizabeth a town planner. They were enticed by the possibilities of the two-acre garden which they now enjoy sharing with visitors: they have raised £2,500 for the NGS this year. They shared with us the history of the house and the steps they had taken to restore it and to develop the garden. They explained that in 1836 a rector was given £4,000 to build a church and a rectory on a ten-acre plot at the top of Green Lane. William Hooker, the first Director of Kew Gardens, was a close friend and may have contributed some of the magnificent trees we saw in the garden including the cedars, holm oaks and a *Liriodendron tulipa* (tulip tree). By 1911 Dell House was a family home and the family contributed a slate roofed Wendy house. The property then became The Dell Hydro, The Dell Hotel (a lodging house), a boys' home and later a healing centre. Some land was sold off and from the 1970s the garden was left badly neglected and overgrown. The terrace we were standing on had been a lawn but was being invaded by laurel, brambles, holly, and bindweed.

After reroofing the building, restoring leaded windows, and refurbishing twenty plus sash windows and making it safe and workable, Kevin and Elizabeth turned their attention to the garden. It took over two years just to clear the land and as they did, they found an old summer house, the Wendy house, a croquet lawn, and a concrete Orkney chess piece. They also found the now dead tulip tree and former paths leading down the hill to an area they have christened 'the not quite 100-acre wood'. New skills were needed and new contacts too. Kevin learned to drive a JCB to create the paths. They discovered a skillful tree sculptor who has used old, unsafe trees to create a turreted tower, a horse, a fox, two moles, a few badgers, an owl, and Tigger. The summer house had been moved up to where the lawn had been (now a terrace), and the croquet lawn now has the outdoor train track, which they brought from Cambridgeshire garden, running round it. Ferns have been moved onto the bank, shrubs and herbaceous planting are slowly moving down the slopes. A chance visit to Malvern Show resulted in them inheriting a cactus collection from its retiring owner which now fills the atrium.



Elizabeth and Kevin were good hosts and we enjoyed refreshments and further discussions on the terrace. They warmly invite anyone interested to contact them and they will happily share the garden with them (01684 564 448).

November will be our last meeting of the year. You are warmly invited to join members of the Garden Group at Diddlebury Village Hall, Mill Lane, SY7 9DH at 10.00 am on Saturday 19th November. Our guest speaker will be David Morgan, the county organiser for the National Garden Scheme for Worcestershire. He will illustrate his talk with pictures of the gardens which are open to visitors. He will also explain what the NGS looks for if you are feeling brave enough to open your garden to the public. By the end of the morning we should be able to answer the question 'Is my garden good enough?' Refreshments available, cost for talk and refreshments £7 per person. I hope by then to have organised the 2023 programme which will be available on the day, (fingers crossed).

*Cath Burley, cathburley@hotmail.com*

**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)

## *Corvedale Festival - What does the future hold?*

The inaugural Corvedale Festival took place from September 16th to 24th. Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way, large or small, to what was undoubtedly a success on many levels - we could not have done it without you. Most of the events were well supported and enthusiastically received, and the question on everyone's lips was 'are you going to do it again next year?' That is not an easy question to answer! In principle it would be incredibly sad to create something so uplifting and not continue. However, for it to continue we would need more support, both financial and practical. To gauge the level of desire for an ongoing festival we would be grateful if you could answer the short questionnaire below and either email / text your responses or give us a ring and have a chat - we're very friendly! Thank you for taking the time to read this and we hope to hear your comments in due course.

You can email us on [corvedalefestival@gmail.com](mailto:corvedalefestival@gmail.com), phone Ruth on 07745 825 700, or write to us at: *Corvedale Festival Office, Flat 4, Hungerford Mill, Hungerford, Craven Arms, SY7 9HG*

### **Corvedale Festival Questionnaire**

1. Would you like to see the festival continue?
2. Would you attend if it did? Multiple events?
3. Would you consider giving financial support as a friend, benefactor, or sponsor of the festival?
4. If yes, would you prefer a one-off payment, or a monthly payment?
5. Would you be willing to offer practical help with any of the following tasks?

Administrative support / publicity distribution / help with transport for performers / offering accommodation to artists from further afield / stewarding at events etc.

6. Any other comments?

Finally, if you are willing to offer help of any sort, then PLEASE let us know how to contact you! If you cannot help but would like to be on the mailing list, then please also supply your details.

*Ruth Henley*

## *Footpath Maintenance Group*

It is now some months since I updated our efforts in maintaining the footpaths in and around the Corvedale; we have been busy, so there is quite a lot to report. We replaced the wobbly stile frame at Bouldon, next to the Tally Ho, and several stiles and steps from behind Heath Chapel across the fields to the top of Wynett's Coppice. In May, the ground had dried out enough for us to complete the stile at Munslow, across the field from the track behind The Crown Inn car park. We replaced a step on a further stile and put in a way marker post, so the footpath from Munslow to Broncroft Lodge Farm has all been repaired.

In August we repaired a couple of stiles across Lawton Farm fields, and replaced another very dilapidated stile, adding three steps as the bank drops steeply away on one side. Another stile at Lawton Farm, near the track, has very kindly been replaced by the farmer while he was replacing the fence, thank you so much!

In the May issue, I mentioned the stiles we had replaced / added to the footpath between Bouldon and Broncroft Lodge Farm. Where this footpath crosses the lane is a finger post and a double farm gate. There has never been room for a stile to the side of the gate. However, there are plans for stock to occasionally be in the field there and the gate may be locked from time to time, so, in September, we cleared the brambles and trimmed back the hedge to the left of the gate and added two steps to the wooden fence rails along the hedge line. Also in September, we replaced the loose frame of the stile by the footbridge across the field to the east of Christmas Cross, below Corfton. Dave Hardwick, the SC

Footpaths Officer for the area, came down with his team of Shrewsbury Ramblers and replaced said bridge, the broken upper step of the stile at Christmas Cross, and removed the fallen tree on the big footbridge further along that footpath towards Lawton Farm. Further work is planned for this bridge I believe. When stiles must be accessed across fields, sometimes several fields, they can be very tricky for us to get to, especially when winter comes, and while David and his team were with us, they stayed on and added a stile where fencing had been put across the footpath that runs between Pool Farm and Stanton Long, (see photo): this was a great help. We also replaced the broken steps of the stile across the same field.



We are lucky to have so many miles of footpaths across the Dale, but I'm afraid there are so many stiles and sections of path that need attention, it is an impossibility to get round to it all. We try to concentrate on the paths that appear to get the most footfall. However, if you come across a pressing issue, or a stile that is dangerous, do continue to let me know. Happy walking!

*Jenny Vine*





## Changes to waste collections in South Shropshire from Monday 7th November

Householders in the former south Shropshire district are being alerted to changes to their waste and recycling collections from next month.

From 7 November changes are to be made to some recycling and waste collection days in the former north Shropshire, South Shropshire and Shrewsbury & Atcham districts/boroughs to make the collection service more efficient and reduce the distances that the collection lorries need to travel on their rounds.

However, at the same time, in south Shropshire changes are also being made to the types of waste collected on each collection day.

At the moment, collections in south Shropshire are as follows:

Week 1: Garden waste

Week 2: General refuse and recycling

**But, from 7 November, collections will change to:**

**Week 1: Garden waste and recycling**

**Week 2: General refuse**

South Shropshire residents will receive a leaflet under their bin lid in the next two weeks to advise them of this important change. New collection calendars will then be

delivered in mid-to-late October to all affected properties in south Shropshire, north Shropshire and Shrewsbury to advise of any collection date changes.

Ian Nellins, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member responsible for waste management, said:

'These changes have been carefully planned and will help Veolia and the council to provide a better, more efficient, more carbon-friendly waste and recycling collection service to residents in the north Shropshire, South Shropshire and Shrewsbury areas.

'The key message to south Shropshire residents is **please note that your collections will change.**

'The message to residents in south Shropshire, north Shropshire and Shrewsbury is please look out for your new collection calendar when it's delivered. This will tell you if your collection day is changing, and to what day.'

Around 75% of households in the three areas (c. 78,000 properties) will see their collection day change. The former Bridgnorth and Oswestry districts aren't affected, with a similar exercise carried out in the Bridgnorth area last year.

All residents are reminded that they should continue to present their containers at the kerbside by 7am on their collection day as, even if the day remains the same, the time may change.

## The Corvedale Kitchen

### Cullen Skink - Martin Jones

Here's a traditional recipe from north of the border. Like many traditional Scottish dishes (e.g. deep-fried Mars bars) it is probably frowned on by the 'food police' because of the use of butter, cream and potatoes. But it's just the thing for a hearty supper on a cold, damp, Autumn evening.

#### Ingredients (Serves 4)

450g	potatoes, peeled and diced	450g	smoked haddock	10g	parsley, chopped
200g	onions, finely chopped	600ml	milk		
40g	butter	300ml	full fat crème fraiche		

#### Method

1. Boil the potatoes with a pinch of salt until tender. Drain and mash.
2. Place the onions in a lidded pan with the butter and cook gently, stirring, with a pinch of salt. When wilted, place haddock skin side down over the onions, just cover with milk. Simmer, covered, for 10-15 minutes until the fish is cooked through and the onions sloppy. Lift fish onto a plate and cool slightly.
3. Add the remaining milk and mash to the onion pan, stir well, and reheat.
4. Flake the fish off the skin, watching for bones, into the soup. Reheat with half the cream then season to taste with salt and pepper.
5. Stir in the remaining cream and add chopped parsley.
6. Served with crusty bread this is a meal in itself.

Don't be too fussy about precise quantities. There are plenty of variations on this recipe: you could make it less rich by using milk and water instead of milk and make it thinner or thicker by using less or more potato

Note for Sassenachs: *Cullen* is a village on the North Sea coast ~20 miles from Elgin; *Skink* is a Gaelic word meaning 'soup'.

*Hayton & District WI*

Eileen welcomed members to our October meeting; Phyllis has still not fully recovered but we hope to see her soon. The usual business was soon taken care of - upcoming events including a lunch at Origins, steak and bowling at The Grove on Wednesday 19th October and group dinner at The Swan, Aston Munslow on 17th November. Invitations for our 75th Anniversary on November 20th were distributed. A donation of £150 had been sent to The Severn Hospice from a cake stall at the last Saturday market in the village hall. Several members had attended the group meeting on 28th September; Joyce's rhubarb and ginger gin had won third prize in the competition.

Eileen then welcomed our speaker for the evening, our own Ria Baxter, who had that morning returned from Indonesia - a 32-hour journey! Ria runs The Kyrebrook Daycare Centre in Tenbury Wells and had kindly offered to give us an insight into the disease which affects many of her clients - various forms of dementia. This is a subject which many of us would rather not think about until we encounter it on a personal level and as 1 in 14 people over sixty-five will have dementia, it is likely that will be the case. She began with a task of marrying up twelve halves of broken sentences regarding dementia which dispelled quite a lot of misconceptions regarding the disease. I found one of the most helpful analogies she made was to think of the brain as a string of fairy lights, each bulb controlling

a specific group of brain cells associated with such things as short term memory, spatial awareness, communication, and loss of motor skills. The light bulbs flicker or are extinguished when dementia strikes and so any of these groups of brain cells can be affected in any random order. Short term memory loss is one of the most common first symptoms and Ria emphasized that early diagnosis is particularly important so the correct care and support can be available to both patient and the family. Drugs can slow the progress of the disease and many people live well with dementia; registering lasting power of attorney is also a sensible step to consider. Although some of the data Ria gave (over one million people have this condition in the UK) are shocking, understanding a bit more about this taboo subject gave us a little more confidence in knowing how to deal with it should the need arise. Rose thanked Ria for her presentation, especially after her tiring day, and she continued to answer questions whilst Amanda and Dot served refreshments.

The next meeting, our **AGM**, will be on **Thursday 10th November** - with a supper of homemade soup.

For more information, please ring Phyllis Steventon on 01584 823436.

*Barbara Wright*

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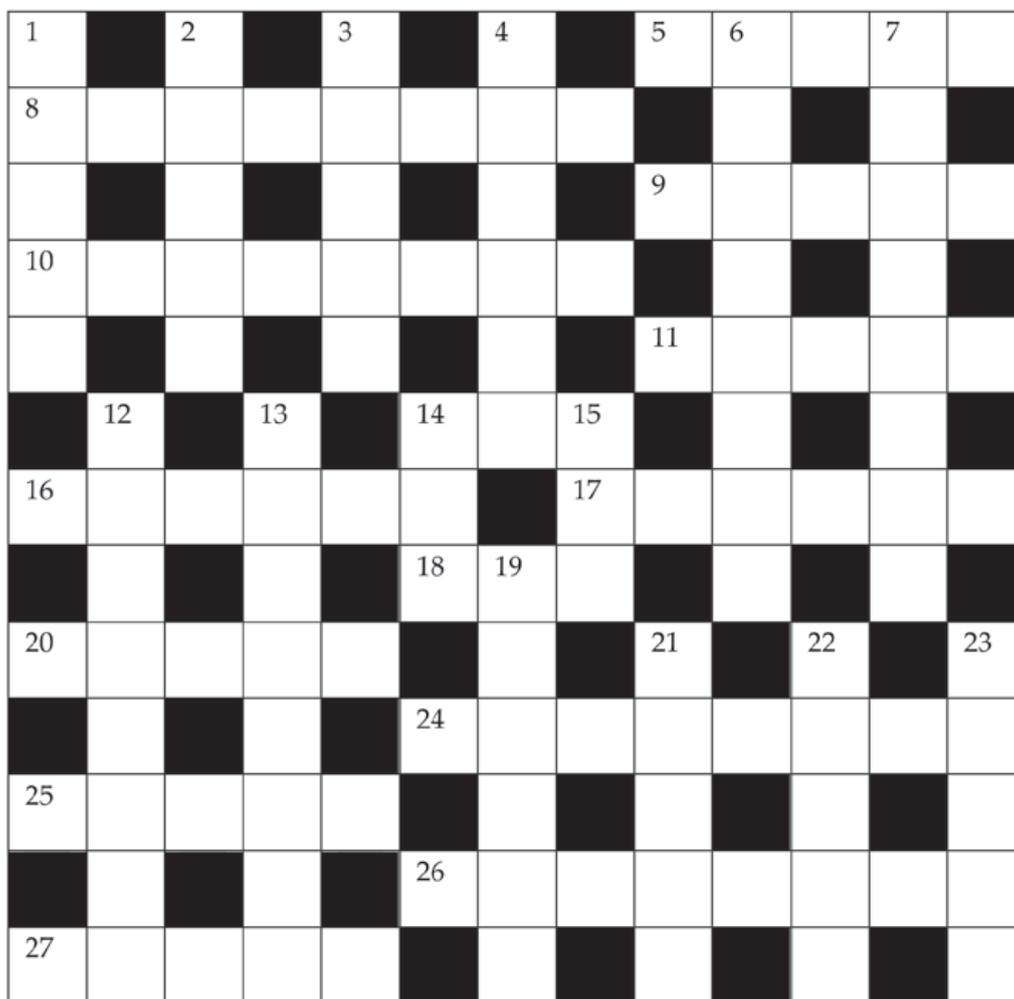
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November Crossword - by Artemonas

P Q R S T T J K L M



**ACROSS**

- 5) We first call to do the twist (5)
- 8) Judges areas for runners (7)
- 9) Company in a street in Berkshire (5)
- 10) Amused by crafty conduct in garden plot (8)
- 11) anything to upset a thug (5)
- 14) In even deeper at the finish (3)
- 16) Ravel's jig used in service? (6)
- 17) Light when I get in drunk (6)
- 18) Island spirit (3)
- 20) Common to be back a Santa Claus uniform (5)
- 24) Previous spoken exam in countryside (8)
- 25) Harsh for Richard, dropped into corrosive liquid (5)
- 26) Car starts on my turning to self-rule (8)
- 27) Dye Chicken with sodium (5)

**DOWN**

- 1) Underwater swimming around small island (5)
- 2) Remains when Donald comes before orders (5)
- 3) Inspect German car and Ford model (5)
- 4) Scattered in street with injured bird (6)
- 6) Saving various nice rugs (8)
- 7) They open around a novice (8)
- 12) Slaughter as scream changes (8)
- 13) Work for high-flyers (7)
- 14) Go wrong for some other reason (3)
- 15) Mid-way back? Not brilliant (3)
- 19) I hear you ran us round a heavenly body (6)
- 21) Spoilsport gets in a temper (5)
- 22) Clergyman loses head on crime (5)
- 23) Has fun with works in the theatre (5)

**ANSWERS TO OCTOBER'S CROSSWORD:**

**ACROSS:** 1) Queen; 4) Toccata; 8) Imagine; 9) Bored; 10) Teeth; 11) Twaddle; 13) Ease; 15) Divert; 17) Redeem; 20) Open; 22) Guy rope; 24) Fumed; 26) Angel; 27) Alliums; 28) Derides; 29) Satay;

**DOWN:** 1) Quilted; 2) Erase; 3) Neither; 4) Tweets; 5) Cobra; 6) Abridge; 7) Addle; 12) Were; 14) Atop; 16) Voyager; 18) Enfolds; 19) Modesty; 21) Pedals; 22) Grand; 23) Oiled; 25) Mould;

*Diddlebury & Westhope WI***Annual Skittles Match – as always, a really good evening!**

This month we met at Westhope Village Hall. After a very brief meeting, we commenced with the main activity of the evening, which was our annual skittles match. We were also joined by Munslow WI this year and between us managed to get a team of fifteen together to play against Craven Arms ladies. We had a fun time and as usual Craven Arms ladies played to an extremely high standard and won the competition. Thanks to them for the great refreshments and thanks to Betty Manley and her team for opening the bar. Everyone had a good evening, and we will look forward to next year and getting a chance to win the Tom Hall Cup for a change!

Next month we will be meeting on **Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm** at our usual venue Culmington Village Hall. We will be welcoming Rosemary Jones to give a talk about Upholstery and Furniture Restoration.

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

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**Parish Councils****CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****Draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2022**

**In Attendance:** Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr I Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Mr M Seabrook, Mr J Turley; Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council), Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO) and two members of the public.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Holland, Mear and Pike.

**Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** Village Hall storeroom - Cllr Byng reported that she is a member of the Village Hall Committee but as this is not a pecuniary interest it was decided she should remain in the meeting during this item.

**Public Involvement Session:** Cllr Steele reported that a member of the public, who was unable to attend the meeting, wanted to thank the Parish Council and the Flood Action Group for the work they have conducted on Seifton brook on Seifton Lane.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**Matters Arising:** The Neighbourhood Policing Team was not available to attend this meeting.

**Planning: 22/04050/FUL** - Erection of a single storey extension to create a new storeroom - Village Hall, Culmington: Mr Peter Lines explained the proposals. Resolved: support.

**22/04307/TCA** - Fell 1 Silver Birch within Culmington Conservation Area, Rose Cottage, 14 Culmington: Resolved: support with the request to replace with a native tree.

**22/04326/FUL** - Erection of a general-purpose agricultural building for the storage of straw, timber and farm machinery. Farmland opposite New House Farm (Middle Barn), Seifton, SY7 9LG. Resolved: support.

**Community Governance and Boundary Review:** Diddlebury Parish Council is considering the contents of the joint letter. Resolved: defer to next meeting to decide on recipients of the joint letter.

**Reports from Members: Shropshire Council** - Cllr Motley

reported that Shropshire Council has sent in recommendations to the Local Government Boundary Commission that the number of Councillors should increase from 74 to 76 to accommodate the new housing in Shrewsbury and Shifnal. The Deputy Leader has resigned so there have been some changes and Cllr Motley is now also responsible for the new Integrated Care Arrangements. There is a Rural Prosperity Fund, but she does not yet know the criteria for applications.

**Village Hall** - Cllr Mear had sent apologies.

**Flood Committee** - Cllr Byng reported that Shropshire Highways will prioritise the area before the 'flood season'. Any drains that need clearing should be reported via 'Fix My Street' with photographs if possible. Drain clearing is now 'in-house' rather than using a contractor. Partnership funding might be possible for some projects to reduce flooding.

**Finance Report, Bank Reconciliation and Budget Report:** As of Monday 26th September 2022 the bank account holds £9,767.66. Resolved: Accept the Finance report, bank reconciliation and budget report.

**Payments Authorised:** D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Invoices 211 and 229 £136, H Coonick (Reimbursement for Land Registry Charges, anti-virus software and postage) £105.06 plus £50.98 (reimbursement for printer inks), J Wilkinson (Ecologist) £192.

**Update on Laundry Works:** The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Policing Team stated in their email of the 21st September 2022 that '*There are no parking restrictions on the main road by the Laundry Works. This means the Police have no powers to stop this taking place unless it's causing a complete obstruction of the highway. This will need to be addressed by Shropshire Highways.*' The Clerk will contact Shropshire Highways and inform the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**Items For The Next Meeting:** *a.* Items for the draft budget for 2023-2024. *b.* Community Governance and Boundary Review.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 7th November 2022 at 7.00pm**

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*Parish Councils Continued...***ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL****Draft Minutes of an Open Meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2022 at Abdon Village Hall**

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

**Open Session:** No matters were raised.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Apologies:** None.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 28th July 2022 were read by Chair and unanimously agreed as correct.

**Finance:** The balance as at 4th October 2022 was £6,271.77.

**Reports From Members:** *22/02928/FUL* - Brown Clew Cottage: Cllr Motley reported that this application had been refused. The applicant will meet with the planning officer. She has reported ash-die back between Tugford and Broncroft. Cllr Whalley will arrange a tree surgeon also: this was agreed. 'Warm welcome' - Abdon Village Hall will be open at parish events to keep residents warm. Cllr Motley will forward information about the money crisis to the Clerk, who should be contacted for information. Cllr Motley said she has new job in health.

**Village Hall Mirror:** There are to be two mirrors on one post. The

application fee is £75 and installation £555. Nick Newton is on leave so Derick Buchanan is now overseeing the work. Cllr Motley will speak to Shropshire Council about contractors.

**Highways:** The end of Brockleys Lane past Manor House is still rough. The top road and some of Abdon is done. The quality has improved, but waste tarmac has been dumped in a ditch.

**Correspondence** has been received from Ian Nellins about climate change and EV charging. There will be funding towards the cost of 750 charging points within the county. Cllr Motley proposed writing about the Council's proposal and requesting funding. This was agreed. Cllr Whalley will attend a webinar for EV charging on 18th October. The Clerk will forward details.

**AOB:** There was none.

**Items for consideration at the next meeting (for dissemination of information only):** Village Hall Mirror, Cllr absences, EV charging.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:03.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm.

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**MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6th October 2022 at Beambridge Club Room**

**Present:** Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Ed Povey, Antonia Bury, Val Fotheringham, David Marston and Chris Meeson; Cllr Motley (Shropshire Unitary Authority), Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO) and Mrs Anne Donnelly (Beambridge Club Room Committee Chair).

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Nigel Dobson.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Public Forum:** Mrs Donnelly reported that the Caring for God's Acre team worked with 12 volunteers on Munslow Burial Ground. The paths have been cleared and debris removed. They found two slow worms. She also reported on the clubroom. There is a new heating system but no longer a meter, so there will be a change in rental fees to reflect the cost of electricity. Damp is a problem in one wall, but the Estate is looking at installing a French drain. All the lights in the building have been changed and Ian from the village has redecorated. She had hoped for some new committee members at the AGM, but the committee is now in limbo as she and the treasurer wish to resign. Cllr Bury will investigate the progress on the new lease for the clubroom and this will be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

**Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2022:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**Matters Arising from those minutes that are not covered on the agenda:** Millichope Estate has not been able to move the telephone box for the defibrillator. Cllr Dobson is working on this.

**Urgent Items for discussion at the discretion of the Chair:** None

**Planning:** *22/03989/FUL* Brook House, Munslow, SY7 9EZ Erection of part single storey/two storey extension to rear and single storey extension to side: Resolved: support with no comments.

**Reports:** *Chair's Report - Cllr Archer.* No report.

**Shropshire Unitary Authority** - Cllr Motley reported that there will be a change of waste collection arrangements and the information will be available soon. There has been a cabinet reshuffle and she is now

responsible for Health and Communities. The submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission proposes that there should be an increase of two Unitary Councillors. There will be no decisions on the Community Governance Review until the Local Government Boundary Review has been completed.

**Consider the Setting up of a 'Warm Hub' in the Parish:** We understand that Mrs Dobson and some other ladies from Munslow are considering setting up a Coffee Morning at Beambridge Clubroom.

**Local Policing Community Charter:** The three highest priorities for the Parish are: speeding, sound pollution from motorbikes and thefts. The Clerk will inform the Neighbourhood Team.

**Arrangements for Remembrance Day:** There will be a Remembrance Service at Diddlebury Church on Remembrance Sunday. A wreath will be purchased at £20, and Cllr Archer will place the wreath on the War Memorial in Munslow on the 11th November 2022.

**Finance:** The review of the accounts, bank reconciliation and budget will be deferred until the next meeting. Payments approved: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £119, Remembrance Day wreath £20, H Coonick (Reimburse stationery, postage, virus software) £39.90.

**Highways:** A Replacement Vehicle Activated Sign for Aston Munslow was decided upon. The purchase of a battery-operated mobile sign was discussed. The Clerk will ask Shropshire Highways to meet with representatives of the Parish Council to look at potential sites within the parish. It was agreed to order a replacement sign for eastern entrance to Aston Munslow from Westcotec at a cost of £3,995 plus VAT, including installation.

Cllr Motley said the Joint Parishes Highways Proposals had been delayed due to sick leave. An alternative contact will be provided to the Clerk to follow this up.

**Items for the Next Meeting:** *a.* Draft Budget *b.* Defibrillator *c.* Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign. *d.* Club Room Lease.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7.30pm at Beambridge Village Hall.

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*Parish Councils Continued...***DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at Westhope Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr D Hedgley – Chairman, Cllrs A Watson, R Povall, T O'Boyle, A Rattu, C Martyn.

**Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllrs R Morgan, S Povall, and T Pardoe.

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, Unitary Cllr Cecilia Motley and six members of the public.

**Declarations Of Interest:** None were made.

**Public Involvement Session:** Mr I Metcalfe requested that DPC consider applying to make the Sun Inn, Corfton an Asset of Community Value. The Chairman advised the matter would have to be an agenda item so will be dealt with on 26th October 2022.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July 2022 were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman. Two matters arising were dealt with.

**Chairman's Report:** The Chairman reported that the agreed re-surfacing works to the community car parking areas at the school and the village hall car park have now been completed and all that remains to be done is car park line marking works on the school and village hall car parks. The resurfacing works were funded by donations from DVH, the school, and DPC via car park resurfacing reserves, CIL and Neighbour Funding. The line marking will be funded by DPC.

The Chairman, the Clerk and two councillors attended the funeral of Mr Geoff Neden, to pay DPC's respects for all the work Geoff had carried out for DPC and the Diddlebury community generally.

The Chairman liaised with Cllr Pardoe on quotations for works on the DPC bus shelters and the railings in Diddlebury. He had attended a site visit at the Dovecote, Delbury Hall in relation to the planning application 22/04203/LBC, and he had attended the Southern Planning Committee in Shrewsbury to support application 22/00778/OUT for a retired agricultural worker's home at Corfton Farm, which was successful.

**Unitary Cllr Motley** reported that she was aware of the issues the parish was facing with road works and speeding issues on the B4368 and will discuss them with the newly appointed Senior Traffic Engineer, Mr David Buchanan. She has made a number of contacts in an effort to obtain payment to DPC of its long-outstanding CIL payment. She said the department dealing with CIL has a huge backlog of payments, but four new staff have been appointed to progress payments. Likewise, the planning staff are under huge pressure as are Highways staff. She did not feel that the proposed 'Warm Hubs' initiative was applicable to Diddlebury. Finally, she has an additional new Cabinet role - dealing with the NHS on integrated care systems.

**Westhope Village Hall:** Cllr Watson reported that the work replacing the roof of Westhope Village Hall has been completed: the cost has almost depleted their reserves and they will be applying to DPC for a donation at the October meeting.

**Flood Action Group:** Cllr Martyn reported that the Flood Forum Meeting on 8th September had been cancelled at short notice and no new date has yet been given. No new funding is available for leaky dams. He is organising a date for the autumnal clearance of the Diddle brook.

**BDUK - Broadband Provision:** Cllr Rattu has received a communication from BDUK following its review: 19,000 Shropshire properties have been identified as being in an intervention area, which opens the way to grant funding to get broadband to hard-to-reach properties. Contracts for the work will be sent out to tender from next April onwards.

**Planning Applications: 22/04203/LBC** - Application to convert a Dovecote into wedding accommodation at Delbury Hall, Diddlebury. DPC supported the application unanimously.

**22/03929/FUL** - Application by Severn Trent Water for the installation of a phosphate dosing kiosk at the Pumping Station. The Moors, Diddlebury. As a safe water supply is essential, DPC supported the application unanimously but raised a number of questions and caveats about it, including noise levels, screening and the proposed method of disposal of untreated phosphate-high water.

**Highways/Environmental Issues: (1)** Corfton residents' concerns about speeding on the B4368 were discussed at considerable length. Some SC Highways staff were asked to attend the meeting but had not responded. Cllr Rattu felt Diddlebury/Corfton needed its own Community Led Concerns document: it was agreed he and Cllr O'Boyle will investigate what evidence is needed to support it. Mr Ian Davies is to be asked to site DPC's mobile SID in Corfton and the Clerk was asked to ascertain from the manufacturer whether speed data can be captured and stored on the existing SID. Further efforts will be made to obtain an electrical supply to a pole so a permanent SID can be positioned on the worst area of the B4368, as advice received is that a solar panel activated machine will not work.

**(2)** Councillors considered and discussed quotations received for work on DPC assets, namely cleaning and refurbishment of the three bus shelters and refurbishment of the railings along the Diddle brook. A quotation for £1,312 was agreed by a majority vote.

**(3)** Councillors considered quotations for the marking of car parking bays etc on the re-surfaced car parking areas at the school and DVH. By a majority vote a quotation for £1,972 plus VAT from J J Gilleran Ltd was agreed. It will be funded by DPC.

**Communications And Correspondence:** 13 items were considered and debated. Item 7 related to the proposed boundary changes affecting Diddlebury and Culmington parishes. Culmington PC has drafted a letter to be sent jointly by both parish councils to affected residents. Cllr R Povall said he would discuss the proposed draft with Culmington's Clerk and Chairman as he wanted some amendments made.

**Finance Report for August/September 2022:** cheques totalling £34,386.37 (which included the resurfacing works) were approved for payment. A full breakdown of the payments can be found in the Minutes of 28th September 2022. DPC holds a balance of £23,040 following payment of the approved cheques. Cllr O'Boyle approved the Clerk's reconciliation between HSBC bank statements and DPC's cash book.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

**Next meeting: Wednesday 26th October 2022, 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.**

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Abdon		9am HC		6pm Advent Carol Service
Broadstone			8:30 HC	
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm EP	8:30 HC
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	10:50 Service of Remembrance	11:15 HC	11:15 FS
Holdgate	8:30 HC			
Munslow	8:30 HC	11:15 HC		9:45 HC
Tugford			9:45 HC	

**Key:** HC = Holy Communion, EP = Evensong, FC = Family Communion.

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