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More useful contacts can be found on page 31

LOCAL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

 **Mini Moos**

Baby and toddler group

Every Monday
10-12 term time
£2.50 per family

Baby area
Toddler area
Ride-ons
Craft activities
Song time
And lots more

 **Diddlebury Village Hall**

*Find us on Facebook
Mini Moos baby and toddler group*



Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday
All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm
Start 7:15pm

£3 to include half time refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
SY7 9JL



ENJOY SINGING?

CORVEDALE CHOIR is looking to recruit new members who love to sing.

WHO?
We are a mixed voice community choir based in the Corvedale. Our Musical Director is Ros Crouch. All songs are taught - an ability to follow music and a desire to sing is all that's required.

WHEN and WHERE?
Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall during school term times

WHAT?
We sing an eclectic mix of harmony songs with a supportive, friendly and fun group of local people. We have an annual summer concert and support a carol service in church at Christmas time. And we raise money for good causes at the same time.

INTERESTED? For further information contact Avril Lines avril.fossilsinshropshire@gmail.com Or 01584 861 339

Or join us any Monday evening for a taster.

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP


Corvedale Book Group welcomes new members! It costs less than £5 a month to cover room hire fees and Shropshire Library loan fees.

For the first six months of the year, we will be choosing books selected by group members. Then we will be discussing books selected from the annual library list.

Please contact cathburley@hotmail.com if you would like to join us.

**Second Thursday of the month
7.30pm - 9pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.**

Next Meeting: Thursday 12th June



CORVEDALE ARTISTS

meet every Tuesday
from 10.00 am until 1.00pm in
Beambridge Village Hall

Portrait Model and Still Life
provided at each session
with tuition, or bring your
own artwork

£8.00 per session

A warm welcome awaits new members of all abilities so why not come along?

For further information
telephone 01299 832 603



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 contact Katharine Wale on 07866 408 897 or katharinewale59@gmail.com to confirm work location.

If any local walkers in the Corvedale notice any stiles or steps in poor condition, please report back to Katharine.

**Wednesday 25th May
Friday 27th May
Sunday 29th June**

RSPB Events

More info can be found on the RSPB local group website.



WALKS

Saturday 21st June, 10am
Clee Hill

Saturday 19th July, 10.15am
Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

TALKS will resume in the autumn on the first Wednesday of each month at our new venue of Wistanstow village hall. The first meeting will be on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?

Contact the editor to include your poster in the next edition:
corvedalenewseditor@gmail.com

Culmington Lunch Club

Meet new friends
Catch up with old friends
whilst you enjoy a delicious,
freshly-cooked, 2-course meal

All for just £12



Bar **Raffle**

Every third Thursday
of the month
12.30pm for 1pm

Culmington Village Hall

To book your place contact:
Gwyn Edwards on 01584 861666 or 07891 904504

DIDDLEBURY OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

Volunteers Wanted

Can you spare a little time to help your community?

Car park attendants wanted at Diddlebury Village Hall on Open Gardens afternoon

Shifts between 12 - 6 pm

Come and be part of our team.

ALSO

Donations of cakes for afternoon teas would be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

Contact 07937 730 342
diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| | | | |
|----------|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| 2nd Mon | Diddlebury Church Fete Planning Meeting | Diddlebury Church Room | 4.30pm |
| 3rd Tue | Culmington Parish Council Meeting | Culmington Village Hall | 7pm |
| 4th Wed | Community Lunch | Westhope Village Hall | 12.30pm |
| 4th Wed | Westhope Clover Club | Westhope Village Hall | 12.30pm |
| 4th Wed | Quiz Night | Diddlebury Village Hall | 7pm |
| 5th Thu | How the Human Body is put together | Little Stoke Farm | 2pm |
| 5th Thu | Messy Church | St Peter's, Diddlebury | 3.20pm |
| 10th Tue | Diddlebury & Westhope WI Meeting | Culmington Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 11th Wed | Munslow WI Meeting | Wollerton Old Hall Gardens | TBA |
| 12th Thu | Corvedale Book Group | Diddlebury Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 12th Thu | Hayton & District WI Meeting | Stanton Lacy Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 14th Sat | Un-Finished Objects Craft Group | Abdon Village Hall | 10.30am |
| 14th Sat | Corvedale Garden Group | Aulden Farm | 10am |
| 15th Sun | Bach Concert | All Saints Church, Culmington | 3pm |
| 16th Mon | Corvedale News Copy Deadline | | |
| 19th Thu | Lunch Club | Culmington Village Hall | 12.30pm |
| 21st Sat | RSPB Walk | Clee Hill | 10am |
| 22nd Sun | Afternoon Tea, with the Bluebird Belles | Culmington Village Hall | TBC |
| 25th Wed | Footpath Maintenance Group | TBA | 9.30am |
| 27th Fri | Footpath Maintenance Group | TBA | 9.30am |
| 28th Sat | Coffee Morning | Abdon Village Hall | 10.30am |
| 28th Sat | Midsummer Garden Party & BBQ | Sparchford Cottage, Culmington | 6pm |
| 29th Sun | Footpath Maintenance Group | TBA | 9.30am |
| 29th Sun | Wild About Westhope Summaer Event | Westhope College | 10am |
| 29th Sun | Diddlebury Open Gardens | Various gardens | 12noon-6pm |
| 29th Sun | Afternoon Tea | Crown Country Inn | 3pm |

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Contact the editor to include your event in the next edition's diary:
corvedalenevseditor@gmail.com

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| 5th Sat | Diddlebury Church Fete & Dog Show | Diddlebury Village Hall | 2pm |
| 7th Mon | Corvedale Choir Summer Concert | Culmington Village Hall | 7pm |
| 10th Thu | Corvedale Book Group | Diddlebury Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 14th Mon | Corvedale News Copy Deadline | | |
| 17th Thu | Lunch Club | Culmington Village Hall | 12.30pm |
| 19th Sat | RSPB Walk | Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre | 10.15am |
| 19th Sat | Blue Hills Choir Summer Concert | St Mary the Virgin Church, Bromfield | 3pm |
| 19th Sat | Kington Operatic Society Concert | Munslow Church | 7.30pm |
| 23rd Wed | Footpath Maintenance Group | TBA | 9.30am |
| 25th Fri | Footpath Maintenance Group | TBA | 9.30am |
| 27th Sun | Footpath Maintenance Group | TBA | 9.30am |

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

| | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Every Mon | Corvedale Choir | Diddlebury Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| Every Mon | Coffee Morning | Culmington Village Hall | 10am-11.30am |
| Every Mon | Bridge Club | Culmington Village Hall | 12.30pm - 5pm |
| Every Mon | Whist Drive | Westhope Village Hall | 7.15pm |
| Every Mon | Mini Moos - Baby & Toddler Group | Diddlebury Village Hall | 10am |
| Every Tues | Blue Hills Choir | Diddlebury Village Hall | 10am |
| Every Tues | Corvedale Artists | Munslow Village Hall | 10am |
| Every Tues | Zumba | Diddlebury Village Hall | 6pm |
| Every Weds | Yoga | Westhope Village Hall | 9.45-10.45am |
| Every Weds | Yoga | Culmington Village Hall | 6pm |
| Every Weds | Line Dancing | Onibury Village Hall | 7pm & 8pm |
| Every Weds | Pub Night | Stanton Lacy Village Hall | 8pm |
| Every Thur | Tai Chi | Diddlebury Village Hall | 10am |
| Every Thur | Pilates Beginners/Intermediate Class | Diddlebury Village Hall | 6pm |
| Every Fri | Physiotherapist-led Pilates | Diddlebury Village Hall | 9.15am |

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The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 16th June

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE



PLANTS Needed

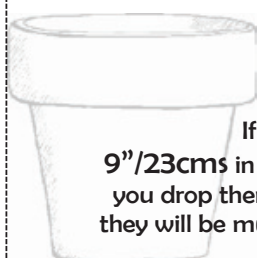
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Diddlebury Open Gardens Plant Sale

If you have any spare or unwanted plants/cuttings/splits that need a good home, then we'd love to have them for our **Open Gardens** plant sale please.

Plants can be left opposite St Peter's Church, Diddlebury at **TITHE BARN**

to the right of the gates under the Newspaper box



There's been so much plant growing and nurturing going on for Open Gardens that we're running out of

LARGE POTS!

If you have any large pots

9"/23cms in diameter or bigger then please could you drop them off at **TITHE BARN** asap where they will be much appreciated and put to good use.

Thank you

All funds raised at **Open Gardens** are much needed to keep **Diddlebury Village Hall** running and in tip top condition for the benefit of our community. Registered Charity number 522511

Diddlebury

Open Gardens Day



Sunday 29th June

12pm to 6pm

10 or more varied, interesting & beautiful gardens to visit

Plant Sale

Teas & home-made cakes

Art exhibition by Val Alexander RB SA

Tickets – £7.50 or £6 in advance

Advance tickets from Mike's Garage, Aston Munslow or

For more info contact 07396 730342

diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com

All funds raised are for DVH – Charity no: 522511

How the human body is put together; why (increasingly) it is sort of important to know.

Part 2 - The chest - the body's crossroads

A discussion with Peter Cornah

Where: The Studio, Little Stoke Farm,
Stoke St. Milborough. SY8 2EN.

When: Thursday 5th June 2025, 2 to 3 pm

How to get in contact:

Go to villageadamandeve.uk – contact,
or phone 01584 823 858

or email petercornah@gmail.com
or drop by and have a cup of tea and a chat!

If you would like some notes on our last session about the head... let me know by email.

Blue Hills Choir Summer Concert

Saturday 19th July 2025, 3pm

St Mary the Virgin Church
Bromfield SY8 2JP

Following on from last year's very successful concert, come and hear the Blue Hills Choir provide another entertaining programme of Classical Choral pieces.

Tickets are £10 per head, to include a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage and snacks served after the concert.

Free entry to children under 16.

All monies raised are in aid of
St Mary the Virgin Church.

Tickets available at the door or from
gordon_grant1951@hotmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

Corvedale Concerts
presents

J.S.BACH

Suites for Solo Cello

Ruth Henley • Cello

June 15th All Saints Church, Culmington • Suites 5 & 6

All concerts start at 8.00 pm followed by refreshments

Tickets £10

Available in advance from TicketSource
www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-concerts

or, subject to availability, on the door

All proceeds to support the Corvedale Parishes



Wild about Westhope
Summer Event
Sunday June 29th
10am—1pm
Free to all

Parking at Westhope College SY7 9JL

Discover the life cycle of a butterfly
Help us make a giant caterpillar
Take a walk on the wild side
Willow workshop
Camp fire café

Wild about Westhope



QUIZ NIGHT
at
Diddlebury Village Hall
Wednesday
4th June
Bar opens: 19:00
Quiz starts: 19:30
Booking essential
Text/WhatsApp: 07396 730342
Email: diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com



please join us for
CREAM TEA & CAKES
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL
Cream Tea with Tea or Coffee
£8 each
Delicious Homemade
Cakes also available
SUNDAY 29TH JUNE
From 3pm - 5pm
**SERVED IN THE
CROWN COUNTRY INN GARDENS**
Booking very essential.
Please contact
Lesley on 07714458933
or Email - pturner767@msn.com

ABDON VILLAGE HALL

JUNE EVENTS

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

Saturday 14th June, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

On the second Saturday of every month at Abdon Village Hall. Bring your 'crafty projects' - learn from each other and enjoy the chat as you, crochet, knit, sew, patchwork or do anything crafty! And of course, coffee and cake too! A warm welcome for everyone!

Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th June, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

On the last Saturday of each month - everyone is welcome to our warm and friendly get togethers - lively chat, coffee and, of course, cake!

Abdon Village Hall Bookings

Contact Margaret Buckingham: 01746 712 296

or abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

Or visit our website for the booking form and details:

www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

Everyone at Westhope Village Hall has had a lot to celebrate in May. Our VE Day celebrations were a great success enjoying homemade chicken curry, rice, naan bread and chips while listening to a great variety of music from DJ Ryder. Several people dressed in 1940s style, and everyone looked very smart! Thanks to you all for making an effort and supporting us.

Our thanks also go to Ludlow Lodge for the Marches for donating a quantity of screens for our village hall. They will provide a variety of uses which will enhance the hall.

Our biggest celebration was to receive confirmation of being awarded a National Lottery Grant for £20,000 which will now enable us to insulate the hall and provide a much-needed upgrade to the heating system.

Please note a change of date of the Rummage Sale to **Saturday 4th October**. This is to avoid a clash with the Corvedale Autumn Show. The next community lunch is **Wednesday 4th June**, 12.30 for 1pm. Two courses with tea/coffee for £12pp. Everyone welcome. All enquiries to Betty 07860 447 397. Another date for the diary is **Saturday 9th August**, which is our Race Night. Please note the weekly Yoga class is Thursday 9.45 - 10.45 with Sue Pugh. We currently have two vacancies. Please contact Sue on 07432 349 933 if you would like to join the class.

All enquiries Betty 07860 447 397 or Moira 01584 861 663 or 07542 947 440.

FUTURE DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Saturday 9th August - Mid-summer Race Night.

Saturday 4th October - Rummage Sale.

Saturday 18th October - Harvest Supper.

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

REGULAR EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Every Monday, 10am - 11.30am

Come along for a cuppa (coffee or tea) for just £1. Good company, free refills and biscuits!

Bridge Club

Every Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm

Contact Richard Smith richard.smith404@btinternet.com

Yoga

Every Wednesday, 6pm - 7.15pm

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

JUNE EVENTS

Lunch Club

Thursday 19th June

Contact Gwyn Edwards to book 01584 861 66

Afternoon Tea, with the fab Bluebird Belles

Sunday 22nd June

Step back in time for an afternoon of vintage charm. Live performance followed by afternoon tea. Tickets £20. Contact Jo Mear 07872 109 936 or Jeff Williams 01584 861 849.

FUTURE EVENTS

Corvedale Choir Summer Concert

Monday 7th July

Celebrating life through the ages. Free entry - donations for a local charity. Bar open, plus interval snacks. Raffle.

Lunch Club

Thursday 17th July

Contact Gwyn Edwards to book 01584 861 66

SAVE THE DATE...

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH FETE

This year's fete and dog show will take place on **Saturday 5th July** starting at 2pm at Diddlebury village hall and on the school field. There will be all the usual stalls.

Hope to see you there.

Liz Jones

WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



The Clover Club had a very enjoyable meeting at the Discovery Centre in May. Even though it was a lovely hot day, the fish and chips went down a treat, followed by a sweet of our own choice.

Our next meeting is at Westhope Village Hall on **Wednesday 4th June** when we once again join the community lunch at 12.30pm to sit down at 1 o'clock. Everyone welcome.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

We hosted our big breakfast event on 3rd May to raise money for the village hall. Volunteers served a full English breakfast to thirty-six local people who all enjoyed the food and the friendly atmosphere. The meal was prepared and served by volunteers, and members of the village hall committee. Many thanks to all of them and to those who helped with all the clearing up. Our grateful thanks to the Crown Country Inn at Munslow and their suppliers Dole Food Services for their generous donations of produce. We raised £380 for the village hall. This will help towards our maintenance costs and to some redecoration which we hope to complete this summer.

Our next fund raiser will be a cream tea in the gardens of the Crown Country Inn on **Sunday 29th June** from 3 till 5pm.. Richard and Jane are generously providing scones, jam and cream. Homemade cakes will also be available. Cream tea with tea or coffee £8 per person. Booking essential please contact Lesley on 07714 458 933 or email pturner767@msn.com. We hope to see you there.

Lesley Dobson

DITTON PRIORS HALL EVENTS

Our next event is **Saturday 12th July** which will see the return of our 'Beerfest' at Ditton Priors Recreation Ground.

Louise Tyson

CORVEDALE & DISTRICT AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 6th September 2025

SPUD-IN-A-BUCKET



*To get your spud and bucket
for this year's show,
call or text John Woodhouse*

07980 207 253

£1.00 per entry



Celebrating Life through the ages



**CORVEDALE CHOIR
CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025**

Thank you!!

*Our Spring Concert raised £340 for
All Saints Church Culmington Tower Appeal.*

*Our Summer Concert sees our return to
Culmington Village Hall so please tell friends
and come and join us for fun, great tunes
and an evening of harmony!*

*The Corvedale choir meet every Monday
night in term-time finding the harmony in
the music and joy with each other.*

*Entry is free but donations & proceeds
from a raffle will go to the Corvedale Group
of Parishes and a charity to be decided.*

*Bar open at 7pm with profit going
to the Village Hall Appeal*

MIDSUMMER GARDEN PARTY & BBQ



**SPARCHFORD COTTAGE
CULMINGTON SY8 2DE
SATURDAY 28 JUNE**

6pm — late

Bar Games Food

**Donations In aid of All Saints Tower
Restoration fund**

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org What's App/call - 07396 730342 Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall.org

SAVE THE DATES

Sept 24 QUIZ night
Oct 18 Harvest Supper
Oct 29 QUIZ night
Nov 22 Chilli night
Dec 10 Christmas QUIZ
Dec 31 Stefano's
Hootenanny

For more information on
What's coming up @ DVH
Scan the QR Code with your phone
camera to take you to the
Forthcoming Events page on our
website: diddleburyvillagehall.org



HELP PLEASE

We still need help to
manage the
CAR PARK
on **29th JUNE** at
OPEN GARDENS

We'd love to hear
from you
THANK YOU 😊

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| | The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com | Thursday 12th June 19:00 |
| Diddlebury Open Gardens | Invite your friends to visit 10 or more interesting & beautiful gardens in Diddlebury and Corfton – there'll be teas & coffee, home-made cakes, a plant sale and an art exhibition by Val Alexander RBSA. See main advert. | Sunday 29th June 12 – 6pm |
| QUIZ NIGHT | Our First QUIZ of the 2025 Winter/Spring season – don't miss out! Teams of 4 - £10 per team Book via – WhatsApp/email 07396 730342 diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com | Wednesday 24th September 19:00 for 19:30 |
| CHILLI NIGHT | Chilli, jacket potatoes, all the trimmings, barrel of beer, full bar & the return of JON & Mick the fantastic guitarists!!! Veggie chilli available or beans 'n cheese for non Chilli fans. | Saturday 22nd November |
| | Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group £2.50 per Family | Mondays 10.00 - 12.00 |
| | The Corvedale Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information. | Mondays 19.30 -21.30 |
| | The Blue Hills Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information. | Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00 |
| | Zumba Contact Cat: zumbawithcat@outlook.com /07817 448832 | Tuesdays 18.00 |
| | Tai Chi Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250275 hello@goldenthreadscic.com | Thursdays 10.00 - 11.00 |
| | Pilates with Tina Bookings only via pilateswithtina@outlook.com | Thursdays 18:00 – 19:00 |
| | Physiotherapist-led Pilates Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412 | Fridays 9.15 - 10.15 |

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

The last Sunday in June will see us remembering St Peter, to whom Diddlebury Church is dedicated – and we will gather there for a group service to mark the occasion.

St Peter is one of the best-known of the twelve apostles. Having begun life as a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee, he travelled with Jesus for the three years (ish) of his public ministry. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, Peter was one of the first to share the gospel with people who were not Jews before going on to spread the good news in Antioch and probably in Corinth. Tradition says that he ended his life being crucified in Rome and that he is buried under St Peter's Basilica.

I always think Peter is a someone who can give us encouragement as we try our best to be followers of Christ. As we read the gospels we perhaps get a better picture of Peter as a person than we do any of the other apostles (some of whom we only know as names in a list). He had great insights: he was the first to say that Jesus was the Messiah and was described as the rock on whom the church would be built. He was also fallible – he denied three times that he even knew Jesus. After the resurrection, by the Sea of Galilee, he was forgiven by Jesus and commissioned to lead the church.

Peter reminds us that we don't have to be perfect to be followers of Christ. He reminds us that we will get it wrong; and that getting it wrong is not the end of everything, even though it may sometimes feel like that at the time. He reminds us that the church isn't there for people who have already got it right, but it's there for people who would like to try to get it right (which is not always the same thing). Come and join us as we try to get it right together!

Rev'd John Beesley

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Diddlebury Church plant, cake and preserves sale. The total raised was £1,196.38 which is almost a record. It was very much a team effort. Thank you everyone who helped out in various way and to those who came to buy.

The next fund-raising event will be the Summer Fête and Dog Show on **Saturday 5th July**, starting at 2pm in Diddlebury Village Hall and on the school field. There will be a meeting to plan this event on **Monday 2nd June** in Diddlebury Church Room, starting at 4.30pm. Please come if you would like to help at the fête.

Liz Jones

MUNSLOW CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Flower Festival. We were fortunate to have a lovely day in terms of weather and it was great to see everyone who came. Thanks to all those who were involved in putting the day together: the church looked beautiful and the refreshments were equally enjoyable. The afternoon raised £554 towards the rewiring work: we're getting closer!

A new date for your diaries: on **Saturday 19th July** at 7:30pm we welcome Kington Operatic Society back to Munslow for an evening of music. Tickets will be available soon!

Rev'd John Beesley

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

6th May Shannon Hunt & Stephen Martin Diddlebury
17th May Gemma Hollins & Mitchell Jenderko Diddlebury

FUNERALS

25th April Basil Donnelly Munslow
16th May Janice Parsons Culmington

FLOWERS & BRASSES

JUNE 2025

1st, 8th & 15th Liz Jones
22nd & 29th Melissa Hartop

MESSY CHURCH

Come and join us for the next Messy Church, which will be in Diddlebury Church on **Thursday 5th June** from 3:20pm, when we'll be thinking about Jesus' instruction to the disciples to go out and grow the church. There will be the usual variety of craft activities and then we'll think about our theme and join together for a shared meal. Messy Church is for families to join in together and so all children must have a responsible adult with them – whether that's a parent or grandparent or a carer. You're welcome to come along whether you have been to a Messy Church before or not – we hope to see you there!

Rev'd John Beesley

ALL SAINTS CHURCH TOWER APPEAL

Although you have not heard from us for a month or two, we have been very busy preparing our application for a Lottery Fund grant. This has now been sent and once some queries have been sorted we should get some answers this month. The window of opportunity to get the tower repaired and restored this year may well be missed as good weather is essential to the success of the project. However, a delay will give us more time to raise all the necessary funds.

The team has also been busy in local fundraising, and we want to thank all the lovely people who came and supported the Daffodil Day at Sparchford making a fabulous total of £505.85 for the general church funds. Our grateful thanks to Ros Crouch and the Corvedale Choir who gave a wonderful evening of songs and readings and to all those who supported the evening raising a total of £334.51 for the tower appeal.

The churchyard is looking lovely due to the attention it gets from Peter and Mark. Spring cowslips are out, and the trees are fully dressed. The team leader of Caring for Gods Acre who helps keep the churchyard beautiful, ran the London Marathon in April raising much needed funds for the CfGA.

Our next event towards the tower appeal is the midsummer Garden Party at Sparchford Cottage on **Saturday 28th June** at 6pm with a barbecue, salads, games and fun. Of course there will be a bar! Do come and support us.

Val Hardwick & Andrew Pike
Churchwardens

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

If you know of a problem or issue with a local footpath, especially if it is on the Corvedale Three Castles Walk or the Shropshire Way, please contact the Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group. We aim to keep our footpaths accessible to local and visiting walkers and generally have up to three working parties per month. New members are always welcome, so if you would like to join us for a one-off or longer-term commitment please do get in touch.

Our next working parties are:

Wednesday 25th June Friday 27th June Sunday 29th June

For more information, or to report a problem with a local path, please contact Katharine Wale at katharinewale59@gmail.com or on 07866 408 897.



DIDDLEBURY FLOOD ACTION GROUP

An update on activity over the past few months. Last November there was the most serious flooding in Diddlebury, as recorded on the depth gauge on the B4368 road bridge.

Once the winter waters receded we experienced a long dry spell in April and May. This has allowed time to evaluate the

state of the streams through the area. The stream beds appear washed out with their bed levels reduced, undercutting the banks along the watercourses. A lot of stone has been washed away.

To protect your property from flooding consider:

- The building of walls and fences to resist further erosion of the stream sides. An example of such a structure is this beautifully built living willow fence



- Walls in the upper parts of gardens to protect their house
- The installation of door barriers to stop water flooding into a property

An inspection has been made of the leaky dams on the Diddle brook between Middlehope and Diddlebury. Unfortunately, over half of these dams are now ineffective due to silting up, or damage. Some dams were entirely missing. These findings were reported back to the Shropshire Council Flood Manager and to Shropshire Wildlife Trust, the original installer of the dams. The destruction of the leaky dams will significantly reduce the 'slow the flow' effect.

A meeting was organised in May by the National Flood Forum at Culmington where the Flood Action Groups of Culmington, Ludlow and Diddlebury met to discuss ideas on how to improve flood resilience and communications. The meeting also discussed farming techniques to increase water absorption into the land. At the end of the meeting we were invited to review the Shropshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2015, as this is due to be updated.

Clive Martyn

CORVEDALE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Following a wonderful Easter Service (thank you to those of you who joined us) and the subsequent holiday, the Summer term is in full bloom, and we have much to share!

The Year 6 pupils spent a great deal of time preparing for their SATs examinations and demonstrated great resilience and work-ethic when it came to the test week itself. A big well-done to all of them! Well done also to all the staff involved in securing a food hygiene score of five for the kitchen. We have also appointed a new Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo), Jennie Marsden, who brings great experience and expertise to the role. We are delighted to welcome her and look forward to the stability she will provide for our children and families.

Finally, the boys in Year 5 and 6 won the Shropshire Small Schools Football Tournament last week. It was a close match against worthy opponents, but Corvedale overcame adversity to prevail on penalties following a 2-2 draw – and brought home a rather large and ornate shield! And that isn't all on



the sport front – next week we have a netball final to look forward to!

Neil Davda, Headteacher

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

THEY SPEAK OF NIGHT BY JO JACKSON

At our May meeting it was with interest that we noted Jo Jackson is a local Shropshire author, who acknowledges the Wenlock Writers on the Edge for their encouragement and support. It was similarly fascinating to consider Jo Jackson's pathway to becoming an author after retirement, considering how her work as a nurse, midwife and family psychotherapist had contributed to the development of her novel (with particular emphasis on the latter).

Reviews of the novel were hard to find, but Good Reads notes *'the powerful and poignant story of loss and love.'* To quote again, it is *'An ambitious, hauntingly beautiful, sad but ultimately uplifting novel about the unlikely friendship between an old Indian gardener called Asadi and Lily, a young English woman struggling to make sense of her life.'*

Whilst just four Good Reads reviewers had given the book an average of four and a half stars out of five, our group was far less kind, with a star rating from two to four and the majority around three. We all acknowledged the book was easy to read and the plot was logical and clear, possibly making it a satisfactory holiday read, and the novel's development seemed contrived and the number of coincidences within the story unrealistic.

We looked at the novel as if it had three parts. The first introduces Lily who is struggling to manage her life after a devastating university party event and, the following day, the death of her mother. The second is a description of India in the late 1930s and '40s where Asadi withstands an unhappy childhood in a rural village but whose early adulthood working

in Jodhpur brings no great release. A picture of the violence of the fight for independence and the tensions between Muslims and Hindus is clearly drawn. The last section brings the resolution where Lily travels to India and allows the author to bring some of the twists and turns within the story to a meaningful close.

It was felt that it was the India section which brought the book to life and the essential research by the author gave authenticity to the fiction. However, characters appeared insufficiently developed and this led us to discuss how stereotypical we found the characters themselves, and the culture being portrayed. Would we go as far as to say there was evidence of cultural imperialism?

The author states that she is character driven in her writing and she writes as if she were in each character's head. Here then she makes use of her work as a family therapist where she worked with people often at their most vulnerable. She has observed and listened and drawn from real life stories and experiences, so she is well equipped to deal with the shame and grief that lie at the heart of the characters of this novel. Perhaps a pertinent sentence for all of us, taken from the novel, is *'Grief has many faces. Sometimes it disguises itself as shame, or anger, sometimes as loneliness.'*

In summary therefore there were flashes of good description as well as 'clunky' writing, making the book 'a heavy subject but a light read' as one of the group put it.

Val Fotheringham



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MUNSLOW WI

On Wednesday 14th May Munslow WI members visited Derwen College, a specialist college for young adults with special educational needs and disabilities. We greatly enjoyed seeing



the young people at work in the café, garden centre and shop which are part of their beautiful premises. One of the members was inspired to buy a large quantity of plants at the garden centre which did not leave a lot of room in the Corvedale Buzzard on the way home!

The companionship was good, the weather fine and the visit thoroughly enjoyable.

Our next meeting is another outing, this time to Wollerton Old Hall Gardens on **Wednesday 11th June**. The Corvedale Buzzard will again be available; please get in touch with our Secretary, Val Hardwick on 01584 861 658 if you would like more information.

Wendy Brogden, wendy@brogden.info

DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE WI

In May we warmly welcomed Jan Morgan Birtles, also known as Nanny Janny, to our meeting. What a treat we had in store too: lots of interesting boxes came in with Jan of her meat, sausages and ice cream produced from the farm she and her husband David run in the Shropshire Hills. Before we were let loose on the array of boxes Jan told us the story of the journey she and her husband made before moving to Shropshire and developing the businesses they run today. A family that multi-task with a vengeance!

David and Jan share five children between them and met and farmed with a herd of Jersey cows originally in Staffordshire. They had 70 acres with a third of their farm on flood plains which was quite a challenge. She particularly recalled a hard winter in 2008/09 when their fields flooded and then froze to become a skating rink, which was the fun part. However, the broken central heating which was not fixed until May certainly tested the family's resilience. All was told with a great sense of humour: even the baking competition she entered at the local show was a result of a failed TB test for 'Daisy Bell.' Both still working as well as farming they semi-retired to Shropshire after visiting friends in Bishops Castle for a 'thank you' lunch.

Having moved with their herd of 50 Jerseys and settled into the farm, they expanded further buying some pigs, trying various breeds along the way, then buying Muckleton Meats when it came up for sale. Semi-retirement it most definitely wasn't as they went on to 'twiddle' sausages, supplying nearby hotels and visiting farmers' markets on a regular basis. Ice cream came on board later using the milk from their Jersey herd.

Tasting the delicious ice cream at the end of the meeting was an absolute treat: my particular favourite was stem ginger, with the chocolate a close second! It is all made entirely from the milk of their own cows, so look out for Nanny Janny's

ice cream if you ever visit Lydham, Ludlow or Shrewsbury markets. I would highly recommend it.

Jan was thanked warmly by Claire for entertaining and feeding us so well. How we also fitted in the cake and tea baked by Janet and Judy, our own members, I really don't know - but somehow we did!! A brief meeting followed with a reminder of the craft afternoon, a Burwarton show meeting and plans for a garden visit.

The next WI meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th June** and will be a DIY evening and 'A taste of Spain', all members bringing some food to share and Jacqui challenging us to a quiz on all things Spanish.

As always, if anyone would like to come along to our meetings either as a visitor for the evening or to join as a member you would be very welcome. The visitor fee is £2. Please ring Joy Williams our secretary if you would like any further information on 01584 861 849.

Jayne Disley

HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

At our meeting on 8th May we welcomed our own member, Ria Baxter, who gave us a talk entitled 'Why Did They Leave My Dad Behind?'. We were all intrigued by this title – what did this mean? Where and when was Ria's father left behind? And was this story going to have a happy or unhappy ending? Well, Ria began by giving us some background information about her heritage. Her Dad was Chinese, and her Mum was Dutch, and they'd met and married moving to the UK during World War II. They moved to Liverpool and so Ria's father became a sailor in Merseyside, joining the important Merchant Navy service during the war. Around this time, approximately 20,000 other young Chinese men had travelled to England to become part of the war effort in which they all played a crucial role in supplying Britain with food, fuel and other essential goods as Inter-allied Merchant Seamen. Although these civilian sailors risked their lives to enable Britain to defend itself, unfortunately they experienced significant hardships, including lower wages and worse conditions than their British counterparts and were often denied the same war risk bonuses. They had to work away from the places they had made their homes often for up to a year at a time, never knowing if they would return home, sometimes transporting soldiers overseas into extremely dangerous waters while keeping the military supplied too. Many of these seamen had met and married local women in the Liverpool area and established families. Despite this, after the war in 1946 the Liverpool Constabulary, acting on orders from the British government under a scheme known as 'Compulsory Repatriation of Undesirable Chinese Seamen', forcibly deported around 2,000 Chinese sailors from Liverpool back to China in what was seen as a demobilisation effort. Thankfully, Ria's father, perhaps because he was already in this country having arrived from Holland, was not part of the deportation and repatriation to China. Hence, as Ria's title states, her Dad was left behind. Sadly, those 2,000 deportations were carried out without notice and left the sailors' wives and children believing they had been abandoned by their husbands and fathers. It wasn't until the release of declassified records fifty years later that this terrible treatment of loyal Chinese seamen was revealed and sadly some members of these families died before knowing the truth.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th June** at 7:30pm when we look forward to Chris Eldon Lee's 'Humorous

and Intriguing Anecdotes from 50 Years in Broadcasting'.

All meetings, except for December and August this year and January 2026, are held at Stanton Lacy Village Hall, Hayton's Bent, SY8 2AT. For anyone interested in attending our WI branch meetings, for just a looksee, to listen to one of our speakers (£5 for non-members) or to join us as a member, please contact Phyllis Steventon, Branch President, on 01584 823 436 or Branch Secretary, Jennette Arnold OBE via email at hayton.district.wi@gmail.com for further information.

Louise Gough

ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?

Contact the editor to include your
poster in the next edition:

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RIDE+STRIDE SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Ride+Stride is an opportunity for you to raise money for your church. Anyone can join in - collect sponsors, then plan your own route - walk, bike, or car - visit some churches - enjoy the day. If you are busy on the 13th, you can go another day - which is what a lot of people do.

The sponsorship money is split 50/50 between your local church and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), which awards grants for repairs and improvements to our churches and chapels. So 100% goes to our places of worship. This is definitely a 'good thing.'

'Ride+Stride' is a National event organised by the National Churches Trust and Shropshire is pleased to join in. The basic idea is twofold:

1. Churches are open for visitors on Saturday 13th Sept from about 10 to 6, ideally with light refreshments (biscuits, squash, cake maybe).
2. Anyone can visit as few or as many churches as they wish.

Go anywhere... on foot, by bike, or by car, using our sponsorship form to collect sponsorship for your church and for the Trust.

It is not an event where church visits are centrally organised. There is no 'central team' which plans any walks, rides, or drives. It's something that churches can do for themselves. And you can do it for your church. Just get some sponsors to back you on a church-based trip.

The sponsorship form can be found on our website www.shropshirehct.org.uk or contact me and I will get one to you. You can still visit other churches, even if your own church is closed. Visiting is important; otherwise, the event will cease. The county raised £38,446 last year - a record! So our two Dioceses, Hereford and Lichfield, are encouraging it to grow - even in Parishes where the event is not well-known, and the open churches get few visitors.

This event has enormous potential - Dorset raised £98,629 last September.

Please 'have a go' this year - help keep our churches in good repair; and help to keep them open for the future.

David Hardham

Trustee - and County Organiser for Ride+Stride
shrops.ridestride@gmail.com or 01588 650 362

CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP



On Saturday 10th May the group travelled to Walcot Hall in Lydbury North. We were welcomed by Lucinda and Robin Parish, the current owners. Over a cup of coffee, which was enjoyed in a peaceful courtyard, Robin explained we were standing in the area which had once housed an above-ground swimming pool! He gave us details of the house's origins and how it came into his family and his habit of buying rare seeds to add to the interest in the gardens. We then made our way through the grounds. Our first stop was at the tiered fountain behind which was a cool grotto to walk through. In the height of the summer this would make a welcome escape from the heat of the day. In the arboretum were magnificent specimens including twisted bark sweet chestnut, which, with an understory of bluebells, was absolutely beautiful, particularly when the sun broke through the canopy. We made our way to the kitchen garden and its greenhouse with curved glass panes. Another part of the garden was an area with cultivated beds where, at the time of our visit, persicaria, planted rhythmically, drew attention. These beds were planted amongst mowed areas but in certain parts the grass had been allowed to grow and helped relax the feel of that part of the garden.

Rhododendrons and their scented relatives azaleas were in bloom and the different colours and forms were interspersed

throughout our walk. As with all gardens, the estate is undergoing some changes. The recent storms have left their mark, and a number of trees have had to be removed, opening up areas to new opportunities.

Dotted around the estate are numerous small permanently occupied homes and a mixture of yurts and various other converted buildings and vehicles including an old showman's wagon. These are used for weddings and other events held on the estate. One unexpected building was the dacha.

While the focus was on looking inwards to the estate, every once in a while it was important to turn around and take in the spectacular views across the landscape of lakes, fields and onwards to the hills. Plentiful benches allowed time to stop and admire the vistas and the more secluded parts of the garden.

We would like to thank Lucinda and Robin for their time and also for stepping in when we were severely let down by the garden we were supposed to visit in our programme. Our next garden visit, on **Saturday 14th June**, is to Aulden Farm and our hosts will be Alun and Jill Whitehead.

For further information please contact us at corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com.

Amanda Martin

MUSINGS ON LIFE...

THE NODDLE – THINKING MATTER?

Last week saw two ridiculously different activities. One was an afternoon with a small group of friends talking about our heads and brains and how that complex appendage is put together and functions. It turns out that we know a lot about the structures but in all truth, very little about its workings.

The second activity was utterly different, tracing the narrow winding lanes of Herefordshire looking at interesting and surprising churches. Any connection? Well it's hardly promising!



Sellack, near Ross, shows this commanding pulpit, superimposed upon and totally changing the orientation of a simple medieval church. The word was to master the mystery of the Mass! It appeared just a few years before Britain launched itself into a disastrous civil war, partly religious in origin. We are told that, proportionately, it killed far more people than the 'Great War'. France had its Wars of Religion, and Europe its catastrophic Thirty Years' War, in which Protestants and Catholics happily murdered each other. Small wonder, then, that the world wanted to replace religion with logic,

and many of us may well have thoroughly approved. The grim truth, however, is that revolutions have the habit of replacing tyrannies with their own tyrannical dogmas.

Up to the 17th century (almost) everybody believed that our thinking and being were heart-centred. We still can be 'downhearted', or 'lose heart' or even 'learn by heart', so, what the heck was the brain doing? Well, for one thing, it was being dissected: techniques were being worked out (to learn more, research the work of René Descartes, Vesalius and our own Thomas Willis). It was not very difficult to describe gross structures and give them Latin names. But working out function was another matter.

To help them out, new ideas were being channeled through, among others, Englishman Francis Bacon. He, inspired by the cosmos and ancient Greek views on logic and rhetoric, came up with an early philosophy of burgeoning science. His was a rejection of medieval notions of man and the world. Bacon's thought was based on unchanging eternal 'laws' dating back

to the act of creation. It was no surprise that he articulated such a metaphor: he was a successful lawyer – they like laws!

So, no doubt, the early brain investigators took up these ideas with relish. They portrayed an ordered world where you could make 'logical' prediction, such as 'animal spirits' coursing through nerves to move muscles in a hydraulic sort of way. All that was needed now was to work out how the 'bêtes machines' (machine beasts) worked.

Of course, not everyone went along with a purely mechanical notion of the body, Charles Darwin apparently thought it was quite absurd, but nevertheless it is quite amazing how much of this thinking has survived to our modern age; materialistic, reductionist, dogmatic, mechanistic, even fundamentalist – let the pejoratives flow! A common question in modern medicine is 'what is the mechanism?' A telling phrase.

The critics of this view of the world regard it as narrowing, restrictive and ultimately harmful. So, a scientist may spend his whole life studying one protein, in the hope that it will have a commercial application in the end. It is rather like looking through a high-power telescope and concentrating on one object only – you can see dramatic detail but know nothing of the rest of the universe.

I have been trying to avoid the phrase 'non-holistic' – I have just failed.

So, when it comes to the noddle, it has been assumed that consciousness, memory, and perceptions are brain mediated processes. There has never been any direct evidence for this. On the other hand, I think there is a huge mass of evidence of other biological processes which makes human life infinitely more complex and full of possibility.

I am reaching my word limit.... no space to argue the point, so can I leave you with something to ponder and hope your inexplicably kind editor will let me write a word or two next time? In our house, the television is often turned on at 10pm and Clive Myrie appears to introduce the news. I say... believing that all we need to know about minds can be found in the chemistry or electrical activity of the brain is a bit like saying..... 'Clive lives only in the television'. Crazy tosh or a vital question for all our futures?

Peter Cornah, villageadamandeve.uk

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW COUNCILLOR FOR THE CORVEDALE

I am truly grateful for the massive support I received at the local election across the Corvedale and Cardington areas. It was very humbling to see so many votes being counted in my favour and I am pleased that the contest here was conducted with courtesy and respect by all candidates. I am indebted to the hardworking staff of Shropshire Council who had an incredibly long day on Friday managing a complex and at times intense count and all those at our local polling stations on Polling Day. Thank you to all the friends, family and many others who along with our MP Stuart Anderson and my predecessor Cecilia Motley have been supportive throughout.

I am proud to be representing ALL residents in this most beautiful part of our county and will serve to the very best of my ability. There is a lot of change with politics locally and nationally, but I know that I can stand by my principles and work with others to make sure our concerns are listened to.

Thank you again.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

It was a privilege to be chosen by Shropshire Association of Local Councils to receive an invitation to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 7th May. With suit cleaned and a new fascinator and outfit for Di we set off on Tuesday 6th for a couple of nights in London.



The day itself was bright, but with a cool wind as we took a taxi to the palace and joined the other guests in a queue by the Hyde Park entrance to go through our security checks to gain admittance.

The atmosphere in the queue was very light-hearted and friendly as we all swapped stories about ourselves. Having proved our identity we entered the extensively lawned grounds and got our bearings. We were surrounded by people in military uniforms, national costumes, morning suits

and stylish outfits of every description. The lawns led down to a lake and tented area where light refreshments were dispensed. Seats were provided nearby, and we sat down to people-watch and swap anecdotes with others seated there and take in the splendour of palace.

After a rest we walked over to the main tented area of large marquees. Some were reserved for VIP and diplomatic guests awaiting the royal presence. The afternoon teas were dispensed from a very long refreshment tent with about 20 different food stations. We were advised not to leave it

too late as they could run out of cakes! Military bands were playing all afternoon but stopped as the National Anthem was played to announce the arrival of the Royal party.

The Royal party was led to a corridor amongst the crowd formed by Yeomen of the Guard where selected guests (not us) were arranged in groups by the Gentlemen at Arms for the King and Queen to meet. Naturally, there was a large presence around them, and it was difficult to see them as they progressed down the corridor speaking to the selected guests before entering the Royal enclosures. Less pressing were the people around the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh (who Di thought looked very smart) and Princess Anne who was equally very elegant.

At this point we headed off for our tea of sandwiches (less their crusts), and cake and a cup of tea. As we were eating the staff came around dispensing ice creams.

The organisation throughout was, as you would expect, very smooth and efficient and we were treated with courtesy throughout the event.

After an hour and a half the Royal party made the reverse journey down the corridors formed again by the Yeomen to take their leave and re-enter the palace. We then made our way to the exit via the front gate, this time, taking in the architecture of the building. It was strange seeing people looking in at us through the railings as we made our way out to find a taxi back to the Victory Services Club. Once there we retired to the bar to take in the novelty and excitement of the day and swap stories with the five other couples who were also staying there.

Overall it was a privilege and a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Dave & Di Hedgley

DVH ROUND UP OF EVENTS

What do you get when you add mouth wateringly tender, extremely tasty burgers from the Wagyu Burger Truck, Stefano's bar packed with happy people and a brilliant band called Rockfall?

The answer - a fabulous fun packed Friday pub night at DVH!

Thanks to all of our lovely community, including many new faces (welcome to them) for being such great fun and for filling the dance floor. However, it was hard to resist dancing with the back-to-back floor filling 'bangers' that Rockfall were playing - and for such a long time too!

Rockfall really went down a storm and as they are now going to be holding their practice sessions at DVH they are going to be our 'House Band' so don't worry if you missed out this time as there'll be other nights coming up.



DVH celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day by joining the Corvedale School Association in holding a street party on the school field. The first of our joint ventures went really well and we

even managed to arrange a warm and sunny afternoon. The BYO picnic was a great idea, and the tables were groaning with delicious looking food. It was good to see several attendees dressed as if it were 1945 too.

While the adults were enjoying the food, drinks and company, the children had a wonderful time playing together and enjoying old-school races capably organised by Robert Leach - well done Robert. We finished the day with a few tug-of-war challenges which inevitably brought out some fierce but amusing competition



Star of the day was Diddlebury's very own 95-year-old Doug Billingsley who appeared adorned with a large photo of himself taken in 1945 as a 16-year-old young man. He enthralled everyone with his tales of what it was like on VE Day in 1945 which he enjoyed at a street party outside his home in Wolverhampton. It was very special to hear his memories.

Kim Simm

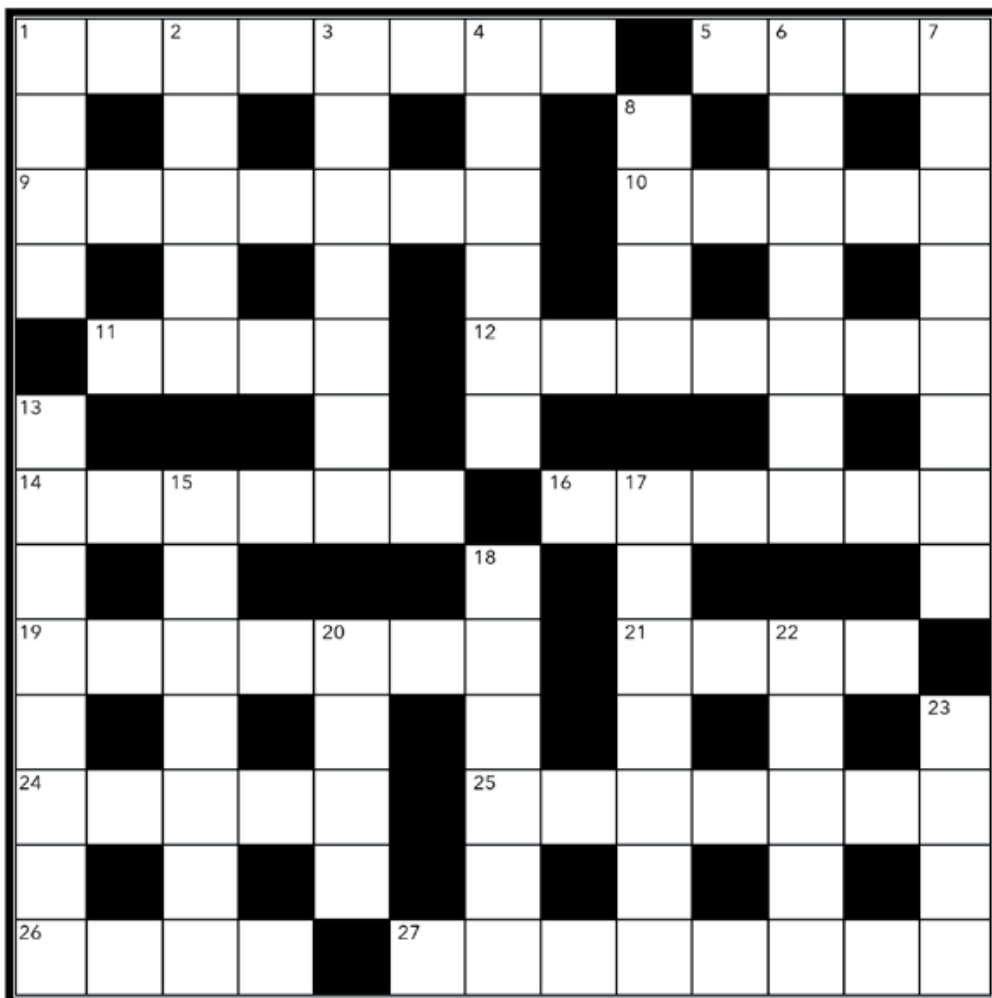
JUNE CROSSWORD

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Answers to this month's crossword
can be found on page 21 in this
edition of the magazine.

ACROSS

- 1) Timber bird creates another (8)
- 5) For balancing a ray of light? (4)
- 9) Al Green can get bigger (7)
- 10) I hear you're stealin' the Christmas bird (5)
- 11) Pig pen in the East caught my eye (4)
- 12) Selling point of weapon hops all over the place (7)
- 14) Reverse tennis. Where learner takes place of senior bird (6)
- 16) Beer for the sun's edge? (6)
- 19) Hoe rice and say goodbye (7)
- 21) A revolutionary pain? (4)
- 24) Animals give birth to fifty in an underground chamber (5)
- 25) Deranged derange annoyed (7)
- 26) Support for the Mail? (4)
- 27) Rubbish! Lear's poems are mainly this (8)



DOWN

- 1) Three points round right tiny bird (4)
- 2) That hurt! Allow the young bird in (5)
- 3) Get core out of procession (7)
- 4) Say it with a smile – it's tasty! (6)
- 6) Forbid mob rage all over the place (7)
- 7) Men take oath – on fashion floor? (8)
- 8) Song of an inlet (4)
- 13) Used to be worn by judges at murder trials when flying? (8)
- 15) Annoys the Isle of Wight rocks (7)
- 17) No mountains provide the fruit (7)
- 18) Two atoms, topped and tailed, give red fruit (6)
- 20) Animal returns plant by the water (4)
- 22) A woman on a bird? (5)
- 23) Lazy Eric? (4)

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

At the elections on 1st May 2025 only eight candidates put themselves forward for election to the parish council, which leaves us with one vacancy to fill. We therefore invite one resident of our parish to put themselves forward to be co-opted as a councillor. As the hamlets of Westhope, Sutton, Middlehope and Peaton are not represented on the Council, we would especially welcome applicants from those areas. Set out below are the criteria for eligibility to serve as a candidate.

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 2025 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: Cllr T Pardoe.

In attendance: The Clerk.

Declarations of Interest: None were made.

Vote of Thanks: The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Corvedale Cllr Cecilia Motley for her many years of support to him and to this parish. He also gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Tim Pardoe, who was not standing for re-election, for his service to the council and for all his carpentry works for the community.

To acknowledge and thank him for his 18 years of service to the parish council, plus his other voluntary works in the parish, the Chairman, David Hedgley, had been invited by HM King Charles III to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 7th May 2025.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th March 2025 were approved.

Reports: The Chairman reported that he represented the parish council at the funeral of the late former councillor, Mr Mervyn Thomas of Peaton Farm. He had taken up with the Planning Officers their refusal of planning application 25/00743/VAR, challenging both their reasons for the refusal and their procedures. He would continue to pursue this matter.

Flood Action Group: Cllr Martyn reported he would be meeting with Culmington and Ludlow's flood action groups on 6th May to discuss ways in which they could work collaboratively.

Highways & Environmental Matters: The Chairman would pursue the laying of gravel on the footpath from the school to The Moors, and the morning parking congestion issues in the DVH car park. Signs indicating pedestrians in the road at the top of Mill Lane had been requested and would be ordered, as there is no pavement. Mr S Bartell was thanked by the Chairman for voluntarily repairing a DPC notice board at Sutton.

Communications and Correspondence: Ten items of correspondence were considered.

The concrete apron at Motte Farm, Middlehope was to be further investigated. It was agreed that Westhope Village Hall's defibrillator maintenance and pad replacements would be financed by DPC. The requirement that DPC changed its email name to clerk@diddleburypc.gov.uk and that all councillors individually had gov.uk domain names was discussed and agreed. The new requirement that all councillors must personally complete and thereafter as necessary amend their Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests form online was discussed. This edict from SC assumes everyone had Broadband signal and was IT enabled and literate.

SC had notified DPC that eight nominations had been received for the 1st May parish council elections, leaving one vacancy which could be filled by co-option at a later date.

Finance Matters: The Finance Report for April 2025 was considered and cheques totalling £923.09 were approved for payment, after which DPC held funds totalling £12,367.49. Cllr Watson verified the reconciliation between DPC's cash book and HSBC's bank statement. No applications were received from local groups seeking small donations from DPC. The provision of a notice board for Bache Mill was deferred to the next meeting.

Audit 2024 - 2025: Councillors approved the new Standing Orders and new Financial Regulations, also the schedule of all income and payments and the year-end bank/cash book reconciliation. As the Council's income and expenses exceeded £25,000 in the 2024 – 2025 financial year, DPC was subject to a more vigorous audit regime for that year and would attract two sets of audit fees.

Any Other Business: Arrangements were discussed for the Annual Parish Meeting. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

The next Parish Council meetings are the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting, both held on Wednesday 14th May 2025, commencing at 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 13TH MAY 2025

Apology for Absence: Cllr Jo Mear.

Annual Reports of the Parish Council and Other Groups/Committees for the Year 2024-25: Culmington Parish Council Chair's Annual Report:

Cllr Matthew Seabrook thanked everyone for attending. He reported the very sad passing of ex-councillor Mrs Jenny Norton. He thanked Cecilia Motley for 23 years as Councillor for the Corvedale and welcomed Cllr Colin Stanford who is her successor. He thanked John Turley for over 55 years as a parish councillor and Ian Steele and Andrew Pike for their terms as Chair and Vice Chair and Mary Holland for many years of service. All have stood down as councillors. He thanked Jeff Williams and his team for their work on the footpaths around the parish, Dave Lewis for his work as the environmental maintenance officer and Hugh Disley as the Emergency Officer. The main achievements during the year have been the installation of a second vehicle activated sign, working with Shropshire Council and Mr Turley on alleviating flooding on Seifton Lane, working with Shropshire Council to try to improve the speed on the B4365 and obtaining a tree preservation order on the limes and pines opposite the village hall. He also thanked the Parish Clerk.

Cecilia Motley, Shropshire Council: This report will be made available on the website. Cllr Colin Stanford thanked Cecilia for her many years as a councillor. He sees his role as a conduit between parishioners; the parish council and Shropshire Council and he will be holding the new administration to account. He has a good working relationship with Stuart Anderson MP and John Campion, Police and Crime Commissioner which will help him in his role representing the Corvedale. If anyone has any issues they would like to discuss with him his details are on the Shropshire Council website.

Cllr Jo Mear, Village Hall Committee: Cllr Mear had sent a report. It had been a busy year organising a variety of events to cater for all age groups. They had been marketing the hall, promoting the website page, and have more regular bookings. They work closely with other village halls when planning events. They were considering a new sign to promote events and continue to raise funds for the extension. They had drafted a new governing document and were waiting for changes to the Land Registry entry. Lunch clubs and coffee mornings were regular events and there had been two celebrations when the beacon had been lit; to mark D-Day and the 80th anniversary of the end of the war. The AGM would be on 20th May. Avril Enston, the treasurer, was stepping down, so a replacement was needed. Cllr Mear thanked all of those who had supported the hall, and they looked forward to future events and the new extension.

Cllr Carol Byng, Flood Action Group: The Group has had a very proactive year working hard to sustain relationships with the Shropshire Council, the Environment Agency, and Shropshire Wildlife Trust. There had been several multi-agency meetings to keep the main issues alive and record progress. It had been another challenging year, with flooding becoming worse and more frequent. The main defences were to monitor the highways drains and the 'slow the flow' natural flood management programme. The second phase of the programme was under way with Shropshire Wildlife Trust as project manager. This had been launched in November 2024 at a well-attended meeting and there had been a positive reception. Stuart Anderson MP wished to be kept informed of developments. Peter Lines

had been elected to the English Severn and Wye Regional Flood and Coast Committee, and the Group had just begun online attendance at the National Flood Forum Group. The relationship between the Group and the Parish Council and its Environmental Maintenance Officer was critical, and the emerging Emergency Plan for the Parish Council would be the same plan as the Flood Action Group's plan. The Group was waiting for training from Shropshire Council on emergency procedures. Although the rain kept coming Culmington parish community worked together to mitigate the challenges that each flood brought.

Mr Jeff Williams, Culmington Footpath Group sent a report: There were four active members of the group, Andrew Pike, Peter Lines, Hugh Disley and Jeff Williams. Over the year they had worked at Seifton Lane, Vernolds Common, Burley, Sparchford, Seifton and Culmington village to replace bridge planks, install new surfaces on paths, replace and install gates and stile footbeds, and replace finger posts and signposts. He asked walkers to report things directly to him rather than Shropshire Council. Two sets of tools were held, which are the property of the Parish Council.

Mr Hugh Disley, Emergency Plan reported that the plan had been reviewed with the Parish Council. He had been communicating with Shropshire Association of Local Councils about the insurance for volunteers who would be involved during Emergency events. He will bring the updated plan to the Parish Council meeting in July.

Consider Expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund: The Parish Council held £3,234.22 which could be spent on infrastructure projects in the parish. The following projects were discussed:

Village Hall Extension: The village hall had requested consideration of various smaller items. The Council was particularly interested in providing some funding towards the cost of the works to improve foul drainage as it is Custodian Trustee of the hall.

All Saints' Church Repairs: The PCC needed to restore and protect the West Norman tower of the church and was seeking funding to carry out these repairs to prevent further damage and prevent the risk of falling plaster.

Village Gateways: To consider installing gateways on the western entrance to the village. There were concerns about the cost of the gates, and the cost of installation was not yet known. It was decided that the Clerk would investigate the full cost of installing the gateways and continue to push Shropshire Council to reduce the speed limit on the B4365 to 30mph and extend it to beyond Clay Lane.

Other Projects: Repairs to the bus shelter and installation of a bin: defibrillator at Seifton.

Once the costs of the gateways were known the Parish Council would reconsider these projects, and decide how to allocate the Neighbourhood Fund. The Clerk would ask Dave Lewis to repair the bus shelter and consider a site for the defibrillator at Seifton. There was a charity which provides defibrillators for free on the understanding that the parish raised some funds for the charity.

Open Forum: An opportunity for members of the parish to raise issues for discussion. A member of the public raised the issue of a very wet area on the bridleway near Brooklyn. The Clerk would contact Mr Williams to see what might be done to improve this.

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH MAY 2025

Members: Councillors Mr I Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Mr John Caine, Ms J Mear, Mr M Seabrook, and Ms J Watts. Cllr Adrian Lewis joined the meeting after item 7.

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson: Cllr Matthew Seabrook was elected as Chairperson and Cllr Ian Alderson was elected a Vice Chairperson.

Acceptance of Office Forms: Cllrs signed the Acceptance of Office forms which will be retained by the Clerk.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Joanne Mear.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: None.

Minutes of the Meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st April 2025 were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chair.

General Power of Competence: It was resolved that that the council would exercise the General Power of Competence.

Candidates for Co-option to Fill Three Seats on the Council: Mr Adrian Lewis (who signed the Acceptance of Office Form and joined the meeting), Mrs Jayne Disley and Mrs Joy Williams were co-opted.

Election of Representatives: Village Hall Committee - Cllr Joanne Mear; Flood Committee - Cllr Jayne Disley; South Shropshire Area Committee - rotating attendance by councillors; Emergency Officer - Mr Hugh Disley

Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and System of Internal Controls were all adopted.

Finance: It was agreed to remove Mr John Turley and Mr Andrew Pike as signatories and to make Mrs Jackie Watts an online signatory.

Annual Accounts Report: There had been an increase in income and expenditure during 2024-25 due to the Neighbourhood Fund and the purchase of the Vehicle Activated Sign using a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner received the previous year. The bank account held £9,970.21 as at 31st March 2025 which accounts for holdings of the Environmental Maintenance Grant, Parish Paths Grant, Neighbourhood Fund £2,643.82 reserve and £1,566.00 to use on projects in the year 2025-26. The report was accepted.

Asset Register: The Register recorded the value of assets at £10,058. This was confirmed as correct.

Insurance: The only company to provide a quote was Zurich (£241). Three other companies approached do not provide quotes for premiums under £680.

Receipts and Precept: It was agreed that the precept received was correct. No further receipts were recorded.

Payments were authorised to: Hugo Fox DD (website annual fee) £143.86, Zurich Insurance £241.00, H Coonick, Clerk (reimburse laptop) £386.10, Lloyds Bank Fee £4.25 monthly fee, D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) inv 736, Shropshire Association of Local Councils (Affiliation Fee) £256.69.

Dates and Times of the Ordinary Meetings for the Coming Year: These will be at 7.00pm on the first Tuesday every month except August and December.

Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on 3rd June 2025: a. Response from Shropshire Council re complaint about the lack of staff in the Outdoor Partnerships Rights of Way Department, b. Consider the Expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund c. Repairs to the bus shelter d. consider installation of a defibrillator at Seifton.

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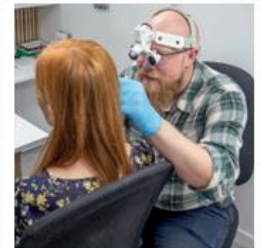
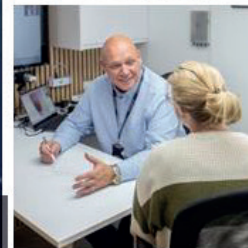
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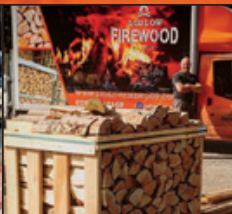
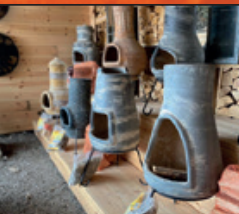

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Water Supply Problems

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County Flood Management

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flood@shropshire.gov.uk

Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group

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Ludlow Minor Injuries Unit

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Doctors Co-operative, 111

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Craven Arms Medical Practice

01588 672309

Police (non-emergency)

PC 23440 Henry King-Salter
henry.king-salter@westmercia.police.uk
07483 140311.

Voluntary Car Scheme - 9am - noon

Craven Arms Good Neighbours,
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CHILDREN'S & YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Corvedale Brownies

www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter'

Corvedale School, Playgroup and Nursery

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Corvedale Google Group

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Hayton & District WI

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THE CORVEDALE GROUP OF PARISHES

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE 2025

| | 1st June Easter 7 | 8th June Pentecost | 15th June Trinity Sunday | 22nd June Trinity 1 | 29th June St Peter |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Abdon | | 9:45 HC | | 6pm Compline | 10am Group Service of Holy Communion at Diddlebury |
| Broadstone | | | 8:30 HC | | |
| Culmington | 11:15 HC | | 6pm Evensong | 8:30 HC (BCP) | |
| Diddlebury | 9:45 HC | 6pm EP | 11:15 HC | 11:15 FS | |
| Holdgate | 8:30 HC | | | | |
| Munslow | 6pm EP | 11:15 HC | | 9:45 HC | |
| Tugford | | | 9:45 HC | | |

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

Thursday 5th June - Messy Church at Diddlebury at 3:20pm

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