

CORVEDALE NEWS

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Doug Billingsley in his army uniform - Sara Thompson

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- online via citizensadvice.org.uk
- 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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If you are in need of help the following resources are available:

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

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What's on in the Dale

**CRAZY LADY
COFFEE & CAKE**

Four local nutty women have joined forces to host a weekly coffee morning on

Thursdays, 10.00am – 12.00noon
in the Church Room, Diddlebury.

There will be a small charge for coffee, tea, and cake but laughter and chat are free!

Please come and join us for a bit of a giggle.

For more information phone Sue on
07874 810 562.



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

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,
WESTHOPE,
CRAVEN ARMS,
SY7 9JL

**CULMINGTON AND DISTRICT
FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW**

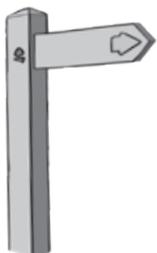
Sunday 21st August
at Culmington Village Hall

We're back! New this year: grow the tallest
sunflower - the national flower of Ukraine

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| Fruit & Veg | Flowers & Plants |
| Cookery & Drink | Floral Art |
| Arts & Crafts | Children's Classes |
| Eggs & Herbs | Family Class |

Superb prizes in our sponsors' raffle!
Refreshments

Schedules/entry forms available from the end of May from:
Culmington Village Hall, All Saints Church,
Cyril Bason, Avril Enston - 01584 861 803,
Judy McNally - 01584 861 403,
and Janet Stuart - 01584 861 289



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:

July	Wednesday 20th	Friday 22nd	Sunday 24th
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What's on in the Dale

Corvedale Folk Club

at The Sun Inn, Corfton
on Friday 15th July
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



**All Saints Parish Church,
CULMINGTON, Shropshire**

Corvedale Group of Parishes

Raising funds for the fabric
and life of our beautiful church

**Church Wardens: Val and Andrew invite you to a
HOG ROAST or VEGGIE LUNCH £10.00
Sunday 7th August 12.30 onwards
Culmington Village Hall (bar available)**

Please book tickets by 31st July 2022 by emailing or calling
Val Hardwick sparchford@btinternet.com 01584 861658
Andrew Pike apike@uwclub.net 01584 861361

John Kirkpatrick

appearing at

Culmington Village Hall

Ludlow SY8 2DA



Friday, 15th July at 7.30pm

Bar open from 6pm - Tickets: £10

contact: John or Yvonne - 01584 861802

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 markwzenick@aol.com

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



Westhope College

Centre for arts and crafts in beautiful
South Shropshire.

Open Day

Friday 8th July 10am to 4pm

- City & Guilds courses showcase •
- Demonstrations of basketry •
- Craft sale in aid of new bursary fund •
- Wildflower meadow •

Refreshments • Free Admission • All welcome

Westhope SY7 9JL 01584 861293

*What's on in the Dale***Walk for Parkinson's - Shrewsbury**

11am, Sunday 11 September 2022

Walk along the River Severn and cross the beautiful Porthill Suspension Footbridge returning through the historic suburb of Belle Vue.

Every step you take brings us closer to a cure.



Shrewsbury 11am, Sunday 11 September 2022

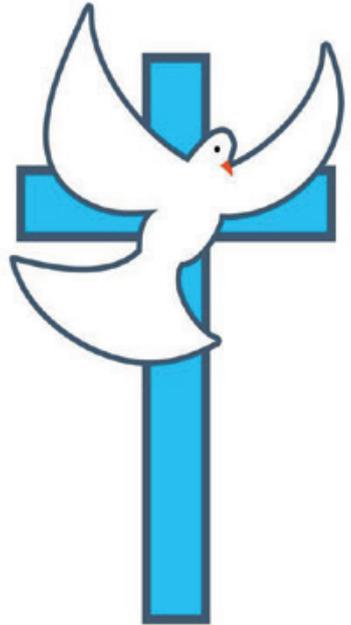
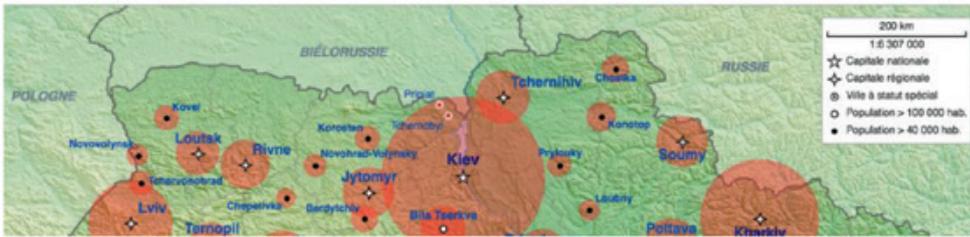
- Start and finish: University Centre Shrewsbury, Frankwell Quay SY3 8HQ.
- Routes: 1.5 miles or 5 miles.
- We will not be accepting any sign ups on the day of the event.
- Sign up fee £12 for adults and £6 for under 18s
- Sponsorship £50 min suggested please
- 1.5 route is accessible for pushchair or wheelchair users, with some help
- Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead at all times.
- Registration for this walk closes: Sunday 4 September 2022.

To sign up:

<https://events.parkinsons.org.uk/event/walk-parkinsons-shrewsbury/home>

Email: walk@parkinsons.org.uk or call 0800 138 6593.

What's on in the Dale



Lost in Music!
Corvedale Choir back performing!
Monday 18th July, Diddlebury Village Hall,
7.00pm drinks & 7.30pm concert begins.
Raising funds for the Ukraine DEC Appeal and
Corvedale group of parishes. Come and get lost
in music! Donations! Please give generously!

How music helps us escape from the real world, transforms our well-being, enhances and inspires our spirits

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 3rd September 2022

COME AND HAVE FUN AT THE SANSAW RUN!

Sansaw is delighted to host its first 5k, non-timed, mixed terrain, cross country run & to raise money for the Shropshire based charity HAJMT. Across beautiful North Shropshire countryside, come and be part of this inaugural event!

Sansaw Business Park
Hadnall, Shrewsbury, Shropshire,
SY4 4AS.

Grid Reference: SJ 520 216

HAJMT raises money to buy AEDS that can be put into local communities where there may not be the funds to purchase this essential lifesaving equipment.

**FOR ALL DETAILS, TO REGISTER & FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT THE CHARITY GO TO**

WWW.HAJMT.CO.UK

Raising Funds to put an AED where you are.



**HENRY ANGELL-JAMES
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Registered Charity Number: 1181884 | www.hajmt.co.uk

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



Please note that the deadline for all submissions to the Corvedale News is Monday 18th July.

July 2022

Every Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10.00am-11.30am
Every Mon	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm-5.00pm
Every Mon	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10.00am
Every Tues	Corvedale Artists	Beambridge Club Room	10.00am
Every Tues	Chair Yoga	Culmington Village Hall	
Every Thur	Crazy Lady Coffee Morning	Diddlebury Church Room	10.00am
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7th Thu	Westhope Clover Club	Westhope Village Hall	2.30pm
7th Thu	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
8th Fri	Westhope College Open Day	Westhope College	10.00am-4.00pm
9th Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
9th Sat	RSPB Walk	Catherton Common	10.00am
9th Sat	Flower Festival (to 15th July)	St Laurence's, Ludlow	
13th Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Thu	Craft Group	Diddlebury Church Room	2.00pm
14th Thu	Corvedale School Open Afternoon	Corvedale School	
14th Thu	Hayton & District WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
15th Fri	Corvedale School Sports Day	Corvedale School	
15th Fri	John Kirkpatrick	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
16th Sat	Corvedale Garden Group	Byecroft, Bircher Common	10.00am
18th Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
20th Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
22nd Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
24th Sun	Ludlow Dog Day	Stokesay Court	10.00am
24th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
27th Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
29th Fri	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
29th Fri	Village Hall Social Evening	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
30th Sat	Coffee & Cake Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
30th Sat	Heath Archaeological Dig	Heath	
31st Sun	Heath Archaeological Dig	Heath	

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Diddlebury Village Hall

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



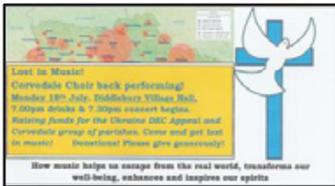
FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Flicks is taking a break in July & August

New Flicks Season Starts September



Screenings: third Thursday of the month. Further details to follow.



Monday 18th July
7.00 for 7.30pm

Choral concert by Corvedale Choir in aid of Ukraine and Corvedale group of parishes.



Monday 19th September

'Made in the Marches' with poet and presenter Jean Atkin (including poems by pupils of Corvedale School). 7.00pm.



Saturday 3rd September

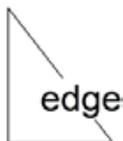
Corvedale and District Autumn Show



Wednesday 21st September

Zakuski – A presentation and reading of Russian literature at 7.30pm.

NB: This event is being held to promote respect and gratitude for the many Russian and Soviet artists who denounce oppressive regimes, including their own, sometimes at considerable personal cost. At the conclusion of the presentation there will be a collection for the people of Ukraine.



Sunday 18th September

Afternoon tea in the Hall following the Edge Chamber Choir concert in St Peter's at 3.00pm.



Saturday 8th October

Harvest Supper

Tai Chi

Classes: Thursdays, 10.00-11.00am

Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014498/enidgill21@hotmail.com.

Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates

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

Book Group

Second Thursday of each month, 7.30pm. Please contact Cath Burley on: cathburley@hotmail.com.

Corvedale Choir

Mondays, 7.30pm

Blue Hills Choir

Tuesdays, 10.00am

CLASSES AND GROUP MEETINGS

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.

Culmington Village Hall Activities & Events - July

Every Mon **Coffee Morning**, 10:00am - 11:30am.

Every Mon **Bridge Club**, 12.30pm - 5.00pm.

Contact: Peter Whitehead,
pst.whitehead@gmail.com

Every Tues **Chair Yoga For All Abilities**

Contact: Liz Curtis, 07734 358 001 or
lizcurtisyoga@gmail.com

Every Wed **Working at Home Lunch Club**

12.30pm - 2.00pm. Bring your lunch
and have a chat and a natter.

Contact John McCaffrey 01584 861 358

Wed 13th **WI Meeting - All Things Chocolate**

A talk and samples from Lori Whinn.
Contact Jane on 01584 841 483

Fri 15th

John Kirkpatrick

Popular folk musician. Ticket £10.

Bar and good music. Contact John Hart on
01584 861 802

Fri 29th

Village Hall Social Evening

Come along for a chat and drink with
friends and meet new people.

Ludlow Dog Day - Sunday 24th July

After a gap of two years, Ludlow Rotary Club's seventh annual Dog Day is back - but this year, with support from Church Stretton Rotary Club, it is planned to be bigger and better than ever! Held in the beautiful grounds of Stokesay Court, situated approximately six miles north of Ludlow and just off the A49, the seventh Ludlow Dog Day is to take place on **Sunday 24th July**.

The day is all about fun for the whole family, particularly our furry friends. Dogs can take part in over *twenty competitions*, from the scruffiest mutt and the fastest sausage eater to the best in show. There are also *have-a-go* events such as dog agility, gun dog scurry and fun dog racing. And there are demonstrations galore throughout the day, including many past favourites along with new additions such as *Bob Hogg's Dog and Ducks* - a must see!

As well as the doggy events there are plenty of stalls to enjoy - whether selling dog and country related goods or pampering human needs such as the food stalls, the popular tea tent, and the Hobsons bar.



As a result of the money this event has raised in the previous six years, we have been able to distribute over £120,000 to a range of charities and community organizations. This year's chosen charities are *Hope House Children's Hospices* (providing care and support to life-limited children, young people and their families from Shropshire, Cheshire, North and Mid Wales), *St Michael's Hospice, Hereford* (providing care for patients affected by a terminal illness and their families) and *Ludlow Rotary Cares* (which provides small grants to help local charities and organisations make a real difference in the community).

So do join us on **Sunday 24th July** to celebrate our furry friends and enjoy a wonderful day in a glorious setting, while supporting such important charities.

For more information, see www.ludlowdogday.org.uk or visit our Facebook page.

Barry Forrester

Munslow Fete - Saturday 20th August

Munslow Fete will be held in the gardens of Munslow House (the Old Rectory) on the afternoon of **Saturday 20th August from 2.30pm**.

Please help make this a real community event. There will be teas, tombola, plant and produce stalls and a few others. It will be wonderful if some of you could help to set up and run stalls: volunteers to organise some activities for the young in years (or at heart) would be especially welcome. Any plants,

produce or quality bric-a-brac will also be welcomed.

While proceeds from most stalls will go towards Munslow church running costs we are happy for you to run a stall for a different charity.

Please contact me if you would like to run a stall or generally assist in the setting up and clearing up of the fete.

Anson Crouch, 01584 841 053,
admiralanson@hotmail.com

Last call for Corvedale Festival Passes!

Preparations for the inaugural Corvedale Festival continue apace. Musicians from near and far are already preparing their offerings, making travel arrangements, and spreading the word on their websites and social media. Ticket sales are ongoing, but time is running out to take advantage of the keenly priced Festival Passes. **These are only available until Sunday 31st July, and when they're gone, they're gone!** Priced at £85 they represent

a saving of almost 50% on individual tickets and give admission to all the festival events, including the Art Exhibition at Westhope College. To get your hands on one, contact Ruth Henley at the Festival Office, either by email at corvedalefestival@gmail.com or by phone on 07745 825 700.



Ruth Henley

Westhope Village Hall



A BBQ garden party to celebrate the momentous occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was held at Middle Westhope Farm on Sunday 6th June. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the organisers and those who contributed to make it such a successful event.

A Jubilee Whist drive was held on Monday 7th June where everyone enjoyed lovely refreshments prepared by the committee. A toast to the Queen was celebrated with homemade punch. The weekly whist drives on a Monday are proving extremely popular. Everyone welcome 7.30pm start. Our Cash Bingo on the last Friday of every month is very

well attended, the next one being **Friday 29th July** eyes down 7.30pm. As always, a licensed bar and refreshments will be available.

With the summer months ahead of us we will continue to proceed with much needed work at the village hall, to be able to use it during the winter months and beyond.

Westhope will be joining the local skittles league this winter. Anyone interested please get in touch: no doubt we shall be having some fun practicing as the nights get darker, the bar will be open if you fancy a drink.

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 - 12.00 noon - 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.



WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

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



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



COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE

With Double Duo.
Saturday 8th October.



MONTHLY BINGO

The next bingo night is **Friday 29th July**. 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.



HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 22nd October.



COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE

With Johnny and Howell.
Saturday 10th December.



WHIST DRIVES

Whist drives are held weekly on a Monday night, all welcome. Start time 7:30pm.



CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

Monday 12th December

Abdon Village Hall Events

UFO (Un Finished Objects) Craft Morning

Bring along your unfinished projects. Join us and learn a new craft skill or teach your craft skills to someone else. Please supply your own materials. Please make a donation for refreshments.

Saturday 9th July

10.30am - 12.30pm

Coffee & Cake Morning

Come and join us, everyone welcome!

Saturday 30th July

10.30am - 12.30pm

ABDON VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Contact Helen Audin: 01746 712 365 or abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

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

RSPB Walks 2022

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

Saturday 9th July	- Catherton Common	Saturday 8th October	- Powkesmore (Brown Clee)
Friday 12th August	- Corvedale Evening Social	Sunday 16th October	- Venus Pool
Sunday 11th September	- Mortimer Forest	Sunday 13th November	- Whixall Moss



Church News



Letter from the Rectory

The church calendar gives us a year of two (unequal) halves. From Advent, which begins round about the beginning of December, through to Trinity Sunday in late May/June we have the busy part of the year, filled with events such as Christmas and Easter and seasons such as Lent and Advent. From Trinity Sunday onwards things are quieter, and we focus not so much on the events in Jesus' life but more on his teaching and what he did during the three (ish) years of his ministry. That's not to say that things go quiet. Warmer weather (and warmer churches) brings more weddings, baptisms, and events.

On 3rd July comes the day on which the church remembers St Thomas. Thomas was one of Jesus' twelve apostles, the disciples who were closest to Jesus. We know relatively little about him, and he is probably remembered most for having had doubts when the other disciples told him that on the day of the resurrection, they had seen Jesus alive again. Thomas said: *'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'* Some days later he saw the risen Jesus for himself and believed. Jesus said to him, *'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'*

Those who have not seen the risen Jesus and yet have come to believe include those of us who believe today. Even so, like Thomas, many of us have times when we doubt - not least as we look at the world and many of the events that are reported in the news. There is nothing wrong in having doubts: if we don't ask questions, we won't find the answers. The error perhaps is in allowing our doubts to blind us to anything else.

From time to time I come across the idea that the church is only for people who have it all worked out, who know all the answers, who behave perfectly all the time and have no doubts at all. It isn't! The church is there for all of us, wherever we may be on the journey of faith, however great our doubts may be, however great we may consider our imperfections. By journeying together, we can come to know more of the love that God has for each one of us, through all the ups and downs life inevitably brings. As the Bishop of Hereford said when he came to Tugford last year: *'Come to this table not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to do so, but because you need mercy and help. Come because you love the Lord a little and would like to love Him more. Come because He came for you, He died for you, He rose for you - and one day He'll return, to take you home.'*

Rev'd John Beesley

St Peter's, Diddlebury

It was really good to have the Fête back again after three years, and the rain held off until the outdoor events were over. The Dog Show attracted more dogs than ever, and was greatly enjoyed by participants and spectators alike, particularly the sausage race! The total raised for church funds at the time of writing stands at £959.85 before payment of expenses. This will be a most welcome contribution, as funds have become depleted during the last two years. Particular thanks to Russell, Kim, Stuart and Jayne for organising the Dog Show. Special thanks too to all who helped so proficiently with erecting and dismantling the marquee: Russell, Stuart, Kim, Jayne, Ross, Pete, Chris, Mike and our vicar, John. Finally, I must not forget Liz's sterling work with managing and counting the takings. There is nothing like good teamwork. Thanks also to all who organised the event, to Mike and Sally for arranging the hall, to all who sold things, and of course everyone who came and spent so generously. The fund raising team now hopes to take a well-earned rest!

Finally, a reminder that the **Craft Group** meets in the **Church Room** on the **second Thursday of the month at 2.00pm**. All are welcome.

Martin Speight

From the Registers



Baptism

21st May	Wiloughby Wenlock Motley Watts	Tugford
28th May	Ethan George Povall	Diddlebury
12th June	Bonnie Grace Watson	Diddlebury

Wedding

11th June	Lucy Cockburn & Patrick Howells	Munslow
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Funerals

27th May	Brian Victor Swaithe	Diddlebury
9th June	Barbara Anne Francis	Diddlebury

Burials of Ashes

17th May	Colin Hugh Reeves	Diddlebury
21st May	Moyra Short	Diddlebury

Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



July 2022

3rd	Mrs W Ross	10th	Mrs W Ross
17th	Mrs S Woodhouse	24th	Mrs S Woodhouse



Corvedale School

Our Class 3 took part in the Shropshire Sings event at the West Midlands Showground in Shrewsbury on Tuesday evening. It was a fantastic occasion enjoyed by all. Our children were joined by children from fourteen other schools from all over Shropshire. All had been rehearsing songs in their schools and were brought together by Shropshire Music Service to create a mass choir for the event. There was a collection of original songs written by musicians from the music service and some well-known popular songs. They created a wonderful sound. There were several hundred in the audience made up of relatives and family friends. The event was recorded and filmed for parents to buy a souvenir DVD.

Class 1 and 2 are off to the Safari Park in a few weeks and Nursery will be going to Rays Farm, all part of the topics and themes we are teaching this term.

Class 3 are on their travels too - a 4-day residential trip to Manorbier in Pembrokeshire. Staying at the YHA, the trip is a mix of work and play including an afternoon at the local surf school.

The other day I found an old copy of this magazine from about 5 years ago on the shelf in my office. Glancing through the magazine I noted an article I had written about the pending improvements to the schools IT infrastructure - optic fibre broadband. 'You will really notice the difference' we were told. The process was to install optic cabling from the main road down Mill Lane, up the driveway and across the school playground into school. This in all fairness was completed within the year, but the connection into the school building itself was never completed because we were then told that that an even 'faster' fibre was available. Through a scheme called Connect the Classroom, rural

schools, like ours, would receive a grant for the connection and much improved IT infrastructure within the school building. 'You will really notice the difference' we were told, again. The paperwork took about a year or so to finalise and be approved (Covid times). Yet another new cable was installed from Mill Lane. 'You will really notice the difference' we were told, once more. Work began inside the building at the start of the year and came to abrupt halt when asbestos was disturbed. Work began again a few weeks later but nearing completion it was discovered that the cabinets being fitted were the wrong size. We have been told that work is scheduled to start again by the end of June. 'You will really notice the difference' we've been told, yet again. Needless to say, we are still waiting to notice the difference!

In all fairness the school boasts a particularly good supply of IT resources, we have enough iPads for a whole class and some for children to have one each. On top of that there is a class set of Chromebooks and each classroom has an interactive touchscreen board. It would just be nice if we had the internet connection to match.

It is a busy end of term, and the weeks are flying by. We have an open afternoon for parents on **Thursday 14th July**, this will also be an opportunity for any parents with young children to have a look round our Nursery. We still have a few places available for 2-4-year-olds from September. Sports day is planned for **Friday 15th July**. Term will finally end on **Wednesday 20th July** when we will say a fond farewell to our thirteen Y6 leavers who will be off to Church Stretton and Ludlow secondary schools in September. Have a great summer.

Jonathan Brough, Headteacher

Hayton & District WI

It has been a busy time for our members; five of us attended the South Shropshire Annual Meeting on 17th May and thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially the main speaker, Dame Stella Rimington, ex director general of MI5. Eileen Pritchard received a 75th anniversary certificate on behalf of our Institute. The Jubilee pudding competition at the Saturday market in the village hall on May 28th was well supported and a grand total of £245.55 was raised for the Ukraine appeal; the following weekend was, of course, the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, when most of us were busy at various events.

Phyllis welcomed members and two guests to the June meeting; minutes were approved, dates of upcoming events noted including the group quiz, now on July 14th. Our speaker for the evening, Richard Rallings, was then introduced. He had previously been a farm advisor, vineyard owner and wine producer, but now in 'retirement' he and his wife run Mynd Hardy Plants in the Victorian Walled Garden at Delbury Hall. He gave an illustrated

talk introducing us to women gardeners spanning five centuries of English history, from Mary, Duchess of Beaufort in the mid 1600's up to the present day, including Beth Chatto, Carol Klein, Bunny Guinness, and other familiar names. The lady gardeners in days gone by all seemed to have a common theme of inheriting money, marrying well, travelling extensively and then often losing their wealth having spent it on their great passion, gardening. Hopefully, things have changed, but these pioneering women laid the foundations of many of our most beautiful gardens which can be visited today. Richard was thanked by Phyllis and then stayed to answer our questions during the refreshments.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 14th July**, when Roy Bound will give a talk entitled 'My Life Changing Moment' and the competition, letter 'W'; for more information, please ring Phyllis on 01584 823 436, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Barbara Wright

Diddlebury Fun Dog Show

A bumper number of dogs, owners and spectators turned out for this year’s Diddlebury Fun Dog Show, part of the annual Church fete to raise funds for St Peter’s Church. After two years of Covid restrictions it was wonderful to see so many people and dogs out to enjoy the day. Especially good was the large number of children entering so many of the classes and it was lovely to see their proud parents supporting and cheering them on.

It was a battle of the men in the Best Six Legs - the dog’s four plus two bare human legs so come on ladies get your shorts on for next year! It was a tough decision but after much deliberation Jack Taylor and Bryn proved they had the best legs in the Corvedale.

Boy dogs outnumbered bitches by 2:1 this year consequently the ring was jam packed with entrants for the Most Handsome Boy. Taking the honour was Dougie, and his handler, 11-year-old Freddie Duckworth could not have been prouder. Meanwhile Cherry was the Loveliest Lady to the delight of her owner Karn Whalley.

The eagerly contested Sausage Race was one of the highlights of the day. With so many entrants two races were run, one for juniors and one for adults. Both races being highly contested. Winner of the Junior race was Matthew Hughes with his long-legged dog Charlie. There was lot of pride at stake in the Adults’ race, very much like the Dad’s Race at School Sports Day and we saw some determined runners! Winner was Gaz Roberts with his dog Bailey and a special prize for the most spectacular running somersault went to Chris Oldhams and Bear!

On to the Best Young Handler - I’m sure our Judge Cecilia Motley would have liked to have given everyone a rosette as the children did such an excellent job parading their dogs. It was an extremely difficult decision, but 11-year-

old Alfie Maskell took the prize for showing not one, but his two dogs Tilly and Moss and he handled them both beautifully. Alfie went on to impress the large audience in the next class - the Best Trick by showing his dog Tilly wait, then retrieve each of the two balls he threw. It was an impressive performance and a credit to Alfie who has trained Tilly himself.

There were so many entries in the ‘Dog the Judge Would Most Like to Take Home’ class that it was split into two sections. Marvin was the Judge’s favourite in Group One much to the delight of 10-year-old handler Lola Pardoe and in group two Martin Speight was proud that his dog Betty was the choice of Cecilia Motley the Judge.

It was hard to believe that the beautiful and youthful looking retriever Moet is over 9 years old, so it was no surprise that she won the Best Golden Oldie, much to the delight of owner Wendy Ross.

Finally - no dog show would be complete without deciding who had the Waggiest Tail and the red winner’s rosette was awarded to Bryn with his happy owner Emily Taylor looking on.

We are delighted to announce that a grand total of £127 was raised for church funds. Thanks to all the entrants for their entry fees, to Cecilia Motley for taking time out of her busy schedule to judge the show, to the Corvedale School for the use of their field which they had especially mown for the occasion, and to all those who helped set up and clear away the field and marquee - we could not have done it without you.

We’re hoping to see even more children and adults entering their dogs next year - it’s certainly become one of the most fun days of the year in the Village.

Kim Simm & Jayne Husband

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	Highly Commended
Best Six Legs	Jack Taylor & Bryn	Colin Savage & Tippy	Tim Hughes & Charlie	
Loveliest Lady	Karn Whalley & Cherry	Lottie Brisbane (7) & Moss	Alfie Maskell & Tilly	
Most Handsome Boy	Freddie Duckworth & Dougie	Marie Pardoe & Marvin	Gaz Roberts & Bailey	
Sausage Race Juniors	Matthew Hughes (11) & Charlie	George Gilchrist & Bertie	Archie Brisbane (11) & Moss	Freddie Duckworth (11) & Dougie
Sausage Race Adults	Gaz Roberts & Bailey	Tim Pardoe & Raymond	Lucy Griffiths & Bear	Chris Oldhams & Bear
Best Young Handler	Alfie Maskell (11) & Tilly & Moss	Libby Algar (3) & Tilly	Harry Gilchrist (8) & Bertie	Harrison Algar (6) & Roxy
Best Trick	Alfie Maskell & Tilly	Emily Taylor & Bryn	Lucy Griffiths & Bear	
Golden Oldie 9+	Wendy Ross & Moet	Carrie Spencer & Finlay	Harrison Algar (8) & Tilly	
Waggiest Tail	Emily Taylor & Bryn	Gaz Roberts & Bailey	Chris Oldhams & Bear	Geoff Whalley & Cherry & Bertie
Two Dogs Judges Would Most Like To Take Home		Marvin - Lola Pardoe (10) Betty - Martin Speight		

Diddlebury Jubilee Party

A huge vote of thanks to Anil Rattu, Amie Watson, Jonathan Brough, and the Rev. John Beesley for the awesome Jubilee Party they put on for Diddlebury and Westhope. The event was extremely well organised and even the weather was kind! Substantial numbers of the community turned out and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet lots of different people.

The considerable number of children in attendance means that it will be an event that will be long remembered locally. It was wonderful to hear the laughter ringing out from the bouncy castle.

Food was plentiful and other than buying your own drinks everything was provided free. The delicious pork baps went down a treat. The amazing cake and children's art competitions were well supported, and I and my fellow judge survived having to sample all the beautiful cakes to reach a winner. Judging the children's artwork was awfully hard as there were some really creative pieces.

Centred on Diddlebury Village Hall as a resource the party really brought people together. My thanks, yet again, to all who helped make this event such an outstanding success.

David Hedgley, Chair Diddlebury Parish Council

Caring for God's Acre



Opening the Ark

Hopefully by the time you read this, the sun will be shining, and we shall all be enjoying a delightful British summer. I have a few ideas of how you might spend your time.

Most of us live in or near a village in one of the most beautiful counties in England. Many of us are not planning to holiday this year as travel is rather difficult at the moment (I think I have put that politely!). So, let's all look closer to home; a staycation, we call it.

The local church has stood at the centre of the village for 1,000 years or more. But have you actually explored it and the churchyard it sits in? Many of our churches in South Shropshire are members of the Shropshire Churches Tourism Group (SCTG), are open, and welcome visitors to wander around.

Inside your church - and probably churches in nearby villages - you'll find stunning stained-glass windows, pictures of saints or scenes from the life of Jesus. Some of this glass is hundreds of years old, other windows are Victorian or younger. Look at the wood carving, the work of many a jobbing craftsman five or six hundred years ago. Spot the memorials on the walls. Do you recognise any names? Are you tempted to do some research into those names, an easier task today with our computers and the internet.



What about the font? It's the big stone tub near the back of the building, sometimes plain but sometimes sculpted stonework to admire. Just think! Someone in the village, a thousand years ago, put his heart and soul into making that beautiful font for us to enjoy today. Between then and now hundreds of people have been christened in that very font,

including, maybe, you or members of your family.

Step outside into the sunshine and you might see the remains of a preaching cross. This stone 2-step plinth used to have a tall stone cross in it, on a spot used by itinerant preachers. These medieval crosses were vandalised by soldiers of Henry VIII as he argued with the Catholic Church.



Some congregations have replaced the lost cross with a wooden one while others have used the stump for a sundial.

You could spot the old yew trees. How old is the one in your churchyard? Is it as old as the church or even older? Almost every ancient yew tree in England and Wales is found in a churchyard. You can have a picnic in the churchyard. Use the bench provided or spread your cloth in a convenient place. Look around you at the wildflowers among the graves. Look up and see if you can spot the swifts swirling round the tower. Can you spot buzzards and can you hear birdsong?

And check whether any of the planned Churchyard events from Caring for God's Acre are at a church near you. Everybody will be welcome.

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



Corvedale Book Group

Red Dust Road by Jackie Kay

Jackie Kay was born to a Nigerian student father and had a young mother from the Highlands of Scotland. She was adopted at birth in the early 1960s by white, caring, Communist activist parents Helen and John Kay, and it was some time before she came to recognise that her skin was a different colour to her parents. When in turn she made the decision to become a mother, she decided to try to trace her birth parents, not because she had been unhappy as a child, but because there was something missing. She had always told herself stories about what her real parents might be like, and she wanted to know whether they were indeed like that. Things didn't turn out quite as expected... but then that's life. Her adopted parents backed her all the way, but the experiences were potentially quite off-putting. She braved a long flight to Nigeria and waited to meet her father in a Hilton hotel room. He didn't have the memories of her she had hoped for and proceeded to pray over her for two hours. He had become an evangelical Christian and saw her as both his sin and his salvation. He had made a difficult eight-hour journey to see her this once, but never wanted to see her again and, despite local customs, would not tell his family about her or welcome her into his tribe. She later returned to Nigeria and was able to trace her family village. Her descriptions of the journey, the countryside and her sense of belonging were very moving.

Her birth mother was initially reluctant to meet up and did not turn up at agreed meeting places. She too had not told her second family about her first pregnancy. Jackie persevered with both parents with mixed results, but in time met family members from both sides which enriched her life story. She was determined and stuck to her wish to understand her life more deeply but was aware enough to question the impact opening the past might have on others.

Her adopted mother was very open and transparent about her search and encouraged her; her adopted father had some reservations but did not get in her way. Their positive support and openness in adopting Jackie and her mixed-race brother, said a great deal for their beliefs and values.

As such it raised a range of moral and ethical issues to discuss so we had a lively evening. Everybody had enjoyed the book, although the time-shifting between chapters was difficult to follow at times. The book to's and fro's in time and place as the story evolves. We learn how an accident leads to Jackie being a writer. We learn too about how she is supported by her adopted parents to manage racist attacks at school and university. She worked as a cleaner for David Cornwell (John Le Carre) as a teenager, then worked as a hotel porter while she was a student.

She did become a poet and novelist, winning the Guardian Prize for Fiction in 1998 and numerous other awards. She was appointed Chancellor of the University of Salford in 2015. She gained an MBE in 2006 and an OBE in 2020 for services to literature. Jackie became the Scottish Makar (Poet Laureat) from 2016-2021 and is currently Professor of Creative Writing at Newcastle University. She had a 15-year relationship with the poet Carol Ann Duffy. In addition to poetry and novels she has written a biography of Bessie Smith, the jazz singer. I for one will read more of her work.

At our next meeting, on **Thursday 14th July**, we will be discussing *The Past* by **Tessa Hadley**. Please get in contact if you would like to join us.

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Munslow's Jubilee Celebration

Millichope Park provided a beautiful backdrop to our Jubilee celebration but the weather, it must be said, was not at its best for a Grand Picnic. However, everyone agreed that the event was great fun and provided entertainment for all ages. Family and friends were welcomed from near and far, including visitors from Switzerland and the Ukraine. With the background sounds of six-a-side cricket, the dog show proved to be a crowd pleaser, with so many clever, well-behaved dogs. The tug-of-war contestants (and there were many) created much enthusiasm and hilarity. This rural atmosphere was enhanced with the petting ponies and the hens, which created lots of interest.

A tremendous amount of research and work had gone into presenting the Jubilee exhibition, focusing on food, fashion, transport, and events over the seven decades of the Queen's reign. Many commented that it was quite sobering to be reminded of so many changes in their lives.

The artifacts, kindly loaned by residents of the Parish have been returned, but much of the display is on view in Munslow Church, for the summer months.

The fancy dress parade was a slight disappointment, no doubt the uncertain weather dampened the enthusiasm for dressing up. On the positive side, it did make it easier for the judges!

The cricket pavilion provided the venue for refreshments; ice-creams and Jubilee buns were enjoyed by one and all. The tombola was a winner, with its many temptations, it was a sell out in no time.

The Village Hall Committee thanks everyone who generously gave time, energy, donations, and support, in helping to make this once in a lifetime event a memorable one.

Anne Donnelly

The Corvedale Kitchen**Vegan Burritos - Vicki Burden**

Loads of fun to cook and eat. Get the kids involved! The joy of this recipe is that it really doesn't matter too much about quantities, use as much or as little as preferred, especially with the seasoning. The recipe below feeds a very hungry family of 4. Be sure to buy enough **tortillas**, there's usually 8 in a pack.

1. Put **2 cups of brown rice** on to boil for 25-30 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, soften your **chopped onions** with oil in a large frying pan, then add some **chopped peppers** (any colour) and cook until soft.
3. Add **2 tins of chopped tomatoes** and a couple of **tins of beans** of your choice (black beans, kidney beans, haricot beans, borlotti beans or chickpeas all work well).
4. Then add your favourite seasonings. My family love **smoked paprika, cumin and garlic**. If you like it hot, you could even add a few **chilli flakes**.
5. Add a **vegetable stock cube** and season well with **salt and pepper**. Simmer for around 30 minutes.

Now for the homemade guacamole

1. Mash a ripe **avocado**, add a crushed **garlic clove**, **sea salt**, finely chopped ripe **plum tomatoes**, a little **lemon juice** and a sprinkle of **paprika**.

To serve

1. Drain and rinse your rice with boiling water and tumble into a bowl.
2. Place your cooked bean mixture next to the rice.
3. The guacamole is next in line.
4. Then have your vegan mayo ready, and open.
5. Hand out soft white tortillas (warmed in the microwave according to pack instructions) and let everyone dig in.

We like to load ours with a line of rice down the middle, topped with the bean mixture, then guacamole and mayo. You can even add some grated vegan cheese. Folding your burrito can be done in many ways, but the most hilarious folds come from those that have been a little too greedy with their portion sizes!

Kitchen towel is a must at the table for this meal. Enjoy!

Any leftovers will keep for up to 3 days in the fridge.

Diddlebury & Westhope, and Munslow WI

This month we had a joint meeting with Munslow WI at Mynd Hardy Plants at Diddlebury. Richard gave us a lovely tour around the walled garden and, as an added bonus, we also had a look around Delbury Hall gardens and grounds. We were blessed with a perfect sunny evening too. We wandered back to the poly-tunnel where Jill very kindly gave us a glass of their sparkling wine, Morville St Gregory, which was a real treat and another unexpected bonus! Richard then told us of their journey together creating the beautiful wine that we were sampling. There's more... we then had a reviving cup of tea and sampled Jill's outstanding cakes. Our thanks to Jill and Richard for their hospitality and a lovely evening which we all enjoyed enormously.

Next month we'll be meeting on **INSPIRING WOMEN Wednesday 13th July**, usual time of 7.30pm. Our evening is going to be '*All things Chocolate*'. Lori Whinn is going to come along to talk about chocolate and even better, bring some samples too. Please join us for what should be a delicious evening, if you like chocolate that is!

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, please get in touch with me.

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West Mercia PCC Estate Strategy and Survey

When I consulted on my Safer West Mercia plan last year, the public told me that they wanted their police to be visible and easy to access locally. My estates strategy sets out to help me achieve this.

The strategy aims to ensure that the budget I have allocated to funding for estates and property will give our communities the best and most dynamic policing services I can provide, now and in future years. This includes collaborating with partners, including councils, fire, and health services, to create shared facilities, which offer long-term best value.

I am now inviting everyone in West Mercia to look at the proposals and share their views with me. It is important to me that everyone can have an opportunity to have a say in

the way this strategy sets out to reshape policing property and infrastructure.

If there is anything in this strategy you want to bring to my attention, I am open to hearing your views, which you can share by completing the online survey at the link below or sending an email to me at opcc@westmercia.police.uk.

The Estate Strategy Consultation is open until **Monday 11th July 2022**

Full and abridged versions of the Estate Strategy and the survey are all available together with a video introduction, on my website. www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk

John Campion, PCC



Corvedale Garden Group

Wharf House Garden, Newnham Bridge

The Leominster Canal had sixteen locks and several tunnels, running from Leominster to Mable in Worcestershire. It was originally planned to run from Kington to Stourport but encountered various engineering problems. Robert Whitworth, engineer, first proposed this in 1777. After meetings at Leominster and Tenbury Well in 1789, Thomas Dadford (Junior), conducted a survey and presented his plan for a 50km canal costing £83,000 which was supposed to produce an income of £4,300 a year. Following an Act of Parliament on 13th May 1791, the proprietors were allowed to raise £150,000. Dadford managed this and the building of the Monmouth canal. The Woofferton to Mable section formally opened in October 1794, although seven boatloads of coal had been brought through Newnham Tunnel (one hundred yards long) in January 1794. By 1796 The canal was open from Marlbrook to Leominster, bringing coal from Mable Collieries by tramways to Southnet Wharf then along the 29.8 km section of canal to Leominster for the next 60 years. It didn't reach the River Severn as originally planned and so failed to make a profit. In 1858 it was bought by the Shrewsbury and Hereford Railway for £12,000. The canal was drained, and part of the route used for the Tenbury and Bewdley Railway, connecting Woofferton to Bewdley via Burford.

Wharf House was originally on the canal, built around 1799 as the headquarters of the Kington and Leominster Canal Company. Now Grade 2 listed, and currently valued at just over £1 million, it was



bought by the current owners in September 2012. Although they describe themselves as amateur gardeners, the two acres present plenty of well thought through, visual delights. Grasses and purple rhododendrons line the footpath as it approaches the house, running alongside the stream to fields beyond the property. A wooden bridge temptingly crosses the stream to an island. There is a long wisteria arch to the right of circular, worn, brick steps leading up to the main door. From the drive these steps lead down to a rectangular 'canal' in front of the house, which has an attractive semi-

circular tower to the height of the main building. Apparently tiling its roof presented some challenges! Wooden doors reveal the entrance to cellars. Steps then rise to the beginning of the white garden where four, huge wooden pillars are wreathed in white roses which enclose a seating area. Beyond a well-established tree is swathed with Rambling Rector. The garden has many interesting established trees including a redwood. White lupins and white astrantia in the beds below complete the effect. Yew, copper beech and other hedging delineate several garden rooms which have informal mixed planting.



A riot of many coloured roses, clematis, iris, geraniums, campanulas, and other familiar cottage garden perennials fills the themed borders, together with several rarer plants which had us asking Gareth, the owner, their names. Each area was carefully thought through and delineated by groupings of pots, seating areas, statuary, and several types of garden lighting. The effect was very pleasing, calming, and intimate, each area leading you on to peer around the next corner. The former pigsty walls had sedums growing in the mortar of the walls and pots of silver eucalyptus and purple Cotinus. Each outbuilding and the two wells were planted to advantageous effect. Despite the rain, heavy at times, which enhanced the garden with another layer of multicoloured umbrellas, we all enjoyed the garden. The tea, coffee and excellent cake were welcome at the end of our visit.

Wharf House Garden is open for the National Garden Scheme on 2nd and 3rd July.

Our next visit on **Saturday 16th July** takes us to a much smaller garden at Byecroft on Bircher Common. Sue and Peter Russell have grown many of their plants from seed and there will be a plant stall. The vegetable garden and soft fruit area should be looking productive and the herbaceous borders bright with colour. We will hope for better weather so the roses will be at their best. Let me know a week beforehand if you would like to join us.

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Westhope Clover Club



Kath welcomed everyone to the June meeting, which, of course, was the platinum Jubilee celebration lunch at The Swan. There was a lot of red, white, and blue on display, and plenty of flags flying. Photos can be found on the centre spread, pages 18-19.

After a delicious lunch served by Ben and his team, Mary gave a speech and a toast to Her Majesty. Sheila, our oldest

member, then thanked everyone who helps with the Clover Club and the afternoon ended with the glorious rendition of 'God Save the Queen'.

Our next meeting is at Westhope Village Hall on **Thursday 7th July at 2.30pm**, when Mr Roy Jones will be giving a talk on 'Life as a Thatcher'. Everyone welcome.

Kath Woodhouse

The Clover Club's Jubilee Lunch - Kath Woodhouse



Munslow Jubilee Celebrations



Abdon Jubilee Party - Helen Audin



Diddlebury Dog Show - Russell Simm



Alfie Maskell with Tilly & Moss

Best Junior Handler, L-R: Harry Gilchrist & Bertie - Libby Algar & Tilly - Harrison Algar & Roxy - Alfie Maskell & Moss & Tilly

Judge Ce...

Diddlebury Jubilee Celebrations - Kim Simm & Sara Thompson



Celebrations - Harold Apiegel



Lucy Motley with prize winners



Sausage Race Winners



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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

Corvedale Past and Present**Another look at Heath**

Some of you may remember that at the end of July last year there was a weekend of intense activity around Heath Chapel and the near-deserted mediaeval village which surrounds it. Now I can tell you that the same is going to happen this year – though with a difference!

The team coming are professional archaeologists from Worcester. I am delighted to say they have agreed to come back this year for the last weekend in July and the intention is to target an area to the south of Heath crossroads. The working days will be the 30th and 31st July. There are two good reasons for the choice of site: firstly the area we're planning to investigate is outside the Scheduled Ancient Monument, and therefore the numerous permissions that had to be sorted out last time don't apply on this occasion. This means that the dig over the weekend can be led by archaeologists but doesn't have to be done exclusively by the professionals. It's an exciting prospect for those of us who are interested in doing some real, fingernails-dirty, live archaeology on a probable mediaeval site. It is not an opportunity that comes very often so if you are interested please get in touch and we can discuss details.

The second reason why the site has been chosen is all to do with a map! In 1771 Lord Craven, the then owner of the village, commissioned a map (it is in fact a very beautiful map), in order to define all his holdings in the village. Fortunately, the map doesn't confine itself to Lord Craven's possessions but shows the landscape of the village as it was at that date. It seems very likely indeed that the shape and configuration of the village as shown was the mediaeval form. That configuration was swept away in the next 70 years, so that by 1841 the whole village morphology had changed radically.

Now, it turns out that there appears to be a substantial house in the field south of Heath crossroads and to the west of the lane that travels south towards Peckeldy farmhouse.

It is possible that this may have been at that time an ancient dwelling; it is conceivably one of the four (farm) houses that were mentioned at Heath in 1341, so the dig could be potentially very interesting indeed.

The relevant portion of the map is below, showing approximately where the work will happen. At first sight this may be a little disorientating as the road layout 250 years ago was totally different from what you will see today (thereby hangs another tale). Do not worry, the road tracking south from Heath crossroads today is the same lane that was there in 1771.



So, if anyone is interested in getting to immerse themselves in a bit of archaeological seeking and perhaps finding please give me a ring or drop me an email.

In our times we are very much concerned with the state of the earth and soil, the air, the land, the sea and the waters. We need to know about our past: it was never more important. I find that people who are fascinated by old times are equally determined about the present and the future that we are bequeathing to our children and grandchildren. There is no distinction to be made!

See you there!

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Mobile Library Update

Great news! The **Sabrina Mobile Library** is back on the road from **Tuesday 21st June**.

The first visit for each route is as follows:

Route 2 – Tuesday 28th June

Route 3 – Wednesday 29th June

Route 4 – Thursday 30th June

Route 5 – Friday 1st July

Route 8 – Monday 4th July

Route 9 – Tuesday 21st June

Route 10 – Wednesday 22nd June

Route 11 – Thursday 23rd June

Route 12 – Friday 8th July

Then we will be back to the normal fortnightly schedule.

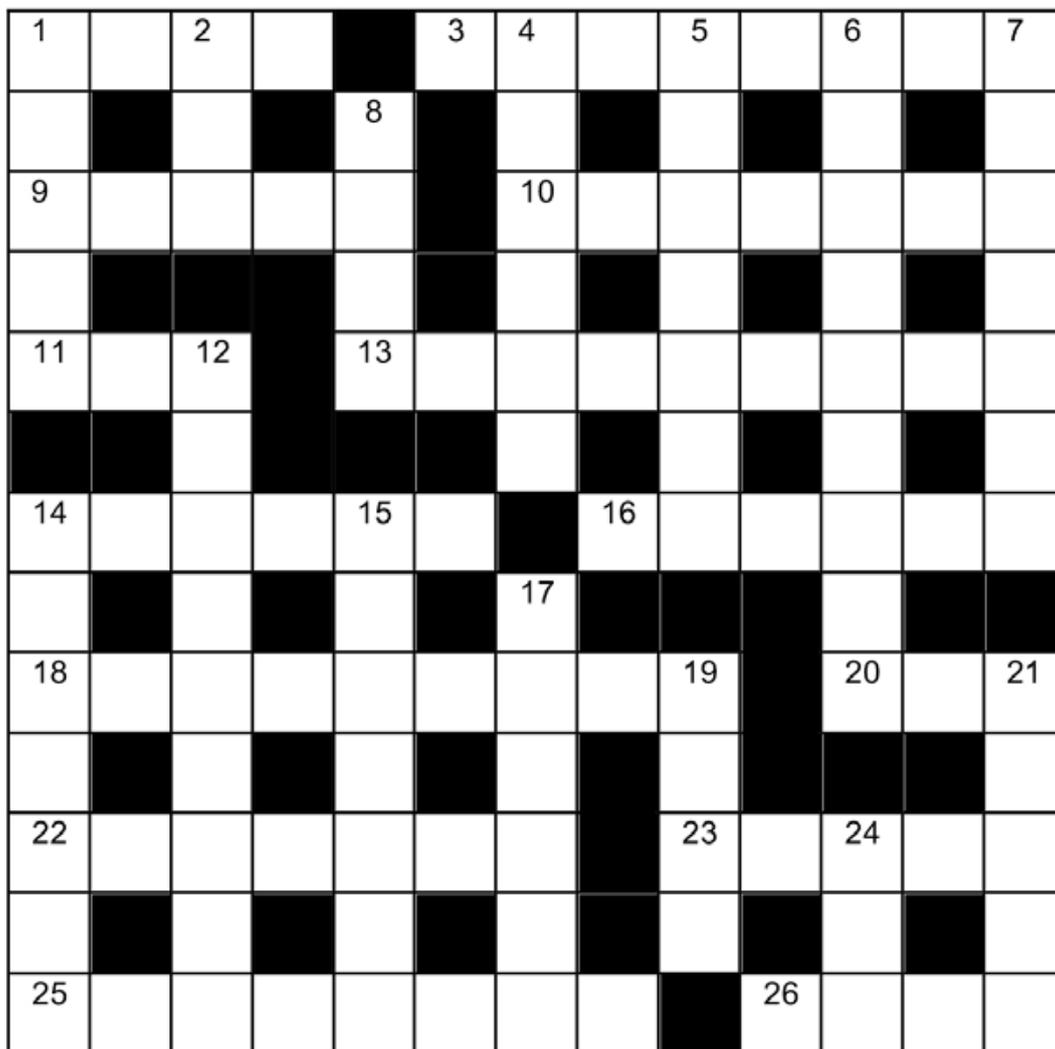
Owen Mobile Library and **Brookes Mobile Library** are on their normal fortnightly schedule, apart from they are both off the road for the whole week beginning 27th June for their annual MOT and service, this will affect routes 2, 3, 4 and 5. In addition Brookes Mobile Library is off the road on Monday 4th July (route 8).

All three Mobiles will be off the road on Monday 29th August for the bank holiday (route 8).

The visit dates will be updated on our website and you can also check your local route's day and time at:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/

Ellen Powell

July Crossword - by Artemonas



ACROSS

- 1) Think of me touring the States (4)
- 3) Get Ascot to rebuild small houses (8)
- 9) Like sheep, I've no curiosity (5)
- 10) Quiet river mostly left to dry up (7)
- 11) Bird wading in the mud (3)
- 13) Favoured quiet umpire who went wrong (9)
- 14) Ball game to score a century in? (6)
- 16) Do men rest first to stay in fashion? (6)
- 18) It thickens nog with actual stirring (9) v
- 20) The cutter was back (3)
- 22) A grave message involving pipe and hat (7)
- 23) Drunken ref tours Dorothy's destination and got cold (5)
- 25) For example lodger produced nonsense (8)
- 26) Wrap round threads on a loom (4)

DOWN

- 1) Short-sighted person got lost in my opera house (5)
- 2) Sport taking call away from risking all (3)
- 4) Roy set out to buy a London travel card (6)
- 5) Trooped off to get a weapon (7)
- 6) Start to giggle over head teacher (9)
- 7) Richard's enemy has healthy food at home (7)
- 8) Squeal coming from the old record (4)
- 12) Eccentric using cane nonstop (9)
- 14) Do well to take another's place (7)
- 15) 11ac is dead copy (7)
- 17) Shame I bent an iron (6)
- 19) Vegetarian food, partly out of use (4)
- 21) Young dog walks first with assistance (5)
- 24) Eggs are not quite oval (3)

ANSWERS TO MAY'S CROSSWORD:

ACROSS: 1) Dime; 3) Mentions; 9) Enter; 10) Deepest; 11) Mar; 13) Lawn-mower; 14) Flinch; 16) Ascend; 18) Offensive; 20) Mob; 22) Earnest; 23) Crate; 25) Yielding; 26) Weak;

DOWN: 1) Dream; 2) Mat; 4) Endows; 5) Thermos; 6) Overwhelm; 7) Sutured; 8) Oral; 12) Reinforce; 14) Flowery; 15) Contend; 17) Listen; 19) Each; 21) Bleak; 24) Ale



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ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR NEEDED

Munslow Parish Council is keen to hear from anyone interested in a small contract for maintaining the minor roads in the parish, NOT the B4368. The contract is for approximately 4 hours per month to clear drains, trim around signposts and litter pick. The contractor will be required to hold Public Liability Insurance and have their own equipment. Please write to or email the Parish Clerk with your hourly rate and confirming that you hold the appropriate insurance.

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Parish Councils

ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Abdon Village Hall 19th May 2022

Present: Cllrs R Price, M Whalley, P Hartley, W Richards (clerk) and 3 members of public.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Cllr Yarwood was proposed as Chair and Cllr Whalley as Vice Chair. Both proposals were agreed unanimously.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr C. Yarwood.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th May 2021 were read by the Chair and unanimously agreed as correct.

Finance; Including Audit, Appointment of Signatories and Auditor: Thanks were given to H Audin for many years of completing the internal audit. She has, however, resigned. Mr B Lewis had offered to complete the 2022/2023 audit and this was agreed. The signatories will remain unchanged. Gross income was £1,273, gross outgoings £990. The opening

balance £4,548 and closing balance was £4,833. Audit information will be displayed on the website and this year the parish council will have a randomly selected additional audit check.

Appointment of Representatives: LJC, defibrillator checks: Cllr Whalley volunteered to complete the weekly defibrillator checks. This was agreed. The LJC representative will be the Chair or vice Chair.

Review of Standing Orders: It was agreed that these will remain the same. The Clerk will email a copy to Councillors.

GDPR - Appointment of data protection officer: It was agreed that the Clerk would be the DPO.

Dates for the year's meetings: Second Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm: 11th August, 13th October, 12th January 2023 and 11th May 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:58.

Draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Public Comments: There was disappointment that Shropshire Council had granted the Upper House planning permission despite residents' and Parish Council objections. There was concern regarding the spoil and waste tipped on the land. The Clerk has notified the Environment Agency and will request a response.

Declaration of Interest: None.

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2022 were read by the Chair and unanimously agreed as being correct.

Reports from the Parish Council and members: Cllr Price reported on the meeting with West Mercia Police. There are 500 more officers than in 2016, and there has been success with the County Lines drugs problems. Speeding and RTCs remain Shropshire's main issues as one person a fortnight is killed. Attendees felt that many of the police updates were historic and not up to date. They were advised to keep reporting suspicious vehicles to 101: if burglaries are being committed call 999. Outbuilding burglaries have

occurred locally so it is a reminder to all residents to mark property with their SmartWater kits and put stickers up.

Finance: Cheques requested and receipts: the ICO has been paid £40 and the Clerk £2.50 for an accounts book. The SALC subscription was £157.23. The Neighbourhood Fund receipt was £1,718.61.

Review Clerk's Wages: Cllr Hartley proposed an increase in the Clerk's wages to £15/hr (average 1 hr per week). This was approved.

Correspondence: The Parish Council's priorities for the Police Community Charter were: 1. thefts from outbuildings 2. police response times, 3. an increase in police patrols and presence.

An anonymous letter had been received asking for a review of a potential planning breach at Nordy View.

Items of consideration for the next meeting: None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:35

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th August at Abdon Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm

For full version of minutes please see the website or contact Clerk.

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*Parish Councils Continued...***CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at Culmington Village Hall**

Membership: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr A Pike, Mr J Turley, Mrs C Byng, Ms J Watts, Ms J Mear, Mr I Alderson, Mrs M Holland, Mr M Seabrook.

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson: Cllr Steele was elected as Chairperson. Cllr Pike was elected as Vice Chairperson.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs M Seabrook and J Watts.

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None.

Minutes of the Meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Tuesday, 5th April 2022 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising: The Clerk said that a padlocked bridleway gate at Norton had been reported to Shropshire Council. It was suggested that the Clerk should ask Kier to inform Shropshire Radio of road closures.

Appointment of Representatives:

Village Hall – Cllr J Mear.

Flood Committee – Cllr C Byng.

South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr I Steele.

Emergency Officer- Cllr C Byng.

Finance: Internal Audit Report: Cllr Steele thanked Mrs Disley, the internal auditor, for her report. The report was considered and accepted by the Council.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR): This was considered and all points were agreed as being satisfactory, including that the information required by the Transparency Code had been published. Cllr Steele signed the Statement on behalf of the Council.

Accounting Statements: The Council income was £6,004 and expenditure was £9,285. The carried forward amount to 2022-23 is £7,028. The total fixed assets have increased to £310,473 which includes the new Vehicle Activated Speed Camera. Cllr Steele signed the Statement on behalf of the Council.

Bank Reconciliation: A balance held in the Lloyds Bank Account of £7,028.08 as of 31st March 2022 was noted

Analysis of Variances: A variation from the previous year's expenditure caused by the purchase of the Vehicle Activated Speed Camera was noted.

The above items were agreed.

The Certificate of Exemption was considered and as gross income and expenditure were less than £25,000 during 2021-22 the certificate was approved.

The Notice Period of the Exercise of Public Rights was set as 13th June to the 22nd July. The notices will be published on the website and notice boards. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return and Annual Report will be available to view on the Parish Council website or by request from the Clerk.

Minutes of the Culmington Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 7.00pm at Culmington Village Hall

Present: Cllrs I Steele (Chair), A Pike, M Holland, C Byng, J Turley, I Alderson, J Mear. Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council), 3 members of the public & H Coonick (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs M Seabrook and J Watts.

Notice Convening the Meeting: In accordance with Statute, the notice convening the meeting had been duly published on the Council's Notice Boards and elsewhere throughout the Parish.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on the 11th May 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by Cllr Steele.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 2021-22

Chairman of the Parish Council: Cllr Steele (full report available on the Parish website or by contacting the Clerk). The Parish Council resumed face-to-face meetings in May 2021 and I would like to thank the Councillors and Clerk for attending the meetings when there was a great deal of uncertainty. The council has a new Environmental Maintenance contractor, Dave Lewis, who is carrying out regular checks on drains and ditches, grass cutting etc. Jeff Williams and his team of volunteers have been working on footpaths throughout the Parish. The Flood Action Group continues to monitor drains and report issues to the relevant agencies. The Parish Council desilted Seifton Brook on Seifton Lane in July 2021 and will consider repeating this in the summer of 2022. There has been confusion regarding planning in the Seifton area but it is hoped that during the coming year an agreement can be found to alter the Parish boundary to take away this anomaly. The Parish Council has recently had a meeting with the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team to raise

Payments To: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £30 and SALC Membership Renewal £218.79 were approved.

The Insurance cover was reviewed and found to be adequate. The quotes from Insurers were considered and the quote from Zurich Insurance of £363.83 was accepted.

Donations: It was agreed to donate to the following organisations: Ripples Magazine £30, Westhope Clover Club £20, Severn Hospice £25, Hope House Hospices £25, Citizen's Advice Shropshire £20, Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride £20, West Shropshire Talking Newspaper £10, Midlands Air Ambulance £30, and League of Friends of Ludlow Hospital £20.

Environmental Maintenance grant money has been spent in accordance with grant terms during 2021-2022. A grant of £1,000 has been agreed for the forthcoming year.

Matters Raised in the Parish Meeting: it was agreed that Speed Activated Camera funding be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Planning: 22/01689/FUL - Erection of a single storey extension to rear - 18 Culmington, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2DB. The Council resolved to support this application.

Community Governance and Boundary Review: It was agreed that this item should appear on the next three Parish Council meeting agendas to allow the public to make comments on the proposed changes. The proposals include Vernolds Common, The Pheasantry, Seifton and Sparchford.

Plastic Waste at Laundry Works: The Environment Agency reports that improvements in the fire risk had been made by the company. Changes are planned in dealing more safely with the washing of drums but there are some outstanding exemptions that had not yet been registered. The Agency will make a third visit to establish that planned changes have been actioned.

Lorries Parked at Laundry Works: PC Grant (Neighbourhood Policing Team) has reported the issue to Shropshire Highways and conducted a site visit to discuss the matter with the manager who will look at measures to improve the situation. PC Grant will continue to monitor the situation.

Parish Council Website and Planning: Despite Cllr Motley's intervention the Parish Council website is still not updating with information from Shropshire Council's Planning Portal. The Clerk will let Cllr Motley know that this remains an issue. Payment for website hosting is due in July so this issue will be placed on the agenda for the June meeting.

Items for the Parish Council Meetings on 7th June 2022: **A.** Laundry Works **B.** Website and Planning Portal **C.** Parish Boundary Review **D.** Vehicle Activated Sign Funding.

concerns regarding several issues and we are also developing a relationship with the Environment Agency. Parish Council meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday in the month except August and December at Culmington Village Hall. Parishioners are invited to attend all meetings. Copies of the agendas and minutes are published on the website (www.culmington.org) and notice boards, and condensed minutes are in Ripples.

Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley (full report available on parish website or by contacting the Clerk). I have been the Corvedale Councillor since 2009 and now sit in the Cabinet as Portfolio Holder for Communities, Culture, Leisure & Tourism and Transport. It is a relief to be finally emerging from the Covid pandemic and its disruptive effects. SC is working hard to roll out the Government's Council Tax rebate programme. SC has been supporting the Homes for Ukraine programme. 434 Ukrainian individuals are due to come to Shropshire with 155 having already arrived. A hub to welcome them has been set up in Shrewsbury. SC has not had much luck with Government funding over the year. The local government funding settlement has reverted to a one-year rollover budget. Social Care puts a huge demand on budgets and during the Covid pandemic the number of children requiring care has increased to 600. The Levelling Up fund has not helped Shropshire. The Council has put in bids to the government for three excellent projects, all of them rejected. 'County Deals' is a government initiative encouraging local authorities to work closely together and potentially elect a mayor or governor. Shropshire is unsure of the benefits of this but will look at options. The Community Governance Review involves Parish councils reviewing their boundaries and considering merging with their neighbours or straightening out boundary anomalies. There is also an official review of the Divisional boundaries which

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must be complete by October 2023. Corvedale Parishes have been working hard on plans for traffic calming measures including VAS signs on the busy B roads. SC Cabinet is meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the new Chief Constable later in May and will discuss traffic calming measures. I hope that you have seen improvements in the pothole problem as there is now a full complement of Local Traffic Engineers and the 'Fix My Street' reporting system is being rolled out. I have been asked to be a Flood Champion for South Shropshire. The new recycling wheelie bin is being rolled out in the South of the County. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have a problem with Council services.

Village Hall: Cllr Mear - over the last year the Village Hall has slowly reopened following Government guidance. At the AGM last year I was elected as Chair and Jeff Williams vice Chair. This year's AGM is on 7th July. Normal events are planned for this year. Two benches have been purchased in memory of Dennis Jubb and Colin Edwards, also a new marquee. We are drawing up plans for extra storage and a bar and reviewing the rental charges for the hall.

Flood Action Group: Cllr Byng (full report on Parish Website or by contacting the Clerk). 2021 has been a year when we have been fortunate when other communities around us have flooded. The Group continues to meet on Zoom with support from the National Flood Forum. We have multi-agency meetings, keeping lines of communication open between the community and other agencies to reduce the impact of future flooding, but there has been slow progress. Shropshire Council's bid for funding was unsuccessful. We are members of the Shropshire Flood Forum. During 2022 we hope to return to face to face meetings and make some real progress. We understand there is

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL**Draft Minutes of the meeting of Munslow Parish Council on Thursday 9th June 2022 at Beambridge Club Room**

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Edward Povey, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, David Marston and Chris Meeson.

In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Motley.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Minutes of the Meetings held on the 5th May 2022: the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting were approved.

Matters Arising from those minutes that are not covered on the agenda: The waste bin has been delivered to The Swan Inn and will be installed in the public car park. The condition of the Jubilee Tree will be discussed with Millichope.

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

Planning Matters: None.

Reports: *The Chair* reported that all items were included in this agenda.

Shropshire Council, Cllr Motley sent a report that the Clerk read out. The Local Government Association's Financial Review Team (a free service) will review Shropshire Council's financial processes. An all-party group will work through the Public Transport Strategy. She and the Passenger Transport Manager met the Transport Minister Baroness Vere who strongly recommended applying for 'Levelling Up' funding. The Council will also apply for Levelling Up funding for infrastructure projects including Craven Arms. She has had useful meetings with Shropshire NFU and CLA. The Local Government Boundary Commission review is on the horizon, so she is keen to get as much of the Town and Parishes review done as possible. She has been discussing Emergency Planning which involves all the public services operating in the county. Shropshire Council is keen to build better connections with towns and parishes as these are valuable sources of information and contact during an unforeseen emergency.

Beambridge Village Hall, Cllr Dobson wanted to thank everyone for their help over the very successful Jubilee. The committee may apply for Jubilee funding to improve the hall. They are still waiting for the electrical work to be completed.

still some SC money available for some work within Culmington.

Culmington Footpath Group: Mr Jeff Williams (full report on the Parish Website or by contacting the Clerk) reported that there are four active members of the group. They have replaced three footpath gates at Norton Farm, added a gate and five stiles at Medley Park, a stile and refurbished another at Shotwood Bank, added two hooped gates at Shotwood Bank, cut a bridleway from Tower House to Culmington, reset footbeds on five stiles, tarmacked the footbridge on Seifton Lane and replaced a stile on Vernolds Common. There is a list of work to do. The team has also worked on footpaths in Stanton Lacy and Onibury Parishes. Cllr Pike continues to walk paths and report back and Mr Williams said walkers should contact him first before reporting issues to Shropshire Council.

Community Governance and Boundary Review: It was agreed that the Parish Council should put this issue on the agenda for the next three meetings giving parishioners the opportunity to discuss boundary anomalies. The Local Plan is being publicly examined in July which will allow discussion regarding Seifton. The Parish Council will continue to liaise with Diddlebury Parish Council about the common boundary.

Open Forum: A member of the public reported that the Vehicle Activated Sign at the western entrance to Culmington had made a difference to the speed of vehicles through the village. They requested that the Parish Council consider seeking funding for another camera to be placed at the other end of the village. Cllr Steele agreed that it should be placed on the next Parish Council meeting agenda.

Closure: The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Community Governance Review and Parish Boundaries: It was decided not to propose any changes to the boundaries of Munslow Parish.

Defibrillator Proposal: Options were discussed, and it was unanimously decided to purchase a defibrillator and lockable cabinet totalling £1477.80 plus the costs of installation in the telephone box outside The Crown in Munslow. The Neighbourhood Fund plus unspent monies will be used.

Finance: Accounts and Bank Reconciliation: An error on the report was noted but the accounts and bank reconciliation were approved. The account as at the 29th April 2022 held £18,482.40. A grant of £500 for Environmental Maintenance has been received from Shropshire Council.

Payments Authorised: H Coonick (Clerk), reimbursement for stationery and software £98.24, H Coonick (Clerk's Salary) £586.56, K Adams (Internal Auditor) £75, SALC Affiliation Fee £223.02, Information Commissioners Officer Data Protection Fee £40 (or £35 if a direct debit is set up).

Highways: Parish VAS sign - the replacement sign is also faulty. The Clerk was asked to request a refund from the providers of the sign.

Maintenance and repairs of speed signs: The Clerk has reported both the faulty signs at Aston Munslow and Beambridge and Shropshire Council have asked the manufacturers to make repairs.

Joint Parishes Highways Proposals: The Clerk and Cllr Dobson will make an application to the Police and Crime Commissioner for a grant for a further Vehicle Activated Sign.

Environmental Maintenance Grant and Contractor: The Clerk will advertise the contract in Ripples and the Corvedale News. A total of £1,000 is available for this work during this financial year.

Parking at War Memorial in Munslow: The Clerk was asked to write to Shropshire Council and West Mercia Police about parking on the pavement at the War Memorial in Munslow. It was noted that a vehicle parking in this area is leaking oil into the drain. The Clerk was asked to report this to Shropshire Council.

Litter Picking: The Environmental Maintenance contract allows for the contractor to litter pick, but this will only be on side roads. No work is allowed on the B4368 under this funding.

Next Meeting at 7.30pm Thursday 7th July 2022 at Beambridge Village Hall. All welcome.

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

Summary of the draft Minutes of the 3 meetings held by Diddlebury Parish Council on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at Diddlebury Village Hall

Present At All Three Meetings: Cllr D Hedgley – Chairman, Cllrs R Povall, A Watson, T Pardoe, S Povall, A Rattu, T O’Boyle, R Morgan.

Apologies were received from Unitary Cllr Motley.

In Attendance: The Clerk and four members of the public.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cllr Hedgley was nominated and elected as Chairman for 2022/23 and Cllr R Povall as Vice-Chairman. Both signed Acceptance of Office forms.

Appointments were made for representatives for the various committees. Details are available in the Minutes on DPC’s website.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Reports were presented to the meeting by the Chairman, Cllr Motley (by email), by representatives for Diddlebury Village Hall, Westhope Village Hall, Diddlebury Charities, the Flood Action Group, Louisa Powell Almshouses, the Parish Plan Steering Group and from the DPC Website administrator, Ms Sara Thompson. Members of the public had been invited to attend to give their views on the proposed boundary changes: in the event no views or queries were raised. Cllr R Povall gave an update on proposed changes affecting the Culmington and Seifton parts of the parish, which are still under negotiation. In ‘Open Forum’ Mr Ian Davies indicated he wishes to stand down from the role of Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group

and will keep DPC updated on this. The Charman thanked Mr Davies for his 10 years of sterling work on the PPSG and for overseeing the mobile speed indicator device now in use around the parish. In his closing comments the Chairman thanked everyone in the parish who gets involved in voluntary work. He gave a special vote of thanks to Geoff Neden for all the work he has done on the Flood Action Group and as a parish councillor. He hopes to present Mr Neden with a certificate of service. Mr Clive Martyn of Bache Mill has agreed to take over the role of Chairman of the FAG, and to continue the excellent work and systems established by Geoff Neden and his team.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Declarations of Interest: None were made.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th April 2022 were approved.

Matters Arising: The Chairman thanked Cllr Pardoe for affixing pedestrian warning signs in two areas of Mill Lane, for obtaining and affixing dog waste stickers for the public rubbish bins and for repairing notice boards in Westhope.

Reports: *The Chairman* reported he has had further discussions with Mr Eddie West and Cllr Motley about DPC’s CIL payment; he had spoken to Geoff Neden following his resignation. He had resolved an issue involving rubbish bins in Peaton and he had discussions with the Clerk about the vacancy for a councillor created by Geoff Neden’s resignation. The Chairman also thanked Cllr Rattu and others for all the work being put into the Jubilee celebrations.

Unitary Cllr Motley sent a written report. She is concerned about the number of thefts of trailers, diggers and other machinery in the Corvedale and discussed the issue with the Chief Constable and the Police & Crime Commissioner as it appears the Police are doing little other than handing out crime references. She has had discussions with Mark Barrow and the head of Planning at SC about the long delays in dealing with a planning application in Great Sutton, which has resulted in a project which could have provided employment being abandoned.

FAG Report: Cllr O’Boyle gave a detailed report on FAG activities and current concerns: full details available in the Minutes.

Planning Application: The Chairman reported DPC had raised no objections to a tree works application 22/02187/TCA – to remove 20% from the crown of a walnut tree at The Tithe Barn, Diddlebury.

Highways Matters: Cllr Watson reported on the chaos again on the B4368 by maintenance works, caused by poor information, poor diversions signage and a total lack of local knowledge by the workforce. A different system was used in Shipton, which caused far less chaos. Cllr, Motley agreed to investigate.

Communications & Correspondence: 22 items were considered.

Finance Matters: The Finance Report for May 2022 was considered and payments totalling £1,267.81 were authorised, following which DPC holds £38,717.89. The cash book/bank statement reconciliation was verified by Cllr O’Boyle.

2021 - 2022 Audit: Councillors considered the Audit Report of 6th May 2022 and associated papers which contained no adverse comments and were approved. They then considered the Audit report contained in the AGAR. The Notice of Public Rights concerning the audit will be on notice boards and the website on 1st June 2022.

AOB: No matters were raised and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm, thanking everyone for their attendance.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd June 2022 commencing 7.30pm at Westhope Village Hall

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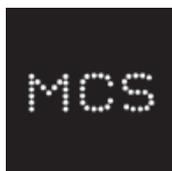
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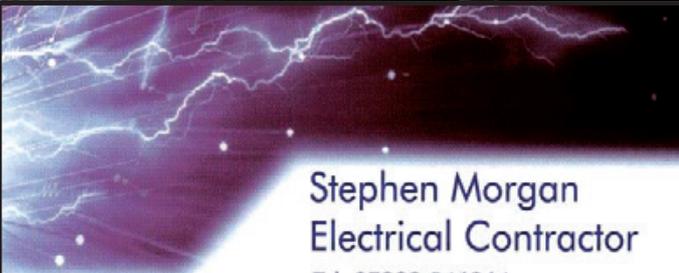
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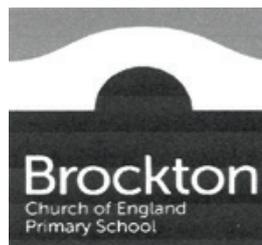
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