

# CORVEDALE NEWS

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*A field of poppies - Nick Kennedy*

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# COVID-19 SUPPORT & RESOURCES

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## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL IS HERE TO HELP

Help is on hand from your local parish councillors.

If you or anyone you know of is in need of help or wants to help during the current Coronavirus crisis, please contact your local parish councillor who will initially try to coordinate help. It is not going to be a short crisis and obviously as time goes on and the Government/Shropshire Council adapt and legislate, things will change.

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## Financial support during lockdown

**Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic**

If you need financial support, help is available:

**Test and Trace payments of £500** are available for people on low income who need to self-isolate

**If you are of working age and receive council tax support**, you have been awarded up to an additional £150 hardship payment on your council tax bill

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For further support visit [www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus) or call the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shropshire Council Helpline on 0345 678 9028



## Food provision during lockdown

**Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic**

Did you know there are lots of local groups and services available to help you access food parcels, secure delivery slots and other essentials:

**Shropshire Larder** – [www.shropshirelarder.org.uk](http://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk)

**Call Shropshire Council's COVID-19 Helpline** for help to access food phone 03456 789 028

**Mid-Counties Co-Op** also offer delivery slots – call 0800 435 902 to book

**For all other food and support needs visit** – [www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/) or call 03456 789 028

For further support visit [www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus) or call the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shropshire Council Helpline on 0345 678 9028



## Looking after your mental health during lockdown

**Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic**

Looking after your mental health is important, and there are lots of local services available to support you and your loved ones:

**[www.togetherall.com](http://www.togetherall.com)** – an online community for Shropshire residents who are stressed, anxious or low  
**Shropshire MIND** – Call 01743 368647 or email: [manager.shropshiremind@gmail.com](mailto:manager.shropshiremind@gmail.com)

**Samaritans** – call 116 123 for a confidential safe place to talk about whatever is getting to you

**Young Minds Parents Hotline** – 0808 8025544 (9.30am – 4.00pm) free, confidential online support any adult worried about the mental health of a child or young person

**Free bereavement counselling** – 0345 678 9028

**Kooth** – free safe and anonymous online support for young people: [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

**Childline** – call 0800 1111

For further support visit [www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus) or call the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shropshire Council Helpline on 0345 678 9028

# COVID-19 Coronavirus

## Corvedale Helping Hands

If you, or anyone you know of, is need of a 'helping hand' and would like to take advantage of these kind offers of assistance, please feel free to contact any one of the people listed below.



Location	Name	Contact	I am happy to help with...			
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Aston Munslow	Linda	01584 841723	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aston Munslow	Peter	01584 841443		✓		✓
Aston Munslow	John	07718 637001	✓	✓	✓	
Beambridge	Mary	01584 841381	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corfton Bache	Carole	01584 861855	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culmington	Jayne	01584 861387	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culmington	Peter	01584 861339	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Carole	01584 861554	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Robert	01584 861554	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Tony	07779 323845	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Johanna	01584 841359		Ditton Priors	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Becky	01584 841588	Morning/Evening			
Diddlebury	Helene	01584 841017				✓
Diddlebury / Bache Mill	Karen	01584 841393	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury / Bache Mill	Sharon	01584 841346	✓	✓	✓	✓
Earnstrey	Ragni	01746 712282				Not Mon/Wed/Thu
Holdgate	Claire	07837 361196	✓	✓	✓	✓
Holdgate	John	07866 565966	✓	✓	✓	✓
Holdgate	Harry	07528 458680				✓
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Lower Corfton	Ray	01584 861607				✓
Middlehope	Colin	01584 841513	✓	✓	✓	✓
Munslow	Brian	01584 841719	✓	✓	✓	
Peaton/Bouldon	Nic	01584 841753	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peaton/Bouldon	Lesley	01584 841753	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seifton	Loren	01584 861873	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seifton	Mark	01584 861754		✓		
Seifton	Bryan	01584 861433	✓	✓	✓	
Stanton Lacy	Ann	07901 935435	✓	✓	✓	✓

If you would like to join the team of volunteers please send details of your name, the village where you live, your phone number, email address and the kind of help you are able to offer to  
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*Our Domestics*

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*Community Contacts*



## **SOUTH SHROPSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE**

Due to Coronavirus we are unable to provide a normal service and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### **Ways to get advice**

- online via [citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk)
- on the telephone

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#### ***Adviceline Shropshire:***

0808 278 7894

Telephone advice is available  
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0808 223 1133

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

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## **DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

Diddlebury Parish Council has a contract with a local resident, Mr Gary Trim. He is our EMO (Environmental Maintenance Officer) and carries out minor maintenance work around the parish, excluding along the B4368.

If you are aware of any ditches which need clearing, vegetation which needs to be cut back, road signs, bus shelters, noticeboards or bridge railings which need cleaning, repainting or repairing, please let either the Chairman or the Clerk know, so that instructions can be passed on to the EMO.

Chairman - 01584 841 068 Clerk - 01568 701 880

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## Church News



## Letter from the Rectory

At the end of this month we will mark St Michael's Day (September 29th), the patronal festival of Munslow Church. The church has a red altar frontal which reminds us of this dedication to St Michael featuring, amongst other images, a large pair of scales. We see the image of a pair of scales in connection with justice, reminding us of balance and of the need to weigh the evidence. The ancient Egyptians believed that the dead were judged by Anubis, who weighed their heart against a feather. Based at least in part on a verse in the Book of Jude in which Michael and the devil argue over the body of Moses, the tradition developed that Michael would weigh the souls of the dead on the day of judgement. This is sometimes shown in medieval paintings, with the devil attempting to affect the balance of the scales.

As saints go, Michael is unusual. We might think of the Communion of Saints - the spiritual union of all members of the Christian Church, living and dead. We might think, too, of saints as people who have lived lives of particular holiness. Michael, however, doesn't fit into either of these categories - he is an archangel. He is one of four angels named in the Bible, along with Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel. He is mentioned in the Book of Daniel and in the Revelation to John, where he is described as the leader of the armies of God and is known for his victory over the dragon which represented the power of evil. He is shown defeating the dragon in the window at the west end of the aisle in Munslow Church.

As I write, the news is filled with the situation in Afghanistan, a situation which will no doubt have moved on by the time you read this. Thinking about this in the context of St Michael and his victory over the powers of evil I am reminded of the phrase '*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing*' - a quote often attributed to Edmund Burke, but more likely based on a comment by the Victorian philosopher John Stuart Mill. St Michael with his scales perhaps reminds us that we all have a part to play in the defeat of the power of evil. There are, of course, situations about which we can do nothing - none of us is likely to be able to resolve the situation in Afghanistan - but there are also situations in which we can play a part. We can play a part too, through prayer, asking for God's help in situations both large and small, in those places where we can play an active part and also those where we cannot.

Rev'd John Beesley

## Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



## September 2021

5th Mrs J Woodhouse      12th Mrs Morgan  
19th Mrs Morgan      26th Mrs Beazley

Please only do this if you feel you are able to.

## St Peter's, Diddlebury

## Pet Service

The Pet Service will take place on **29th September at 11:15am**. So do come along with your (well-behaved) pet.

This is always a popular service and - as John says - we always ensure that one pet does not go home inside another one!



Martin Jones

## The Return of the Craft Group

Good news for all crafty ladies - the Craft Group is reconvening after its long enforced absence, and will meet in the **Church Room on Wednesday 1st September from 2 - 4pm**. All are very welcome to come and join in. Any questions - telephone Megan on 841650.

Martin Speight

## Munslow Fête

Hurray! Munslow fete on 14th August was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many of our community there. Apart from one short shower the rain stayed away. Many thanks to all who helped with setting up, manning and organising stalls and clearing away. Special thanks to Rupert and Philippa for use of their garden and the provision of a bouncy slide!

For me the main point of the fete is the community, but money is essential to the upkeep and running of the church. This year's fete raised just over £2,000, so a huge thank you to all who came and spent so generously.

All ideas and help for next year's fete welcome!

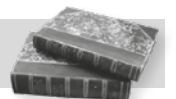
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## Munslow Fête - Plant Sale

I would like to thank David and Barbara M, Penny, and Keith and Mary, who kindly donated plants to assist my plant stall at the Munslow fete. And, of course, my gratitude to those who purchased them! The plant stall made £186.60 which will be donated to Munslow Church. And I would like to extend my belated thanks to all those who bought plants from my 'home delivery' plant sale in the springtime last year, which raised well over £600 for the Corvedale group of churches. Thank you!

Debbie

## From the Registers



## Funeral

12th August Trevor Frederick Lewis Munslow

## Weddings

7th August Sarah Williams & James Povall Diddlebury  
14th August Alice Price and Adam Parker Abdon



## Caring for God's Acre



What a difference a year or so can make. The Churchyard Task Team (CTT), part of Caring for God's Acre, the charity that protects the unique environments of our churchyards and burial grounds, has had a challenging time. Workdays have been cancelled, numbers of members curbed and many churchyards have not been getting their usual visitors.

You do not have to be a CTT member to know the rules, frustrations and isolation of Covid-19 - we have all had these experiences during lockdown. But what about our burial grounds - how have they fared over the same time? No church services means very few visitors and far less mowing and, in some cases, understandably, complete neglect.

Earlier this summer, the CTT turned up to work in Stoke St Milborough, in South Shropshire. As each volunteer arrived, their faces all assumed the same sequence of expressions: shock, which gave way to amazement, which turned into a joyful smile. The grass was looking really healthy, the buttercups were like yellow spots scattered on the green carpet. But what were those spindly white competitors? For how many years have they been waiting? How many times had they tried to push up through the soil only to be cut back and cut off long before their prime?

If that was a surprise, the next vision was a tall pink spike, standing proud of the grass. Could it really be an orchid? Yes, it could - a common orchid, but an orchid nonetheless!

And there was another one in a separate part of the burial ground.

Pete is the CTT person tasked with recording whatever wildlife we can identify. It is not an exhaustive system, but we do our best. Our finds this time had us all excited. The 'neglect' had produced many more and different flowers and several varieties of bees buzzed between them.



It was good for all of us as we returned to normal CTT service that something so positive could come out of such a challenging time. Nature took the opportunity to make its best show ever. Now what will we find at our next churchyards? Look out for the last of the oxeye daisies, knapweed, betony, scabious, toadflax, ladies bedstraw, harebells, yarrow and wild carrot.

In South Shropshire, look out for us at in Worfield on 2nd September, Stoke St Milborough on the 8th, Norton (on the Welsh border near Presteigne) on the 14th, Claverley on the 16th, Bishop's Castle on the 21st, Billingsley on the 23rd and Stanton Lacy on the 28th of the month. As you can see, we do get about.

*Anni Holden Calver  
Trustee CfGA and member of the Churchyard Task Team*

## Munslow Village Hall AGM

**Munslow Village Hall AGM held at Beambridge Clubroom on 27th July 2021.**

The usual small group of supporters attended a subdued AGM. Ever hopeful, it was anticipated that there might be one or two new faces, but it was not to be. However, we were pleased to welcome Barbara Archer, representing Munslow Parish Council.

As with societies and councils up and down the country, public meetings had been cancelled and strict new measures had to be introduced before venues could reopen this July. Like most village halls, we had benefitted from the receipt of a grant made by Shropshire Council to mitigate the loss of income and to subsidise the measures required to protect the public from Covid-19. The Treasurer, Christine Evans, reported that financially the Clubroom is in a safe position for the moment, despite the continuing problem of hefty electricity charges.

Currently, the Clubroom is on a 21-year lease from the Millichope Estate, which is due for renewal in 2023. The Estate is taking the opportunity to review the leasehold and discussions are taking place about transferring it to

the Millichope Foundation. There is a certain logic to this decision, as both the Clubroom and the Foundation are registered charities.

Following the formal business of the AGM the attention of attendees was drawn to the pressing need to involve new parishioners in the running of the hall and in maintaining it as an attractive venue for parish meetings. The building is Grade II listed and much has been done in the past, by a small band of local volunteers, to create an attractive meeting room. The facilities include a well-equipped kitchen for catering; just before the pandemic, a new electric cooker was installed. Further improvements being considered are the removal of noisy, inefficient overhead heaters and the fitting of a satellite dish to provide an internet connection.

The committee next meets on Tuesday, 14th September at 7.30pm. New faces from the parish would be most welcome.

*Anne Donnelly, Secretary*

*Poetry Corner* Some verses for September.**Sir John Betjeman**  
(1906 - 1984)

*English poet, writer, and broadcaster. He was Poet Laureate from 1972 until his death. He was a founding member of the Victorian Society and a passionate defender of Victorian architecture, helping to save St Pancras railway station from demolition. He began his career as a journalist and ended it as one of the most popular British Poets Laureate and a much-loved figure on British television*

Betjeman to my mind walks a fine line between literature and kitsch but his talent for evocative writing is first class.

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*Betjeman's statue in St Pancras Station*

**Edward Lear**  
(1812 – 1888)

*An English artist, illustrator, musician, author and poet, now known mostly for his literary nonsense in poetry and prose and especially his limericks, a form he popularised.*

The spelling below is Lear's!

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**A recently discovered Limerick by Lear**

There was an old man on a Bycicle,  
Whose nose was adorned with an Icicle;  
But they said – 'If you stop,  
It will certainly drop,  
& abolish both you & your Bycicle.'

**A Subaltern's Love Song**

Miss J. Hunter Dunn, Miss J. Hunter Dunn,  
Furnish'd and burnish'd by Aldershot sun,  
What strenuous singles we played after tea,  
We in the tournament - you against me!

Love-thirty, love-forty, oh! weakness of joy,  
The speed of a swallow, the grace of a boy,  
With carefulest carelessness, gaily you won,  
I am weak from your loveliness, Joan Hunter Dunn.

Miss Joan Hunter Dunn, Miss Joan Hunter Dunn,  
How mad I am, sad I am, glad that you won,  
The warm-handled racket is back in its press,  
But my shock-headed victor, she loves me no less.

Her father's euonymus shines as we walk,  
And swing past the summer-house, buried in talk,  
And cool the verandah that welcomes us in  
To the six-o'clock news and a lime-juice and gin.

The scent of the conifers, sound of the bath,  
The view from my bedroom of moss-dappled path,  
As I struggle with double-end evening tie,  
For we dance at the Golf Club, my victor and I.

On the floor of her bedroom lie blazer and shorts,  
And the cream-coloured walls are be-trophied with sports,  
And westering, questioning settles the sun,  
On your low-leaded window, Miss Joan Hunter Dunn.

The Hillman is waiting, the light's in the hall,  
The pictures of Egypt are bright on the wall,  
My sweet, I am standing beside the oak stair  
And there on the landing's the light on your hair.

By roads 'not adopted', by woodlanded ways,  
She drove to the club in the late summer haze,  
Into nine-o'clock Camberley, heavy with bells  
And mushroomy, pine-woody, evergreen smells.

Miss Joan Hunter Dunn, Miss Joan Hunter Dunn,  
I can hear from the car park the dance has begun,  
Oh! Surrey twilight! importunate band!  
Oh! strongly adorable tennis-girl's hand!

Around us are Rovers and Austins afar,  
Above us the intimate roof of the car,  
And here on my right is the girl of my choice,  
With the tilt of her nose and the chime of her voice.

And the scent of her wrap, and the words never said,  
And the ominous, ominous dancing ahead.  
We sat in the car park till twenty to one  
And now I'm engaged to Miss Joan Hunter Dunn.



## What's on in the Dale

### PLAY WITH CLAY



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**28 September – 19 October (4 weeks)**

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**26 April – 24 May (5 weeks)**

**7 June – 19 July (7 weeks)**

Cost £20 per weekly session,  
(payment for each term required at time of booking) includes materials  
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**The Old Station, Broome, Aston on Clun SY7 0NT**

### Arts@St Laurence – September 2021

Further information: [Recitals and Concerts – St Laurence \(stlaurences.org.uk\)](http://Recitals and Concerts – St Laurence (stlaurences.org.uk))



Free Entry: Donations Welcome

## Abdon Village Hall Events

### Coffee & Cake Morning

Come and join us, everyone welcome!  
Any queries contact Margaret on 01746 712296.

**Saturday 28th August • 10.00 - 11.00am**  
(please note change of time).

**Saturday 25th September • 10.30am - 12.30pm.**

For more information contact - Helen Audin - 01746 712365 - [abdon.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:abdon.villagehall@gmail.com)  
Or visit our website for the village hall booking form and details: [www.abdonandheathparish.org](http://www.abdonandheathparish.org)

### UFO (Un Finished Objects) Craft Morning

Bring along your unfinished projects. Join us and learn a new craft skill. Join us and teach your craft skills to someone else. Please supply your own materials. Please make a donation for refreshments. Any queries phone Penny 712530 or Margaret 712296.

**Saturday 11th September - 10.30am - 12.30pm.**

**Saturday 9th October - 10.30am - 12.30pm.**

## Singing is back!

Everyone is welcome at the Corvedale and the Blue Hills choirs so pick a choir and come along.

If you like singing music from the shows, pop music and a little bit of modern classical and you are free on Monday evenings, then the Corvedale Choir is the one for you. Singing is great for everyone, regardless of ability, so do your health a favour and come along and give it a go.

### Corvedale Choir

**7.30 - 9.30pm, Monday evenings, Diddlebury Village Hall**  
Starting on Monday 13th September

If you prefer classical music and you are available on Tuesday mornings, then come along to the Blue Hills Choir. If you'd like any further information, ring Ros on: 01584 841053.

### Blue Hills Choir

**10 - 12 noon, Tuesday mornings, Diddlebury Village Hall**  
Starting on Tuesday 14th September

*Diddlebury Village Hall*[www.diddleburyvillagehall.org](http://www.diddleburyvillagehall.org)

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall

**GOVERNMENT LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS**

Although government Covid restrictions have now been lifted, please note that the Village Hall will remain a Covid-safe environment. The date for the End of Lockdown Party is Saturday 11th September (see separate notice for details).

**Don't forget – it will be REALLY helpful if you can let Sally or Jayne know you are coming!!**

The DVH Committee will advise as soon as a new date for the 2020 and 2021 AGMs has been agreed.

**KNIVES OUT (12A) - THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER**

*Daniel Craig, Jamie Lee Curtis*

**BAR OPENS 7.15pm • FILM STARTS 7.45pm • TICKETS £5**

In this entertaining whodunnit, Detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) investigates the death of renowned crime novelist, Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer), who was found dead at his estate just after his 85th birthday.



**FUTURE FUND-RAISING  
EVENTS TO BE HOSTED BY  
DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL  
& ST PETER'S CHURCH:**

Harvest Supper  
Saturday 9th October



Christmas Fair  
Saturday 27th November

**CLASSES AND GROUP MEETINGS**

Risk assessments and current Covid precautions are to remain in place to ensure that all activities remain compliant with government guidelines.

Please make direct contact with the instructors for confirmation of Covid-measures, class dates, and to book your place.

**TAI CHI**

*Classes: Thursdays, 10.00 - 11.00am. **HOLIDAY BREAK - Classes resume on 16th September.***

All participants must book in advance. Please contact Enid Gill on:

07903 014498 / [enidgill21@hotmail.com](mailto:enidgill21@hotmail.com).

**PHYSIOTHERAPIST-LED MODIFIED PILATES**

*Classes: Tuesdays, 6.30 - 7.30pm & 7.45 - 8.45pm      Fridays, 9.15 - 10.15am*

Please contact Beverley on: 07967 814412 / [beverleychumber@sky.com](mailto:beverleychumber@sky.com).

**BOOK GROUP**

*Second Thursday of each month, 7.00pm.*

Please contact Cath Burley on: [cathburley@hotmail.com](mailto:cathburley@hotmail.com).

**CORVEDALE CHOIR**

*Mondays, 7.30pm.*

**BLUE HILLS CHOIR**

*Tuesdays, 10.00am*

**LATIN AND BALLROOM DANCING**

*Starting date to be announced: Wednesday evenings.*

**All dates are subject to current Government Guidelines which can change at short notice.**

**Please refer to our Facebook and Website pages for news of any changes.**

# Diddlebury Village Hall End of Lockdown/ Bring People Together Party

Saturday 11th September 2021

**12.30pm onwards**

Join friends and neighbours,  
new and old.

Music, entertainment,  
bouncy castle for the children.



**£1.50 per ticket (children free)**

Buffet & one free drink included  
(bar open for further purchases).

All proceeds to the Corvedale  
School and its supporters  
(SoCS).

**Tickets: [dvhallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:dvhallbookings@gmail.com)**

**Don't forget – it will be REALLY helpful if you can let Sally or Jayne know you are coming!!**

Sally Woodhouse (Diddlebury) 01584 841265 / Jayne Kirk (Corfton) 01584 861241

## Children's Amazing Art Competition!!

### **Subject:**

My favourite thing  
(can be animal, toy, place, real or imaginary . . .)

### **Medium:**

Painting, drawing, or piece of craft work.

### **Classes:**

Four entry classes, being pupils in classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 at Corvedale Primary School  
at the start of term in September 2021.

### **Prizes:**

Fabulous prizes for winners in each entry class.  
Prizes will include family days out and age-appropriate toys, gadgets, or sports equipment.  
(Prizes also for runners up in each entry class.)

### **Date for submission of entry:**

**FRIDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2021.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** All your entries **MUST** be handed in at the Village Hall  
between 8.30am and 9.15am or 2.30pm and 4.00pm on that day.

Entries should include the name of the artist and the title with each piece of work.

**Winners will be announced at the DVH party on the afternoon of 11th September.**



*Westhope Village Hall*

It has been lovely to welcome old and new faces back to our programme of events. We will continue to keep the hall as Covid-secure as possible, as we are only too aware that some people will be feeling cautious, some people will not be double jabbed or jabbed at all and we feel it's only sensible to be cautious and continue to protect the most vulnerable around us. Below are our dates for your diary and you can also keep up to date on our Facebook page. @westhopevillagehall.

**CORVEDALE TOTS - PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP & BUMPS TOO**

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

*We will be back to weekly sessions following the summer break from the 1st September.*

We are pleased to have welcomed Corvedale Tots to Westhope Village Hall. They are a small friendly group for parents, babies, toddlers and bumps run by local mums. Why not come along and enjoy some tea, cake and socialising?

**YOGA with SUE PUGH**

*Every Thursday morning 10.30am - 11.30am*

Sue is fully qualified and insured.

To book a space contact Betty Manley 07860 447 397

**MONTHLY BINGO**

This month's bingo will be on **27th August at 7:30pm**. The bar will be stocked and there is always great fun to be had. September's bingo will be on 24th September.

**WHIST DRIVES**

Whist drives are up and running now, and are run fortnightly, all welcome.

Start time of **7:30pm**. September dates will be the **13th and 27th September**.

**WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB**

The Clover Club has now resumed its meetings. More details can be obtained by contacting Betty.

**PUB NIGHT**

Our first two pub nights have proved to be a success with a wonderful curry and a superb fun quiz!

This month's pub night will be on **10th September from 7.00pm**. These run once a month, normally the 2nd Friday of each month, October's will be on **8th October**.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

We will be holding a good old fashioned rummage sale in aid of the village hall on the **11th September 10.00am-1.00pm**. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will all be available. We welcome donations and they can be dropped off at the hall on the 1st and 8th of September between 10.00-12.00. If these times aren't suitable give us a ring and we will arrange to collect from you or meet you at the hall at an alternative time.

**WESTHOPE HARVEST SUPPER**

Our harvest supper this year will be held on **Friday 16th October**, time to be confirmed. 3 course meal and entertainment at pre-Covid prices. £12pp and children under 12 £6pp. Booking is essential. Our entertainment this year will be provided by local musicians HiJinx Ceilidh band.

For more details on any events contact Amie on 07486 414742 or Betty on 07860 447397.

Enquiries on hiring the hall are also welcome.

The hall is Covid-secure and we look forward to welcoming you back to enjoy our new programme of events.

## Westhope Clover Club



Mary welcomed 22 members to our August meeting. It was the first time we had met since March 2020, so it was lovely to see everyone. Joan, our speaker, gave an enjoyable and interesting talk, often having us laughing, at how as a young evacuee, she escaped to the country from war torn Liverpool, only to return when she was 18 to marry Tom and stay in the country.

Our next meeting is at Westhope Church on Thursday 2nd September at 3.00pm. This is our 45th anniversary meeting. We have been meeting since 1977 and we shall celebrate this time with hymns and readings, followed by tea in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

Kath Woodhouse

## Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch (CSW)



Once again, the summer weather, holiday season and diversions have increased the traffic along the B4368. We hope that our continuing Munslow Parish Speed Watch sessions and increased West Mercia Police presence succeed in raising Road Safety awareness amongst local as well as visiting drivers and riders to the Corvedale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**West Mercia August Speed Campaign:** Our team has done well to organise extra CSW sessions at various police approved sites in Munslow during this campaign and we have welcomed several visits from our support team at West Mercia Police. Unfortunately, during 6-13 August, 73 speeders were recorded of which 53 were doing 40+mph and 9 doing 50+mph upon entering Munslow village.

**New Recording Sheets:** West Mercia Police Road Safety Team will soon be introducing a new digital recording system for all CSW teams in the county. It should improve the monitoring and recording of our data which can then be used as evidence to present to the Parish Council and to Shropshire Highways with a view to accessing grants and installing effective traffic calming measures.

**Hedges:** Overgrown hedges at the entrance to Munslow village continue to pose a serious road safety problem by obscuring the 30mph signs, despite the problem being reported to Shropshire Highways and being posted on the 'Fix my Street' website.

**Snow White's 4 Dwarves:** Fiona Fylan (reader in sustainable behaviour at Leeds Beckett University) recently conducted extensive research into the causes of speeding. She identified 4 different groups of offenders, with most drivers falling into the first 2 groups.

### 1. The 'Sleepy' Group

Don't know they are speeding. Either they don't know what the limit is or their speed has crept up and they haven't realised.

### 2. The 'Dopey' Group

They do know they are speeding but think just a few miles over the limit doesn't make much difference.

### 3. The 'Grumpy' Group

Populated largely by middle aged men who know that they are speeding by quite a margin but tend to believe their experience mitigates any risk.

### 4. The 'Happy' Group

They know that they are speeding but are happy to acknowledge the risks. They are speeding for the thrill of it.

Oh dear! I know which group I still tend to fall into. Which one are you in?

Fiona's recent research also suggests that because of the '*dramatic developments in the design and performance of cars...there will always be people who speed because they think that they can do so safely*'. However, as I was reminded by one of our West Mercia Police colleagues, no matter how easy it is to accelerate and brake in modern cars, the driver is still totally responsible for its speed.

We hope that you all have a road safe summer and thank you for your continued support.

Rebecca Bull

(peter17bull@btinternet.com)



## 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:

**September: Wednesday 22nd, Friday 24th, Sunday 26th.**

### *Mobile Library Service*

Shropshire Council is delighted to announce that the Mobile Library service has resumed its normal fortnightly schedule as of Monday 2nd August.

The dates for the next two visits can be found on the website [www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/)

With the usual caveats that things may change due to Government guidance on coronavirus, or other issues such as vehicle breakdown or staffing problems.

*Ellen Powell*

01743 255309

[ellen.powell@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.powell@shropshire.gov.uk)

### *Himalayan Balsam*



This is an invasive weed which is becoming more and more prevalent not just in our area, but across the whole country.

If you are not familiar with the plant, see the images. They have purple/pink flowers. It is particularly common along the banks of watercourses including the Diddle Brook and the River Corve. More information is available via the following link:

<https://blog.invasive-species.org/2020/05/07/controlling-himalayan-balsam-one-of-the-uks-most-invasive-weeds/>



After flowering between June and October, the plant forms seed heads which explode when disturbed, scattering the seeds up to 7 metres. If you see these plants, please do pull them up to help prevent the spread of this pernicious weed. The plants come up quite easily including the roots. It is best to leave the pulled plants on site.

*Geoff Neden*

*Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group*

### *Diddlebury & Westhope WI*



We had another great garden meeting this time in Joy's garden. The weather was kind and we all brought something along to eat and drink. A few of us went full flower power and had flowers in our hair for our 1970's inspired evening (see picture). It wasn't a formal meeting, just a get together, but we did discuss our future and how we would like things to progress going forward. More of this to follow.

We haven't quite decided what we are going to do next month but will be in touch with everyone to make arrangements nearer the time. If anyone new is interested in coming along, just get in touch with me and I'll be able to let you know what is happening.

*Jane Cockburn (pmc1989@btinternet.com)*

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

### *Munslow WI*

Our summer party turned out to be quite a joyous affair with everyone in a jolly mood after so many months of not being able to meet. It could certainly be described as 'high tea', not just for the quality and quantity of the fare but also for the situation of Secretary Sue's home at Little London. The sun shone and we were glad of the gazebo which had to be moved at times to keep everyone comfortable. Our future is looking uncertain as membership is quite low and

our current officers would like to step down. However, we will continue for the time being and Val is looking into organising a garden visit for our meeting in September.

For more information contact Sue on 01584 841876 or myself on 841251.

*Jenny Rose*

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN



## Corvedale Past and Present



### An exciting weekend at Heath – 24th to 26th July

Well, it's taken a long time in the planning, and the happenings of last year meant that the event was a year later than anticipated. It was also quite complicated, with lots of people and organisations to talk to and get permission from.

As Tim and I opened (de-turfed) eight test pits on the Friday morning, Tim talked on his mobile phone to numerous archaeological colleagues. I expected the conversations to be about the deeper aspects of medieval archaeology, but they mostly talked about cake! Just as vital, as I was to learn.

If the study of deserted sites in this part of the world were a jigsaw, I knew we could at best add just a piece or two to what is an almost empty board.

The best thing about the weekend was the people! We were very lucky to have a veritable team of professional archaeologists from the Worcestershire unit. There were eleven all told, all highly experienced 'diggers', but many of them also having another string to their archaeological bow. Tim and Fiona were also building specialists, Liz is a luminary in the ecology of ancient landscapes, Tegan looks after records at Worcester, whilst Rob was our extraordinary ceramics expert...and so on. To this heady mix we added Trevor, a retired academic from Oxford University and a Shropshire man who has almost unparalleled experience of interpreting the historic countryside. He has written extensively about this area and is my mentor. We were also visited by a number of 'locals' who are very knowledgeable, and on Sunday by John and Bridget, who also live locally but, additionally, have had distinguished careers of national importance in museum curation and historic architecture. They gave some of us a fascinating insight into the interior of Heath Chapel.

What a collection of talent!



*Here are some of the workers and visitors.*

The weekend's work was the digging of the eight 'test pits'. I suppose that the clue to the activity is in the name 'test'. This is never likely to produce detailed information

about a particular location, but is more of a sampling procedure to ascertain the nature of finds that every location yields up. The whole site of the ancient village is comfortably more than 12 acres, so as you can imagine, 8 pits of each 1 metre by 1 metre is a tiny representation of the whole.

'So, what did you find then?' is the natural question! For the moment I will duck that bouncer (a cricket analogy), by saying the finds are still being analysed. The real answer might be what the finds tell us about the 'material culture' of the people who lived in the village. I hope you won't mind if I use an analogy from my own age. If you were presented with the front bumper from a Ford Anglia car you might easily recognise it for what it was (having seen thousands of the things), and might even know roughly in which year it was produced, though you might have a crafty look at a period manual to confirm your assumptions. Now, if you know, by other means, a great deal about the 1960s, that front bumper might suddenly mean a great deal more. You might even have ideas about what sort of people might have owned such a car, so the possible significance of a single, matter-of-fact artefact could quickly grow.

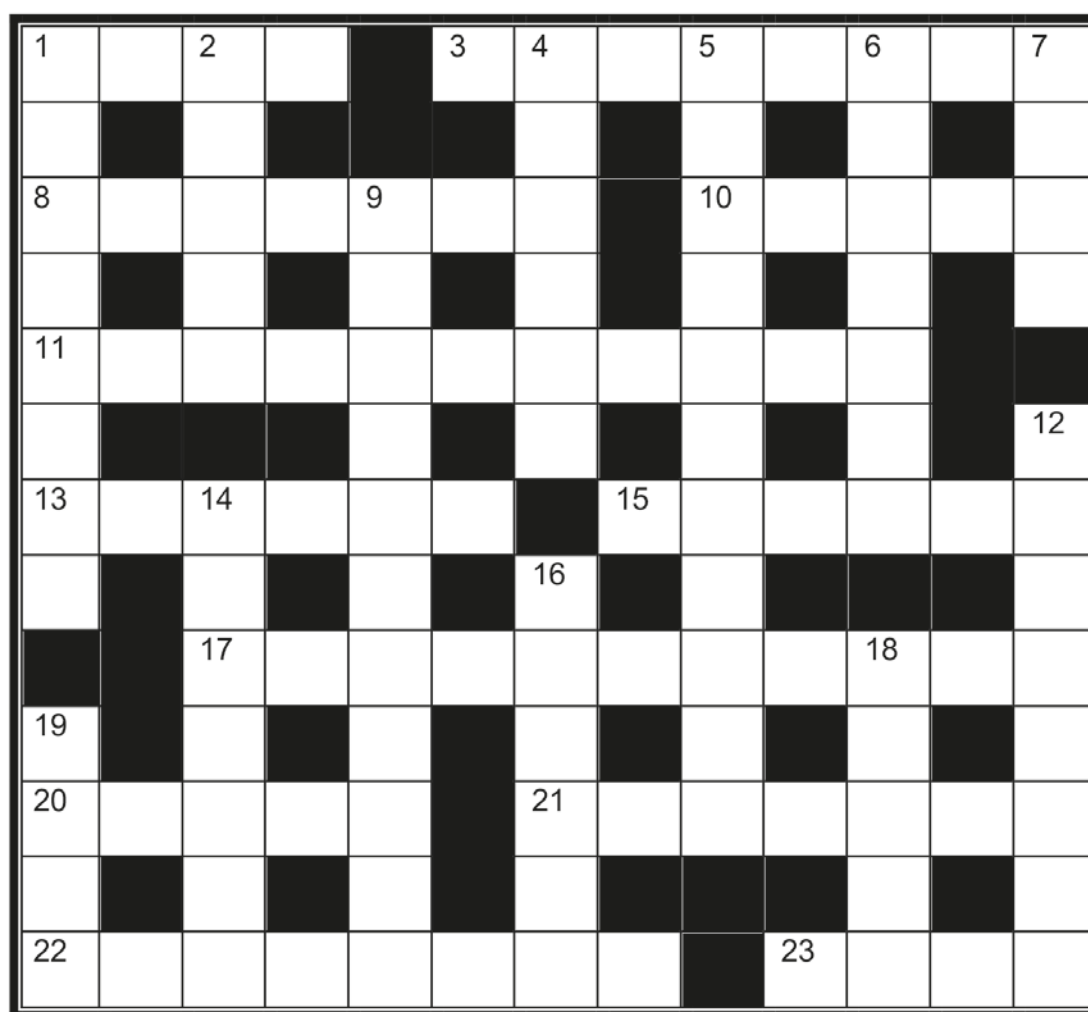
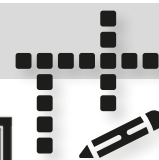
Could the same principle be applied to an object which came out of the ground after eight centuries? Well, yes, it could. Obviously, the connection is less secure after all those years, but the principle is the same. An expert such as Rob could identify a type of pot and age it by its style just from a fragment. There is lots of evidence to back this up; for instance a huge amount of pottery from an extensive dig in Shrewsbury Castle forms an invaluable Shropshire reference and I know that Rob is checking against medieval pottery that's been unearthed in Ludlow from the same period.

One particular piece of ceramics especially intrigued me, a very attractive piece of pot, a fragment from the 13th century which Rob very confidently asserted was from a large pitcher which would have been used to fill other pots and drinking vessels. It came from an interesting part of the site, which I felt ought to be the place where the crofts and tofts of the peasant families were situated. It looks quite fine. Intriguingly, have we here a family on the long trek from serfdom to an independent and even prosperous way of life? This is perhaps ridiculous based on a single piece of pottery, from a tiny sample of a large site, but these were after all, 'test pits'!

There is a plan to present an explanation of the finds for anyone who's interested when the full story is available, so please keep an eye out for that announcement in your wonderful local magazine if this sort of thing interests you!

*Peter Cornah*

## September Crossword - by Artemonas



## ACROSS

- 1) The awfully strong kid's first job  
3) Do RAC grade cars in this competition?  
8) It's boos for these players  
10) Encourages beast to go round  
11) I trace Aida's water here  
13) Deserved what's mainly wanted  
15) Strong drug at a hospital department  
17) Chemical made from wood is used for copying  
20) Some show in great debt  
21) Big boy between two Roman rice dishes  
22) A duel over a bird reaches some height  
23) Odd son rang creating hindrance

## DOWN

- 1) Janus, the hypocrite!  
2) Clean small Scottish old city  
4) Sort of fungus in charge of countryman  
5) Insect buyer of some pate perhaps?  
6) Gave ear perhaps – typical!  
7) Rest that every adult should enjoy at first  
9) Thespian nervousness?  
12) Almost surprising bird  
14) Pet has cooked rice when payment is made  
16) Stop two going into type of car  
18) I hear the tool is not complicated  
19) List of some carrot and coriander soup

## ANSWERS TO AUGUST'S CROSSWORD:

**ACROSS:** 1) Separation, 7) Bible, 8) Pretend, 10) Threaten, 11) Half, 13) Madden, 15) Redeem, 17) Oust, 18) Indecent, 21) Swindle, 22) Tutor, 23) Repeatedly

**DOWN:** 1) Sober, 2) Prepared, 3) Rapier, 4) Then, 5) Overawe, 6) Abstemious, 9) Defamatory, 12) Rejected, 14) Despise, 16) Infest, 19) Entry, 20) Idle

## Diddlebury Parish Council

### Diddlebury Parish Council pays tribute to the public service given by four ex-councillors

Following the elections on 6th May 2021 Diddlebury Parish Council lost four councillors. At the parish council meeting held on 28th July 2021 in Diddlebury Village Hall the Chairman thanked those councillors for all the public service they had given to the parish and wider community over the years and awarded Certificates of Service to Mr Mervyn Thomas, Mrs Kath Worthington, Mr Mike Woodhouse and Mrs Selina Thomas.

**Mervyn Thomas** had served as a councillor for so long that the relevant records of his appointment have long been archived but it was reckoned to be at least 30 years of unbroken service. His attendance record at meetings was regular and we estimate he probably clocked up 300 meetings at around two hours each: that's a lot of hours to put in. He brought a wealth of experience and knowledge of both farming and local issues to our meetings and we will miss him.

**Kath Worthington** joined DPC in 2007. She always had an interest in things which directly affected residents, such as making sure the Buzzard was supported and also the Louisa Powell almshouses. When Westhope Village Hall faced difficulties following Tom Hall's death, along with Amie Watson Kath stepped up to the plate and took on the role of treasurer. She was also involved with the Corvedale

News for many years. Kath brought many local issues to the parish council meetings for its consideration and aired her views on a range of matters. Despite her aversion to computers, she persevered throughout lockdown and found ways to engage with DPC meetings during the Zoom era.

**Selina Thomas** was voted onto DPC in 2013 and she became closely involved with the working of the Parish Plan Steering Group. At parish council meetings she was always a forceful and articulate speaker especially on issues involving housing and the environment. We are sorry that she has moved away and wish her well in her new life.

**Mike Woodhouse** (who joined in May 2017) was mainly interested in Diddlebury Village Hall but he also contributed to all aspects of council business. The fact that he had the time for this considering his personal workload and other demands on his time is a testament to his public service commitment. Mike spoke strongly on issues and championed causes he felt deeply about, often making thought provoking comments. He carries on with his public work through his Diddlebury Village Hall commitments: the renovated hall is testament to his work in particular.

*Dave Hedgley  
Chairman, Diddlebury Parish Council*

## RSPB Talks 2021/22

All talks start at 7.30pm in Culmington Village Hall. Membership for the year is £10. Entry on each evening will be £2 for Members and £4 for visitors. Refreshments included. More information can be found on the RSPB local group website.



Tuesday 14th September	- Gary Slaytor	- Raptors of Lake Vyrnwy
Tuesday 12th October	- Ric Morris	- Confessions of a bone collector
Friday 19th November	- John Lightfoot	- Shropshire Barn Owl Group
Tuesday 14th December	- Andrew Fusek Peters	- Shropshire's Wonderful Wildlife
Tuesday 11th January	- Charlie Bell	- The Stepping Stones Project.

## Diddlebury Bloomers

The flower arranging group will meet again end of September after the Covid-19 lockdowns.

Our Tutor, Caroline Jones, would welcome anyone interested in improving their flower arranging skills.

We meet once a month on a Wednesday morning, 10am - 12noon in Diddlebury Church Room.

Please contact Val Hardwick on  
01584 861 658 for further information.



## Calling all crafters! Join our Christmas Craft Fayre

At Craven Arms Community Centre

On Sunday 28th November 2021

10.00am until 3.00pm

£12 per table

Booking essential

Email [elizabeth.hancock@haloleisure.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.hancock@haloleisure.org.uk)  
Or ring for more details 01588 672 847



*Readers' Photos* September's theme is *Summer in the Corvedale*



*A shady spot in July*  
- Jill Wardle



- Alison Knott



- Geoff Neden



*Helping with the harvest!*  
- Jean Drakes



*Corvedale from the B...*  
- Ian Davies



- Rosemary England



**PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED**

Get featured on the front cover of the Corvedale News.  
Send us your photos, from landscapes to local goings-on. We're looking for pictures that capture the essence of living in the Corvedale and surrounding community.

Please send all photos to: [photos@corvedalenews.co.uk](mailto:photos@corvedalenews.co.uk)





- Clive Martyn



*Crops ripen in the fields*  
- Laurie Robinson



*Fraser*  
- Jayne Husband



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*Steven*  
- Jayne Husband



*The Corvedale from Nordy Bank*  
- Bob England



*The Apostles' Way* -  
Peter Bull

## PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Thank you for all your wonderful and varied photographs of Summer in the Corvedale.

For next month we would like to see your photos of the

**first meetings of clubs, societies and gatherings after the lifting of lockdown restrictions.**

Please send all photos to: [photos@corvedalenews.co.uk](mailto:photos@corvedalenews.co.uk)

*Parish Councils***DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL****Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's  
Meeting held on Wednesday 28th July 2021 at Diddlebury Village Hall**

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

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

**Presentation of Certificates of Service:** The Chairman presented Mr Mervyn Thomas and Mrs Kath Worthington with Certificates of Service, and Certificates will also be sent to Mr Mike Woodhouse and Mrs Selina Thomas. The Certificates are a testament to the public service given by those ex-councillors to the Diddlebury community.

**Declarations of Interest** were made by the Chairman re 21/03080/FUL & 21/03081/LBC.

**Broadband Discussion:** Mr Chris Taylor, manager of 'Connecting Shropshire' visited some Middlehope residents and then came to the meeting to give an update on the progress of broadband coverage for the parish, particularly in outlying small settlements which have little or no broadband. It transpired there are no current broadband connection plans for such areas as the cost is too high. As a result, DPC will be investigating other providers such as SWS, Airband and the Gigabit voucher scheme. A subsequent briefing paper from Mr Taylor is now on DPC's website.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2021 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman. Five matters arising were dealt with.

**Reports: The Chairman** reported on issues he has dealt with this month. The collapsing road/wall in Bouldon has now become a large and complex repair job due to delays in repairing it. He had a meeting with PC Bridgwater about siting of last few SmartWater signs. He investigated and liaised with the Tree Team and local residents about trees being felled in Diddlebury. He had discussions about a possible house building matter in Sutton. He held discussions with Cllr Motley about DPC's CIL claim and the re-surfacing of the DVH car park and broadband issues. He also dealt with SC's queries about Data Protection and the FOI request concerning the Code of Conduct complaint.

**Unitary Cllr Motley** outlined the steps she has taken to progress the re-surfacing of the DVH car park: Kier is now being asked to do the work. She also spoke about the Environmental Grant and the Governance Review. Once the Governance Review

commences it has to be completed within 12 months so she will call a meeting of Corvedale Chairs and Clerks in September to discuss parish issues in detail.

Reports were also received from Westhope and Diddlebury Village Halls and the Flood Action Group,

**Planning:** Three applications were considered: **21/03080/FUL** - Application for the erection of a first floor rear extension, alterations to rear porch and internal alterations, all to the modern extensions of Grade II Listed Bouldon Mill, Bouldon, and **21/03081/LBC** - listed building consent in connection with the above application. DPC voted to support these two applications.

**21/03429/TCA** - Application to fell 3 Leylandii trees within the Diddlebury Conservation Area, namely at Millfield, Mill Lane, Diddlebury. DPC voted to support this application.

**Noting the appeal re 20/02519/OUT:** This application, for 12 dwellings at The Moors View, Diddlebury, had been dealt with by DPC by a remote platform meeting on 12th June 2020. The plans etc. were made available at this meeting for anyone who had not been able to view them on line. DPC had not supported the application and SC had refused planning permission on 16th October 2020. The matter is now going to appeal. Details were provided to any residents who wish to lodge an objection with the Planning Inspector; objections have to be lodged by 9th August 2021. DPC has nothing further to add to the objections it has already lodged with the planning department.

**Highways/Environmental Matters:** The safety mirror for the junction B4368/Bache Mill has kindly been purchased by Mr Jack Wrigley and will be installed shortly by Cllrs R and S Povall. Mrs. Worthington asked that the provision of bins for dog waste on footpaths be considered by DPC. This will be an agenda item in September.

**Communications & Correspondence:** Twenty items of correspondence were discussed and dealt with.

**Review of DPC's Standing Orders:** A number of queries/draft amendments were discussed: a proposed draft amended set of Standing Orders will be discussed at the September meeting.

**Finance:** the Finance Report for July 2021 was considered by members and cheques totalling £511.28 were approved after which payment DPC holds £22,459.50 in its account. Cllr O'Boyle verified the bank statement/cash book reconciliation.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 22nd September 2021, commencing 7.30pm in Westhope Village Hall**

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www.diddleburyparish.co.uk or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett, No. 1 Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow SY8 2HG.  
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*Parish Councils (continued)*

**CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on 3rd August 2021**

**Present:** Cllr Steele (Chair), Cllrs Byng and Mear.

**In Attendance:** H Coonick (Clerk).

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Alderson, Holland, Pike, Seabrook, Turley and Watts.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Public involvement session:** None.

**Planning Application - 21/02882/FUL** - Installation of a foul sewer pumping station to serve approved adjacent development. Applicant: D E Norton and Sons. Resolved to support this application with the comment that care needs to be taken not to disturb pipework from Culmington Court that crosses the fields in the plans.

**Finance:** Resolved to authorise payment to D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £90.00 (inv 44).

**Next Meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday 7th September at Culmington Village Hall**

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**Date of next meeting Thursday 12th August 2021**

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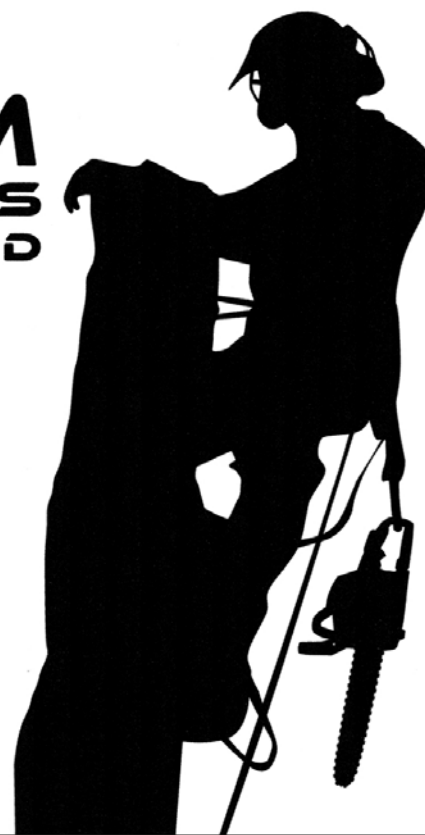
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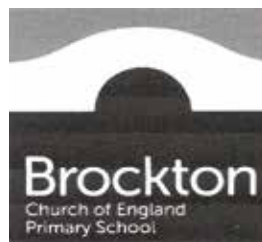
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<b>Voluntary Car Scheme (9.00am to 12 noon weekdays)</b>	Craven Arms Good Neighbours	01588 673732	
<b><i>Clubs and Societies</i></b>			
<b>Abdon Wildlife Group</b>	Penny Unitt	01746 712530	artypenny2017@gmail.com
<b>Blue Hills Choir</b>	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
<b>Corvedale Artists</b>	Juliet Hole Ann Hankinson	01299 832603 01584 841460	
<b>Corvedale Book Group</b>	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
<b>Corvedale Choir</b>	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
<b>Corvedale Community Environmental Group</b>	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
<b>Corvedale &amp; District Autumn Show</b>	John Woodhouse	07980 207253	
<b>Corvedale Folk Club</b>	Ian Fotheringham	841331	
<b>Corvedale Garden Group</b>	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
<b>Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	Jenny Vine	841596	jvcedarwood@hotmail.co.uk
<b>Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch</b>	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
<b>Diddlebury Dancing Group</b>	Sally Woodhouse	841265/ 07813 019010	sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk
<b>Wednesday Badminton</b>	Val Fotheringham	841331	
<b>Westhope Clover Club</b>	Kath Woodhouse	841254	

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*Contact Numbers for Local Services*

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

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

***Village Hall/Club Room Bookings***

Abdon Village Hall	Helen Audin	01746 712365	abdon.villagehall@gmail.com
Abdon Village Hall website:	www.abdonandheathparish.org		
Beambridge Club Room	Frances Sutton	841654	
Culmington Village Hall	Jeff Williams	07561 838271	culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall	Sally Woodhouse	01584 841265	dvhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall website:	www.diddleburyvillagehall.org		
Diddlebury Church Room	Jan Kennedy	841372	
Westhope Village Hall	Betty Manley	07860 447397/ 861617	mbm3049@icloud.com

***Children's and Youth Organisations***

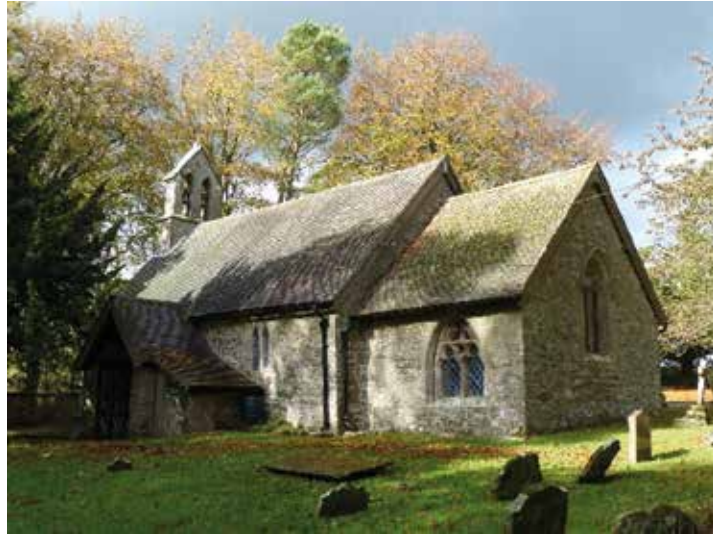
Corvedale Brownies	Catherine Crowther	861276	
Corvedale School, Playgroup and Nursery	Jonathan Brough	841630	admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk

***Women's Institutes***

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

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





# The Corvedale Group of Parishes

ABDON - BROADSTONE - CULMINGTON - DIDDLEBURY - HOLDGATE - MUNSLOW - TUGFORD

## SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

	September 5th Trinity 14	September 12th Trinity 15	September 19th Trinity 16	September 26th Trinity 17
<b>Abdon</b>		9:45 HC		6pm Harvest Evensong for the parishes of Abdon and Tugford
<b>Broadstone</b>				
<b>Culmington</b>	11:15 HC		6:00pm EP	8:30 HC (BCP)
<b>Diddlebury</b>	9:45 HC		11:15 HC	11:15 Pets' Service
<b>Holdgate</b>	8:30 HC			
<b>Munslow</b>	6:00pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC
<b>Tugford</b>			9:45 HC	

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

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