

# THE CORVEDALE NEWS

APRIL 2025  
*The Corvedale's Community Magazine*



Pretty Primroses - Rosemary England

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(Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm)

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0808 223 1133

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0800 144 8 444

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**EDITOR'S NOTE** If anyone knows of other events taking place within their immediate area in the next few months, could they please let the Editor know so these may be included in the Dates for Your Diary.

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SY8 1QZ

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Tel: (01743) 874923  
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# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 10th April**



## 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](mailto: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 23rd April  
Friday 25th April  
Sunday 27th April**

## RSPB Events

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



### WALKS

**Sunday 13th April - 10am**  
Upper Vessons Farm

**Sunday 20th April - 10am**  
Kinver Edge

### TALKS

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm  
Diddlebury Village Hall.  
£2 members, £5 non-members including refreshments.

**8th April**  
*Waders of the Wirral* - Andrew Brockbank

**29th April - 2pm at the Discovery Centre**  
*Wildlife of Mortimer Forrest*  
- David Arbutnot

## 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

Every third Thursday of the month  
12.30pm for 1pm

**Culmington Village Hall**

Raffle

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](mailto:diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2025

1st	Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
2nd	Wed	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
3rd	Thu	Messy Church	St Peter's, Diddlebury	3.20pm
5th	Sat	Music Bingo	Ditton Priors Pavilion	
6th	Sun	J. S. Bach Concert	St Catherine's, Tugford	3pm
7th	Mon	Corvedale Choir Concert	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
8th	Tue	RSPB Talk: <i>Waders of the Wirral, Andrew Brockbank</i>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
9th	Wed	Community Lunch	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
9th	Wed	Westhope Clover Club	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
9th	Wed	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
9th	Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
10th	Thu	Coffee Morning	Munslow Village Hall	10.30am-12noon
10th	Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
10th	Thu	Hayton & District WI Meeting	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
11th	Fri	Curry Night with Bar	Culmington Village Hall	6pm
12th	Sat	Corvedale Garden Group	Hillview Hardy Plants, Worfield	10am
12th	Sat	Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
12th	Sat	Harry Potter Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
13th	Sun	RSPB Walk	Upper Vessons Farm	10am
14th	Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
17th	Thu	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
18th	Fri	Ludlow Rotary Grant Application Deadline		
20th	Sun	RSPB Walk	Kinver Edge	10am
23rd	Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
23rd	Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
25th	Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
26th	Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
26th	Sat	Corvedale Cake Walk	Holdgate Church	
26th	Sat	Cash Bingo	Westhope Village Hall	7pm
27th	Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
29th	Tue	RSPB Talk: <i>Wildlife of Mortimer Forrest, David Arbutnot</i>	Discovery Centre	2pm

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The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 14th April

MAY 2025

1st	Thu	Local Elections	Various locations	
2nd	Fri	Pub, Burger and Band Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
3rd	Sat	Big Breakfast	Munslow Village Hall	9-11am
8th	Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
8th	Thu	Beacon Lighting Event	Culmington Village Hall	8pm
9th	Fri	VE Day Celebrations	Westhope Village Hall	7pm
10th	Sat	Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
10th	Sat	Spring Flower Festival	Munslow Church-h	2-4pm
10th	Sat	VE Day Street Party	Diddlebury Village Hall	3-5pm
13th	Tue	Culmington Parish Council Annual Meetings	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
14th	Wed	Munslow Parish Council Annual Meetings	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
14th	Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Annual Meetings	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
15th	Thu	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
16th	Fri	Diddlebury Church Annual Plant Sale	Church Rooms	10am-4pm
17th	Sat	Diddlebury Church Annual Plant Sale	Church Rooms	10am-1pm
17th	Sat	Dirty Rockin Scoundrels	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
18th	Sun	The Beefy Boys	Culmington Village Hall	
19th	Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
20th	Tue	Culmington Village Hall AGM	Culmington Village Hall	7.15pm
21st	Wed	Munslow Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Munslow Church	7.30pm
21st	Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
23rd	Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
25th	Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
31st	Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm

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

# WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

## Wildlife detectives needed.



Do you enjoy a walk on the wild side and have a few hours a month to support local wildlife ?

We have positioned wildlife trail cameras to record the wildlife in the Westhope woods.

We need volunteers to visit the cameras once a month to retrieve and replace the memory card along with new batteries if required.

The cameras are easy to operate and **full training** will be provided.

Once back home our wildlife detectives will identify and record the wildlife captured on camera.



This is an ideal activity **for all the family**, a great way to visit the countryside and make a positive contribution to wildlife conservation.

For further details please  
[Wildaboutwesthope@gmail.com](mailto:Wildaboutwesthope@gmail.com)

## Diddlebury Open Gardens



### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

12:00 – 18:00

Tickets: £7.50 on the day *or*  
£6.00 in advance (available soon)

Raising funds for Diddlebury Village Hall  
Charity number: 522511

## DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL & CORVEDALE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Invite you - our community  
to a shared celebration of the



At our

## STREET PARTY

Outside Diddlebury Village Hall  
**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**From 3 – 5 pm**

**Bring your own food and drinks**

**Dress like it's 1945 (optional)**

**Prepare** for lots of family fun & games

**Prizes** for the best costumes

## Pub, Burger & Band Night

@ Diddlebury Village Hall

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May



**Opens at 18:00**

Serving Draft Beer, wines and spirits



Serving delicious Gourmet  
Wagyu Beef burgers to

**PUB NIGHT customers only**  
**from 18:00**

Takeaways may be available after 19:30



### ROCKFALL

a popular local 5 piece covers band will be

**Playing from 19:30 – 22:00**

Free admission for our Pub Night Customers

[diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com) | 07936 730342



# WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

Corvedale Concerts  
presents

**J.S. BACH**

**Suites for Solo Cello**

**Ruth Henley • Cello**

April 6<sup>th</sup> St. Catherine's Church, Tugford • Suites 1 & 2

May 11<sup>th</sup> St. Peter's Church, Diddlebury • Suites 3 & 4

June 15<sup>th</sup> All Saints Church, Culmington • Suites 5 & 6

All concerts start at 3.00 pm followed by refreshments

Tickets £10

Available in advance from TicketSource  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-concerts](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-concerts)

or, subject to availability, on the door

All proceeds to support the Corvedale Parishes

**£10 THE DIRTY ROCKIN SCOUNDRELS**

**Saturday 17th May**

**STANTON LACY  
VILLAGE HALL**

**SY8 2AT**



Contact Anita for ticket info:

07970 710401

Bar & Food Available

Doors .

**7 : 30pm**



[thedirtyrockinscoundrels.com](http://thedirtyrockinscoundrels.com)



VE Day Curry Night - Westhope Village Hall

with DJ and Music from the 1940s



Friday 9th May 7pm till late

Food will be served between 7 and 8.30pm

£12 per person, ticket only

Licenced cash bar and raffle

Optional fancy dress / period costume

Tickets: call 07860 447 397

Vegetarian option available. Please state food preference when booking

**Harry Potter Quiz Night**



**12<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Diddlebury Village Hall

6pm Start

Harry Potter themed menu for supper

Followed by quiz

Pay bar

Dress code: Dress up as a character if you wish

Email for tickets & menu:

£20 a person

[quiznight2025@gmail.com](mailto:quiznight2025@gmail.com)

Proceeds in aid of Diddlebury Church



# WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to confirm Westhope Village Hall is now on Google maps. thanks to Jacqui. It's enabling us to promote our lovely village hall and our forthcoming events which are:

## Community Lunch

*Wednesday 9th April, 12.30 for 1pm.*

£12pp. Two-course home cooked meal with tea/coffee.

Pre-book please by calling Betty 07860 447 397.

## Easter Prize/Cash Bingo

*Saturday 26th April*

Doors open 7pm eyes down 7.30pm. Free admission.

Refreshments and licensed bar available.

## VE Day Celebrations

*Friday 9th May*

With a pub and curry night, live music with DJ Ryder and 1940s music. Food served 7.00 - 8.30pm. £12. Optional fancy dress. Licensed cash bar and raffle. Pre-booking required please. Come and join us, everyone welcome.

We continue with our ever-popular weekly whist drives and yoga. Everyone is always welcome to all our events and our licensed bar is available.

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

Betty Manley

## FUTURE DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**Mid-summer Race Night.** To be confirmed.

**Saturday 6th September - Rummage Sale.**

**Saturday 18th October - Harvest Supper.**

# MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

Our winter/spring coffee mornings are coming to an end in April. The last one will be **Thursday 10th April** from 10.30am - 12noon. So don't miss this opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours.

We are planning more get-togethers during the next few months. The first of these will be a reprise of our wonderful Big Breakfast. This event is in aid of the village hall and will take place on **Saturday 3rd May** at the village hall. Prices will be £10 for adults and £3.50 for children under 12. A delicious freshly cooked breakfast will be available between 9 and 11am. This will make a great start to the national VE Day celebrations the following week.

If you would like to book a place please contact me at 07714 458 933 or 01584 841 457 or at [lesleydobson42@gmail.com](mailto:lesleydobson42@gmail.com) or Peter Turner at [pturner767@msn.com](mailto:pturner767@msn.com).

Further events are coming up in June - exact dates to be confirmed.

We hope the weather is kind to us this spring and we can have some great get-togethers.

Lesley Dobson

# 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](mailto:richard.smith404@btinternet.com)

### Yoga

*Every Wednesday, 6pm to 7.15pm*

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

## APRIL EVENTS

### Curry Night with bar

*Friday 11th April*

Choice of curries, with rice, naan bread and samosas.

Vegetarian option available. £12.50/head.

Bar open 6pm - late. Food served 6.30 - 8.30pm.

To book contact Jo Mear 07872 109 936, Gwyn Edwards 01584 861 666 or Anne Rowlands 01584 861 787.

### Lunch Club

*Thursday 17th April*

Contact Gwyn Edwards to book 01584 861 666

## FUTURE EVENTS

### Beacon Lighting Event

*Thursday 8th May, 9.30pm*

Celebrate VE80 with friends and a drink as the Culmington beacon is lit. Bar open from 8pm.

### Lunch Club

*Thursday 15th May*

Contact Gwyn Edwards to book 01584 861 666.

### The Beefy Boys are back again!

*Sunday 18th May*

Plus...the wonderful 'animal man' with his amazing creatures. A great afternoon for all the family and friends.

### Culmington Village Hall AGM

*Tuesday 20th May, 7.15pm*

All welcome.

# DITTON PRIORS HALL EVENTS

We have another busy and fun year ahead for the hall and pavilion. Here are a few dates for your diary:

**Music Bingo** at Ditton Priors Pavilion

*Saturday 5th April*

**Beerfest** at Ditton Priors Recreation Ground

*Saturday 12th July*

Louise Tyson



# ABDON VILLAGE HALL

## APRIL EVENTS

### Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

**Saturday 12th April 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 26th April 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](mailto:abdon.villagehall@gmail.com)

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

## 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.

More details to follow in next month's magazine.

### DIDDLEBURY CHURCH ANNUAL PLANT SALE

This year's plant sale will be held in the Church Room on **Friday 16th May** from 10am until 4pm and on **Saturday 17th May** from 10am until 1pm. There will also be cakes on sale plus tea or coffee and biscuits.

As always this is one of the main fund raisers for the church and a fun occasion. We would be extremely grateful for offers of help on the day and donations of plants.

Please contact me on 01584 861 238 or  
[lizandmartinj@gmail.com](mailto:lizandmartinj@gmail.com) if you can help in any way.

Liz Jones

## BACH CONCERT 1

By the time you read this, the first concert in the Corvedale Concerts Bach series will be almost here! It will feature Ruth Henley playing the first and second suites for solo cello, in the beautiful church at Tugford. The concert on **Sunday 6th April** starts at 3pm (doors open at 2.30) and will be followed by refreshments. Tickets are available from TicketSource: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-concerts](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-concerts) or on the door (subject to availability). All funds raised will go to support the beautiful churches of Corvedale, many of which currently face huge repair bills. Hope to see you there!

Ruth Henley

## SEE WHAT I MADE - AGAIN!

It doesn't take a pandemic to spark creativity - so let's do it again!

Do you remember the inspiring and wonderfully diverse exhibition we held at St Milburga's Church four years ago? The talent, imagination, and passion on display were unforgettable. Well, now it's time to show what you've made since then!

We're thrilled to announce that See What I Made (SWIM '25) will return over the August Bank Holiday weekend - **Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th, and Monday 25th August** - and we want you to be part of it.

Whether you paint, sew, carve, craft, sculpt, photograph, build, embroider, or create in any form - start planning now! You've got almost five months to dream, design, and bring your ideas to life. Let your creativity shine and share your work with the community.

Keep an eye on local websites and this magazine for more details closer to the time. In the meantime, if you'd like more information or a bit of encouragement, contact Sue at [suecornah@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suecornah@hotmail.co.uk) or Ruby at [rbyreseigh@gmail.com](mailto:rbyreseigh@gmail.com).

We can't wait to see what you've made!

Sue Cornah

## MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

It's April, and in the choir like many other organisations, this means time for our AGM. Our current committee of nine share many roles and is made up from our current membership of forty-two, with David Chantrey as Chairman. Over the years most members have taken their turn in helping to support the choir through committee work, as a regular change in personnel brings with it fresh ideas and different perspectives. A number of our previous post holders continue in the choir and are racking up many years of service. Bob Jones is a founder member having joined at the start fifty-six years ago. Mel Bardsley is now over the half century at fifty-two years, whilst choir stalwart Gary Jones is 'only' on forty-two, followed by Jeff Weinel at forty-one. Impressive!

Of course, new members are always welcome, to help carry on the tradition of a male voice choir in the town. Those that have joined us in the last couple of years are hopefully enjoying the benefits that singing can bring. You may wish to consider coming along too!

We are still on the hunt for a new accompanist...

Dick Langford











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# DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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<p><b>Pub, Burger &amp; Band Night</b> @ Diddlebury Village Hall <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b></p> <p> <b>Opens at 18:00</b></p> <p> Gourmet Wagyu Beef burgers for <b>PUB NIGHT</b> customers only from <b>18:00</b> Takeaways may be available after <b>19:30</b></p> <p> <b>ROCKFALL</b> Playing from <b>19:30 – 22:00</b> Free admission for Pub Night Customers</p> <p><small>diddleburvillagehall@gmail.com   07936 730342</small></p>	<p><b>DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL &amp; CORVEDALE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION</b> Invite you - our community to a shared celebration of the</p> <p></p> <p>At our</p> <p><b>STREET PARTY</b> <b>Outside Diddlebury Village Hall</b> <b>SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY</b> From 3 – 5 pm Bring your own food and drinks Dress like it's 1945 (optional) Prepare for lots of family fun &amp; games Prizes for the best costumes</p>	<p>For more information on <b>What's coming up @ DVH</b> Scan the QR Code with your phone camera to take you to the Forthcoming Events page on our website: <a href="http://diddleburyvillagehall.org">diddleburyvillagehall.org</a></p> <p></p>
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	<b>We have 2 tables remaining!!!</b> Teams of 4 - £10 per team Book via – WhatsApp/email 07396 730342   <a href="mailto:diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com">diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com</a>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>9th April</b> <b>19:00 for 19:30</b>
	<b>The Corvedale Book Club</b> Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact <a href="mailto:Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com">Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com</a>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>19:00</b>
<b>PUB, Burger &amp; Band Night</b>	Are you coming to our very first Pub and Live Music night ? <b>BAR Stefano</b> serving draft beer, wines & spirits. The <b>Wagyu Burger Wagon</b> with gourmet Wagyu Beef burgers followed by popular 5 piece covers band <b>ROCKFALL</b> . See our advert in the Corvedale News	<b>Friday</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>
	Come together as a community to celebrate the <b>80-year anniversary of VE DAY</b> at our <b>Street Party</b> outside the Village Hall Dress as if it was 1945 if you can and <b>bring your own food &amp; drink</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>15:00 – 17:00</b>
	<b>Mini Moos Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> £2.50 per Family	<b>Mondays</b> <b>10.00 - 12.00</b>
	<b>The Corvedale Choir</b> Contact Ros Crouch: <a href="mailto:ros.crouch@gmail.com">ros.crouch@gmail.com</a> for more information.	<b>Mondays</b> <b>19.30 -21.30</b>
	<b>The Blue Hills Choir</b> Contact Ros Crouch: <a href="mailto:ros.crouch@gmail.com">ros.crouch@gmail.com</a> for more information.	<b>Tuesdays</b> <b>10.00 - 12.00</b>
	<b>Zumba</b> Contact Cat: <a href="mailto:zumbawithcat@outlook.com">zumbawithcat@outlook.com</a> /07817 448832	<b>Tuesdays</b> <b>18.00</b>
	<b>Tai Chi</b> Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250275 <a href="mailto:hello@goldenthreadscic.com">hello@goldenthreadscic.com</a>	<b>Thursdays</b> <b>10.00 - 11.00</b>
	<b>Pilates with Tina</b> Bookings only via <a href="mailto:pilateswithtina@outlook.com">pilateswithtina@outlook.com</a>	<b>Thursdays</b> <b>18:00 – 19:00</b>
	<b>Physiotherapist-led Pilates</b> Contact Beverley Chumber: <a href="mailto:beverleychumber@sky.com">beverleychumber@sky.com</a> 07967 814412	<b>Fridays</b> <b>9.15 - 10.15</b>



# CHURCH NEWS

## LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

Every year, as Christmas approaches, people tell me that my busy time of year is coming up – and it is certainly a time when the world at large is aware of what is coming up in the church calendar. Whether we are in any way involved in the life of the church or not, Christmas is a large part of what is happening around us – in the shops, on the television, at home; with parties, presents, food and so much more. However, for the clergy and many of us who are actively involved in the life of our local churches, a busier time is coming up now, as we look to all that Holy Week and Easter will bring, with services (and preparation for services) throughout much of the week and particularly from Thursday to Sunday. Easter can perhaps have less impact on the world outside the church: a couple of bank holidays, some hot cross buns and an Easter Egg and that can be it – done!

Of the two, Easter is the more important, but it's also the more challenging. We can see Christmas on the whole as nice and cosy, romanticising aspects such as the stable to create a warm, fuzzy and unchallenging image. Easter isn't like that. Before we get to the celebrations there are parts that are profoundly challenging, with suffering and cruelty that we'd prefer not to have to think about too much. For the disciples there would have been a mixture of excitement, despair and joy as they experienced first the entry in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, then the events around Jesus' crucifixion and burial and then finally his resurrection.

It is to help us to think about all this that we will have so many services in the week running up to Easter. We will never be able to experience the same range of emotions as the disciples because we know how the story ends, but journeying with Christ and his disciples through the events of that week helps us to understand more fully what Easter is all about. We invite you to join us at any or all of our services, whether they are in your local church or not, so that when we get there, we may all be able to welcome the risen Christ and share in the joy of the resurrection.

Rev'd John Beesley

## MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church will be in Diddlebury Church on **Thursday 3rd April** from 3:20pm, when we'll be thinking about Lent and Easter. There will be the usual variety of craft activities before we remember what Easter is all about and then join together for a shared meal. Messy Church is for families to join in together, 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

## MUNSLOW CHURCH

Easter is approaching. The Holy Week services will be shared around the churches of the group, but we'll be at Munslow on **Maundy Thursday (17th April)** for Holy Communion at 7:30pm and again on Easter Day at 9:45am.

A reminder of the date given last month for our Spring Flower Festival which will be in the church on **Saturday 10th May** between 2pm and 4pm. The church will be decorated, and we will have teas, books, produce and a draw. We will also get out the church registers – perhaps a chance for you to find yourself or members of your family in the records! If you would like to help with any aspect of this, please get in touch.

Another date to note is **Wednesday 21st May** when, at 7:30pm in the church, we will have the Annual Parochial Church Meetings, where we elect churchwardens and review the past year. You are welcome to join us.

Rev'd John Beesley

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### WEDDING

1st March Ellie Dolphin and Taylor Hughes Diddlebury

### FLOWERS & BRASSES

#### APRIL 2025

6th	Kath Worthington*	13th	Kath Worthington*
20th	Easter decorations	27th	Easter decorations

\* Brasses only

# LUDLOW ROTARY CARES 2025

Once again, Ludlow Rotary Club invites local community groups to apply for a grant.

'Ludlow Rotary Cares' is the name the club has given to its annual scheme aimed at supporting community life in and around Ludlow by offering modest grants to local charities and organisations. The maximum grant available is now £750.

Over the past ten years Ludlow Rotary Club has been able to contribute more than £50,000 to over a hundred local community projects through this scheme from funds it has raised. After a successful year of fundraising, the club is delighted to be able to invest again in our community.

The club intends to be open minded about the types of activities it will support so long as the project or programme responds to a community need in or within fifteen miles of Ludlow and meets its criteria on the giving of grants. What the club will need to understand is exactly what the money will be used for, who will benefit from it and how much difference it will make.

Further information and a simple application form can be found on the website [www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk](http://www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk).

Organisations which meet the criteria will need to get their applications in by **18th April**. Those shortlisted will be invited to an evening event at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on **13th May** at which they will be asked to explain their project for a few minutes to a small panel. There will also be an opportunity to meet other applicants as well as members of the Rotary Club.

The club is keen to hear from a wide range of organisations including those that have applied in the past or have been awarded grants in the past. So if you are involved in or are aware of one which might benefit, do take a look at the website and follow the link to download an application form.

For further information please email [lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk](mailto:lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk)





# CORVEDALE CAKE WALK

Time comes around so quickly... we are holding our main fundraiser for Holdgate Church which is the now famous Cake Walk on **Saturday 26th April**. The Long-Distance Walkers Association helps organise the walking side of the two routes. Both start and finish in Holdgate and go via Brown Clee hill and Clee St Margaret where there is a checkpoint and the cake fest. The 10-mile walk returns directly to Holdgate, whereas the 22-mile route veers off to Munslow over Wenlock Edge to Eaton-under-Heywood where they sample the delights of the scone station before returning to Holdgate for sausage baps. Such is the popularity of the event that people return annually from all over the country. We accept 150 entrants who sign up online. The event was posted on 1st January and was sold out by 8pm that evening. We were amazed. We are grateful for any offers of homemade cakes or help serving hot drinks and hosting at either Holdgate or Clee St Margaret. It does not necessarily involve a whole day's commitment; one could just do a couple of hours.

Although we are nominally sold out and there is a waiting list we are allowed to accept a small number of local entries

if you wish to take part in what is always a really happy day. If you are interested in any aspect of participating or helping please speak with Judith Brick or Claire or John Brentnall email [claire.n.brentnall@gmail.com](mailto:claire.n.brentnall@gmail.com).

Claire Brentnall



## THE TALLY HO INN UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CALL US ON  
01584 841830  
ALTERNATIVELY TO BOOK A TABLE  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.THETALLYHO.CO.UK](http://WWW.THETALLYHO.CO.UK)

### THE TALLY HO QUIZ NIGHT

PRE-QUIZ MEAL @ 6PM - £15PP  
FISH & CHIPS SUPPER  
WITH STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING  
INCLUDING QUIZ ENTRY.  
RAFFLE PRIZES WELCOME

**3rd APRIL** | INDIVIDUAL ENTRY £2.50PP | **7:30PM START**

BOOKING FOR QUIZ AND PRE-MEAL ESSENTIAL

TO BOOK CALL THE TALLY HO INN  
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2 courses for £15.00  
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Email [info@thetallyho.co.uk](mailto:info@thetallyho.co.uk), with your name, contact number  
and any dietary requirements.



### GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRIDAY

JOIN US ON FRIDAY 6TH APRIL  
FOR SOME EXTRA SPECIAL FISH  
DISHS IN ADDITION TO OUR  
USUAL MENU

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

### EASTER MONDAY AT THE TALLY OPEN FOR LUNCH

**12-3PM**



# ST PETER'S CHURCH, STANTON LACY

## OPENING CEREMONY

On Sunday 9th February 2025, St Peter's celebrated the opening of its new kitchen and toilet facilities. It was planned to coincide with the annual Snowdrop Weekend, which had over 200 visitors during the weekend. The project had been made possible by donations from a wide range of sources - from the congregation, from visitors and from several grant funding bodies.



Featured here are David Hardman and John Clark from the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, presenting their grant to Rev'd Fr Justin Parker - Rector of Bromfield Benefice; Rev'd Dr Fiona Gibson - Archdeacon of Ludlow; Steve Arnold - Volunteer Project Manager; and Jennette Arnold OBE - Churchwarden. Photograph by India Pritchard.

Jennette Arnold

# AN ABUNDANCE OF CAKES

## SNOWDROP TEAS WEEKEND

Some very tasty cakes were on offer at the recent Snowdrop Teas at St Peters Church, Stanton Lacy. The three women pictured are: Maggie Smith; Sarah Thomas and Louise Gough. Sadly, it was a very cold weekend so the snowdrops which formed a carpet across the churchyard were not able to hold their heads very high, they did though make quite a spectacle for the many visitors, many of whom were on their annual visit.

Jennette Arnold



Photograph by J.S. Arnold

## 🎵 Lean on Me 🎵

### Corvedale Choir

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Diddlebury Village Hall**

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

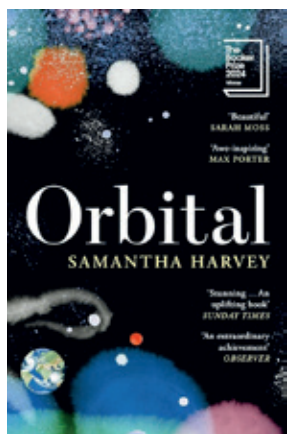
*This free concert celebrates our friendship and despite the anxieties and stresses of life we all individually face, our loads are lighter because we share and support each other.*

*The singing may be the why we meet; it's the relationships that keep us together*

**Doors open 7pm for a 7.30 start. Any funds raised on the evening will go to Culmington All Saints Church Tower restoration project**

# CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

## ORBITAL BY SAMANTHA HARVEY



This was Samantha Harvey's fifth book, a Booker Prize winning novel about a spacecraft containing four astronauts and two cosmonauts orbiting the earth collecting data, conducting scientific experiments and observing. Together they watch our silent planet: endless displays of spectacular beauty witnessed in a single day. They orbit sixteen times each day, each orbit shifting to a new trajectory. Although separated from the world they cannot escape its constant

pull. News reaches them of the death of Chie's mother in Japan and with-it thoughts of returning home. They look on as a typhoon gathers over an island and people they love. The fragility of human life fills their conversations, their fears, their dreams. So far from earth they begin to ask what is life without earth? What is earth without humanity? So far from earth they have never felt more protective or part of it.

The book takes place over a single day in which we read beautiful descriptions of our planet as it changes from dawn to day to dusk to night each orbit. We deduce that it takes place in October 2010, a year after the 'toilet row' between NASA and Russia, which led to the Russian cosmonauts having their own living area, facilities and food in the space craft, and when a Category 5 Super Typhoon devastated the Philippines. It is however clear that the six occupants are a real team. *'Whatever they were before they came here, whatever differences in training or background, in motive or character, whatever country they hail from and however their nations clash, they are equalised here by the delicate might of their spaceship.'*

The novel has been described as genius, uplifting, exquisite,

beautiful, luminous, stunning, awe-inspiring, extraordinary. While some members of the group shared these views, others found it repetitive and even boring. Some didn't like the fact there is no plot and would have liked to know more about the individual characters. Others relished in the stunning imagery, the beautiful crafting of the book and the big ideas that made us reflect on our own place in the world and the fragility of the earth. This is a highly original book. The author herself says she did not set out to write a sci-fi novel but *'to try to do justice in words to the beauty of the earth and how I feel about the unnerving fact of its aloneness. I put astronauts in it because it needed a heartbeat, but they are just part of the image, not the lens.'*

Our discussion covered the surprising details of life aboard a spaceship such as the need to catch tears so that liquids would not float around; the impact of being in zero gravity for that length of time on our bodies; the desire for never wanting to leave that sets in; the impact of being so far away from family especially at times of sadness; what might motivate someone to go in to space; and how humankind and particularly politics have shaped and crafted our planet.

The Booker Prize judges said *'By positioning the entire planet within a single narrative frame, Orbital blurs distinctions between borders, time zones and our own individual stories. This is a vantage point we haven't encountered in fiction before, and it is infused with such awe and reverence that it reads like a love letter, an act of worship.'*

*'In offering us a vision of our planet as borderless and interlinked, Harvey makes the case for the futility of territorial conflicts, and the need for co-operation and respect for our shared humanity. This is a theme that couldn't be more sobering, timely, or urgent.'*

Next month we are discussing *Lonely City* by Olivia Lang.

Elaine Gardner

# CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP



On Saturday 8th March the group visited the garden of Amanda and Greg Martin at Elsie Manor in Seifton which is to be redesigned by James Alexander Sinclair, one of the foremost garden designers in the UK; see his website for more information [www.jamesalexandersinclair.com](http://www.jamesalexandersinclair.com). This was a unique opportunity to explore the existing garden, come up with our own ideas and suggestions and then see the design. Hopefully, we will see the finished project in the future.

Amanda gave an interesting overview of the different areas of the garden over coffee and cake followed by an invitation to explore on our own before regrouping to share the plans and eat a delicious lunch provided by Amanda and Greg. It was particularly interesting to hear how some of our ideas matched those of James and of course some did not. Garden design, as we know, is a very individual process and as said already it will be good to go back one day to see the result.

As we walked round, I overheard many interesting conversations about what to keep and what to cut down, ponds or wetland areas in the boggy places, seating areas,

borders, a cutting garden and where to best site the summer house to maximise the beautiful views. The garden already has a beautiful array of conical yew trees which complement the age and design of the house and over the morning I heard many iterations of options for either leaving them, moving some of them and, for those who don't like them, removing them. I personally like them and will be interested to see where they are situated in the finished design.

Many thanks to Amanda and Greg for their hospitality and giving the group a unique opportunity which from listening to the conversations everyone enjoyed.

The next meeting is on **Saturday 12th April** at 10.00am when we will visit Hillview Hardy Plants in Worfield, the home of the national collection of auriculas. We will have a guided tour of the nursery and private stock tunnel. The cost is £7.50 per person. The garden group is free to join and if you are interested or have any questions please email: [Corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com](mailto:Corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com).

Alison Benbow



# MUSINGS ON LIFE...

## WITHOUT AND WITHIN

The other day I was chatting after a meeting, talking about an exhibition I had just seen in London: 'Soil, the World Beneath our Feet.' My friend, on hearing some of this, launched into an eloquent speech about our seas and oceans. The burden of his discourse was wonder: unspeakable variety and natural abundance, but also fragility in these domains, which we were destroying before, long before, we had come to understand even partially what we were crushing.

Funny, that was the exact soil show message (Somerset House till 13th of April).

The plains of the American Midwest give us an example of what can go wrong. The light, wind-blown, deep, loess soils which built up after the last Ice Age were colonised by specialised grasses like this prairie grass. These were partnered by grazing beasts like the buffalo and a delicate equilibrium was achieved. The massive root system not only gives stability and seeks moisture but establishes a two-way cooperation between plant and soil universe. The green plant produces sugars avidly taken up by roots and soil beasts. The latter, in turn, produce a huge spectrum of chemicals taken up by the plant which support its life. Many of the soil organisms, notably fungi (are they animals or plants?), actually grow in soil and through the structure of the plant – so are key to this negotiation – within and without.



Well enough; so what went wrong? European settlers, many our ancestors, ploughed and artificially 'fertilised' the plains – of course they did. After heavy European soils this must have seemed like a dream, but they destroyed the stabilising fungal networks by so doing and 'force-feeding' the new cereals artificially diminished the work and vitality of root and soil biology both. The soil minerals left the way they had arrived – wind-blown dust!

No doubt an insect enthusiast, bird lover, plant, fungal or moss person would say something highly similar: everywhere, it seems, nature is under ruinous pressure and humanity is by no means excluded!

With a background in *medicine* (the italics are intentional),

and a long-time interest in historic landscape, it's hard for me not to think there is a fascinatingly close relation between the human body's deteriorating function (in many, though not all, areas), and the way those bodies encounter the natural world.

So this is where I want to draw a parallel with the human body: it is indicative, but not exact. Instead of the root system of the prairie grass think of the organs of our body that are in contact with the outside world... skin, nose and sinuses, lungs and gut. They all, like plant roots, receive... and the gut particularly, naturally profits from the goodness of food. These benefits are passed on to all our organs – good examples being brain and *homeostatic* systems, like the immune system which keep us on an even keel. Our gut-like plant roots, in rude health, spread to a massive area by twisting and astonishing superficial complexity (for the technically minded, by structures known as *microvilli*, massively increasing surface area – just like those roots).

For us, soil, and plants, threats arrive from all manner of industrial processes. While there are many inter-weaving factors, our food has become overwhelmingly big business. Soil and food are subject to mechanical and chemical disruption.

Soil and gut micro-life show direct comparison: many now refer to the *soil within us*!

Vicious cycles of destruction are all too common but virtuous cycles can also appear very quickly. Looking after a tiny patch to grow nutritious food will benefit you and generate life within and without the soil. Cooperating with friends and neighbours can magnify these benefits. Events like 'Soil' can show us hope also on a larger scale: brown hills in southern Mexico rendered barren by 'improvements' in the 1990s are now starting to green again by simple water management which helps the soil to regenerate. When the soil comes back to life, it seems, so does nature – including people.

After all 'Soil Touches All' (Cliff Lauson).

Peter Cornah, [villageadamandeve.uk](http://villageadamandeve.uk)

PS To know a bit more about what is under our feet, try 'Dirt' by David Montgomery or 'The Hidden Half of Nature' by David Montgomery and Anne Biklé or 'What your Food Ate' by the same two authors. These are highly readable books.

## WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



The first meeting of the year for Westhope Clover Club will take place on **Wednesday 9th April**, when we will join the Westhope community lunch, 12.30pm for 1 o'clock at Westhope Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us, just send your name to me by Monday 7th. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

## CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

We are always keen to see new members to help keep our footpaths accessible to local and visiting walkers, so if you would like to join us for a one-off or longer-term commitment you will be just as welcome. Our next working parties are:

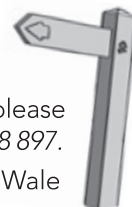
**Wednesday 23 April**

**Friday 25 April**

**Sunday 27 April**

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

Katharine Wale



# WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

## HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

Our March meeting was particularly captivating with an engaging talk by Mainstone WI's President, Nowella Swanson, on the subject of her and husband Peter's visit to Botswana. She was accompanied by Mainstone WI's Secretary, Nikki, who assisted on the technical side by setting up and operating the slide projector to give us a pictorial overview of the 'bush,' the wildlife and the various extremely comfortable and highly facilitated accommodation provided in the army-type tents that Nowella and Peter stayed in. Nowella described how the background sounds of wild animals and birds investigating their accommodation at night kept them awake until, with their guide's assurance, they accepted that they were safe in their accommodation, being high up on stilt bases, enabling them to relax and sleep! Nowella and Peter had been on safari before over the years, starting with a trip to Kenya's Masai Mara, then, with their growing passion for safaris, returning to explore other African countries – and this time was Botswana's turn.

Botswana is a landlocked country in southern Africa with its landscape defined by the Kalahari Desert, the Okavango Delta, which becomes a lush animal habitat during the seasonal floods, and the massive Central Kalahari Game Reserve, with its fossilised river valleys and undulating grasslands being home to numerous African animals including giraffes, cheetahs, hyenas and wild dogs. Botswana boasts a significant population of the beautifully marked wild dogs, known for their striking coat patterns and intricate social structures. These wild dogs were Nowella and Peter's prime inspiration for taking this trip and they were in no way disappointed, with many images of those unusual, curious wild dogs and all the other animals they were able to get close to, as well as meeting many Indigenous people who were happy to welcome them in to observe their way of life. It is, of course, possible to find out all about Botswana, its animals and Indigenous peoples by searching the internet, but hearing about the experiences of one couple's personal trip was indeed special.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th April** at 7.30pm. This is the first meeting of the 'programme' year when membership fees are due, and the new programmes are distributed. All meetings, except for December and August each year, are held at Stanton Lacy Village Hall, Hayton's Bent, SY8 2AT. For anyone who would be interested in attending our WI branch for just a look-see, to listen to one of our speakers or to join us, please contact Phyllis Steventon, Branch President, on 01584 823 436 or our Branch Secretary at [hayton.district.wi@gmail.com](mailto:hayton.district.wi@gmail.com).

Louise Gough

## DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE WI

Our new President Anne took over the reins from Mary at the beginning of March. Our thanks to her for being willing to take on the role and also to Mary who has given many years' service as a superb head of our WI. We are immensely grateful for all the years Mary has given as President, for her hard work, leadership and humour! We would not still be a thriving WI without her. We hope she can now relax and enjoy being on the 'back benches.' Anne, I know, will be a worthy successor. Also warmly welcomed were Eileen, as our new Treasurer, and Claire, to the committee.

We whisked through discussion on a garden visit to Glens Garden organised by Brockton WI, The Spring Council meeting on 15th May in Shrewsbury and a visit to Ludlow Food Centre in April organised by Shrewsbury Federation. We discussed and agreed to alter our meeting format for future meetings too, which we hope will be easier for speakers, before handing over to our own Jacqui to enthral us with her adventures Around the World in 89 Days.

We thoroughly enjoyed hearing of her travels with a friend, taking time away from her job as an Air Traffic Controller in Luton. The trip took a year in the planning before they set off in January 1994. Wonderful countries on the itinerary included India, Nepal, Hong Kong, China, Malaya, Singapore, New Zealand and Australia. No wonder they also needed a year to save for this trip of a lifetime. What an experience they had as two young English women, backpacking, using public transport to get around! I am sure I wasn't the only member who came away wanting to book a holiday to go to some of these wonderful places, though possibly missing out the bungee jump and close encounter with a crocodile! Thank you Jacqui for starting our WI programme this year in great style: we thoroughly enjoyed hearing your tales and seeing the pictures too. As always our meeting concluded with refreshments, provided by Joy and Jayne this month, and a good chat amongst members.

Our next meeting is a joint one with Munslow WI on **Wednesday 9th April** at 7.30pm at Culmington Village Hall - a musical evening where we will be entertained by Gabriela La Foley. I have been assured by those who have seen Gabriela before that we are in for a treat!

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. Visitor fee is £2. Please do ring Joy Williams, our secretary, if you would like any further information on 01584 861 849.

Jayne Disley

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# NEWS FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT FROM THE CORVEDALE

This is my final report to the parish magazines as your Unitary Councillor for the Corvedale division. The pre-election period is now under way and countywide the 74 candidates for election to the 72 divisions are busy leafleting and door knocking as the four-year local government term draws to a close.

I just wanted to highlight a particularly welcome result achieved by the portfolio area which I have covered since 2022 - Adult Social Care and Public Health. Shropshire Council has announced that its Adult Social Care services have been rated 'Good' following an assessment by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The CQC is now operating under a new regime and Shropshire Council's Adult Care Services were one of the earlier directorates to be examined by the CQC in its new guise. The majority of authorities examined to date have been urban based, so a very large rural authority like Shropshire, delivering care through both domiciliary and residential facilities, supported by initiatives such as assistive technology, must have presented a rather different perspective to their work.

The purpose of the CQC assessments is to understand the performance of Local Authorities and to assure CQC and the Department of Health and Social Care about the quality of care in an area and consider whether any improvements may be required.

In the report published at the end of February the CQC concluded that 'evidence shows a good standard' for the council's adult social care service, highlighting several areas where Shropshire Council is excelling in serving its community. The CQC report highlighted many areas of good practice and rated the service good in:

- Care provision, integration and continuity
- Safeguarding
- Partnerships and communities
- Governance, management and sustainability
- Learning improvement and innovation.

The council was pleased to hear from inspectors who said that many people across the county reported 'positive

experiences' with Shropshire's adult social care services, noting 'improvements in their independence' due to the care and support they received. Inspectors also heard positive feedback from unpaid carers and staff and described staff as 'committed and passionate.'

The CQC report identified many strengths within adult social care services, saying:

- The local authority has a good understanding of the diverse needs and make up the local population.
- There was a clear focus on promoting independence, and work to prevent, delay or reduce the need for care and support.
- The local authority has clear and effective governance, management, and accountability arrangements. This provides oversight of the delivery of their Care Act duties.
- The council has strong relationships with housing, health, public health, and community partners. Inspectors recognised the collaboration in aligning priorities, integrating care systems, and improving care quality and accessibility, ensuring that people can live independently and receive the necessary support within their local communities.

I am delighted for all our Adult Social Care professionals and the Executive Director for People, Tanya Miles, for this excellent result. I have seen how hard they work, their diligence, and their passion for their work. It has been a huge privilege to work with them and represent the interests of the Adult Social Care directorate at Cabinet and Council.

Local Government Elections Polling Day is **1st May** – don't forget to vote!!

Best wishes to all Corvedale residents.

Cllr Cecilia Motley

Shropshire Councillor, Corvedale  
Division, Cabinet Member,  
Adult Social Care and Health



## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On **1st May** this year there will be Parish Council elections. This is an opportunity to elect who you would like to have as your Parish Councillors for the next four years. The council meets to decide on matters that are of benefit to the parish such as:

- considering planning applications and tree preservation orders
- reporting problems with highways and drainage, footpaths and bridleways
- managing the Parish Council's assets such as vehicle activated signs and defibrillators.
- liaising with West Mercia's Police Safer Neighbourhood Team
- managing the environmental maintenance contractor

- raising issues with the Shropshire Councillor for Corvedale Ward

Do remember that from May 2023 **all electors need to show photo identification** when voting at the polling station. This includes passport; driving licence; blue badge; bus passes etc. Out-of-date ID is acceptable provided the photo is still a likeness of the person.

On the same day you will also be able to elect the Councillor for the Corvedale Ward of Shropshire Council.





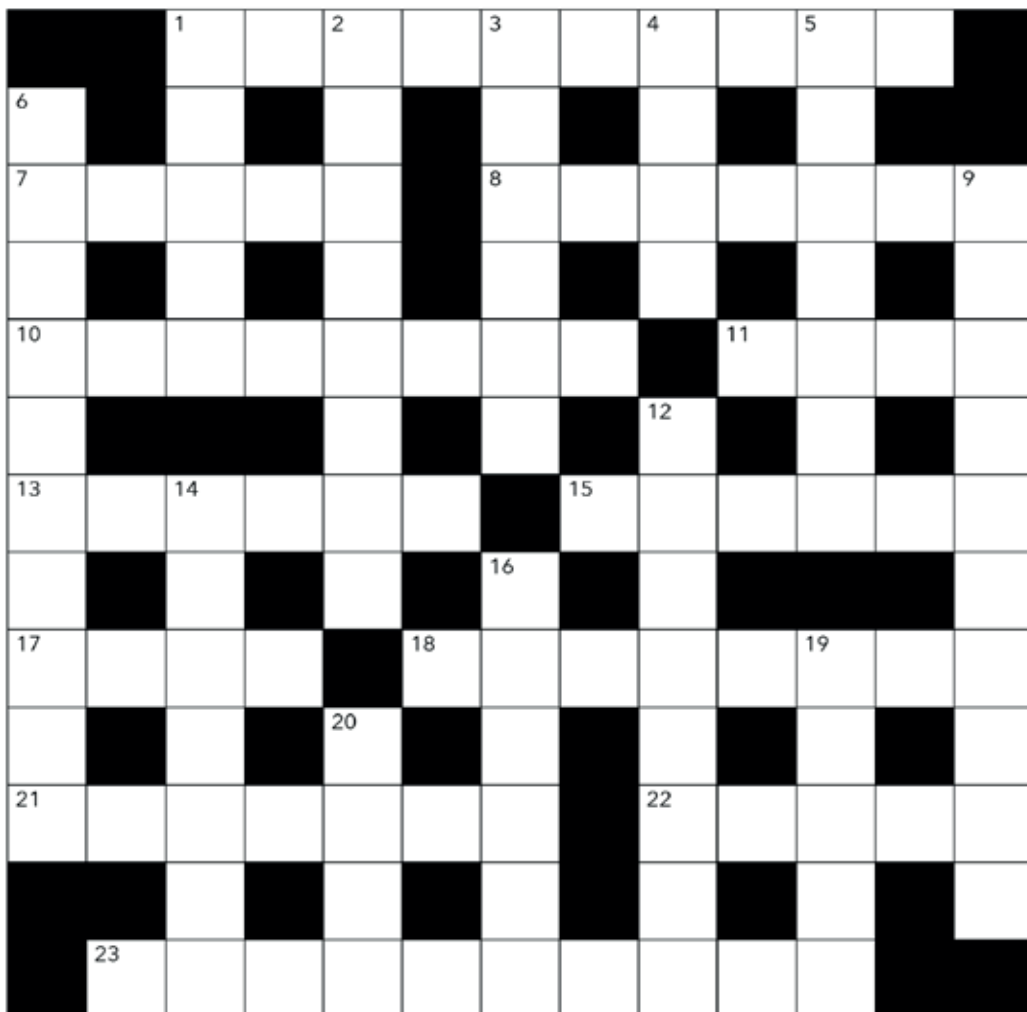
# APRIL CROSSWORD

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

## ACROSS

- 1) Ban him! Grim round here! (10)
- 7) Part way along a road in Essex (5)
- 8) Fat Cain was a zealous person (7)
- 10) The crossing past the junction in Norfolk (8)
- 11) What a stupid drug! (4)
- 13) Perhaps men are much less kind? (6)
- 15) Maybe had rum here? (6)
- 17) Records that you thank the state (4)
- 18) Prince Hal's friend sounds as if he has a faulty stick (8)
- 21) High consumption keeps you warm (7)
- 22) Flower in Nora's terrarium (5)
- 23) Ten marches converge here (10)



## DOWN

- 1) Insect has the foreign instrument (5)
- 2) Fair ride could be very high (8)
- 3) Tell they're playing well? (6)
- 4) Knowledge from the East is part of your make up (4)
- 5) To China, perhaps, but it isn't there! (7)
- 6) Drink's entrance point on the South Coast (10)
- 9) Revolutionary rail company has car maker here (10)
- 12) Upturns a round and following (8)
- 14) A little dog and a parent in a state? (7)
- 16) Muddle the taste and the French (6)
- 19) Change some of the global terrorists (5)
- 20) First zany individual now catches metal (4)

# CULMINGTON & MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCILS

## WEBSITES

All Parish Councils have to have a website to ensure that their documents and policies are easy for members of the public to see. Culmington and Munslow Parish Councils recently decided to change their website addresses to a .gov.uk domain. This gives the site more security and is a free service

provided by the website provider.

To visit the Parish Council website the new addresses are for Culmington Parish Council: **[www.culmington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.culmington-pc.gov.uk)** and for Munslow Parish Council: **[www.munslow-pc.gov.uk](http://www.munslow-pc.gov.uk)**.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

At this time, every year, Parish Councils are holding their Annual Meetings. There are two types of annual meeting which the Parish Council must hold. The Annual Parish Council Meeting is where the new chair of the council is elected and in an election year the councillors declare their Acceptance of Office. The council also sets the dates for future meetings, elects the representatives for outside bodies and reviews some of the policies and procedures – doesn't sound terribly exciting but it is legally required. However, the Annual Parish Meeting is much more exciting. This is an opportunity for members of the parish to meet with the Parish Councillors and discuss what things are important to them and how they would like to see the Parish Council spend their money. If

you would like to have your say please come along to the Annual Parish Meeting and find out what the Parish Council is planning and make suggestions for the future.

The Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings for:

**Culmington Parish** are at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 13th May** at Culmington Village Hall. To see the agendas please look at the Parish Council website a few days before the meeting: [www.culmington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.culmington-pc.gov.uk)

**Munslow Parish** are at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 14th May** at Munslow Village Hall (aka Beambridge Club Room). To see the agendas please look at the Parish Council website a few days before the meeting: [www.munslow-pc.gov.uk](http://www.munslow-pc.gov.uk).

## MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2025

**Attendance:** Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Richard Arnold, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, David Marston, Chris Meeson, Ed Povey and Graham Williams. In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council).

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Public Forum:** Two members of the public were in attendance. One asked the council to lobby the MP and Shropshire Association of Local Councils regarding the removal of hedgerows as part of agricultural schemes.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th February 2025 were approved as being an accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

**West Mercia Police:** The Community Support Officer, Lisa Thomas, reported that Operation Whitebeam had flooded the area with marked and unmarked police vehicles in the late evening to deal with rural crime. Farmers could contact the police re trackers for their vehicles. There had been reports of hare coursing in the Corvedale. If residents were experiencing speeding at particular times of day, they should please report that to the police so they can monitor the situation and target vehicles. Fly tipping could be reported to the police if the crime was taking place: once the fly tipping had taken place then this needed to be reported to Shropshire Council via FixMyStreet. The Council wished the priorities to remain the same for the Neighbourhood Policing Team: Speeding, Rural Crime, and Wildlife Crime.

**Correspondence:** The council duly acknowledged receipt of the letter from C Prince re speed restrictions on the B4368.

**Reports: Chair's Report:** Cllr Archer reported that the Caring for God's Acre team would be working at Munslow Closed Burial Ground on 14th March.

**Shropshire Council:** Cllr Motley had sent a report. The Council had held its last council meeting the previous week before it went into the pre-election period. They had settled the accounts for this financial year but further savings would need to be made in the next financial year. The Council had received the Care Quality Commission rating of 'good' after the inspection last June. They had been working on the Devolution Agenda. She expected that the review of parish boundaries would restart after the election.

**Munslow Village Hall:** Cllr Dobson reported that the hall would be short of income this year as Millichope would not be opening the gardens. There would be another breakfast in April and they might be organising a guided walk ending at the hall for refreshments. He was encouraging people to organise events that could be held at the hall.

**South Shropshire Area Committee:** H Coonick (Clerk) said there had been an update on arrangements for the elections. Stanton Lacy Parish Council was concerned about an increase in fly tipping which would hopefully reduce now the booking system at the recycling centre had stopped. Nash Parish Council was concerned about the cost to small councils of the elections. The Committee planned to invite John Campion, Police and

Crime Commissioner and a representative of the Planning Enforcement Team to future meetings.

**Accounts:** It was agreed that Cllr Dobson would become an online banking authoriser.

Members resolved to open a Lloyds Savings Account and transfer funds into the account, keeping only sufficient in the current account for everyday needs.

**Payments were authorised to:** D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) inv 705 £121.50; H Coonick and HMRC, Clerk's Salary Jan – March £933.40 and Travel expenses £18.90. Cllr Archer (reimbursement for Corvedale News) £8.00.

**Arrangements for the Parish Council Elections on 1st May 2025:** Nomination papers were available from Shropshire Council Elections Team for anyone wishing to stand as a parish councillor and they needed to be submitted to Shropshire Council by 2nd April.

**Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting:** The meeting would be publicised in the Corvedale News, parish council website and Facebook page. The agenda would be decided at the next meeting.

**Highways:** The Environmental Maintenance Contractor would be asked to take on clearance of drains and a monthly check of the drain at Broadstone.

The issue of ditch digging was discussed and it was agreed to check with Shropshire Council what responsibilities they had and whether this would be carried out this year. This, and the Environmental Maintenance Grant application and hourly rate for 2025/26 were deferred to the next meeting.

**Agenda 2030:** It was agreed to write to Stuart Anderson, MP and Shropshire Association of Local Councils regarding the removal of hedgerows as part of agricultural schemes.

**Trees in Munslow Burial Ground:** The report was considered and it was decided that work on two trees was required as a preventative measure. Three quotes would be obtained for work and any necessary planning applications would be made to Shropshire Council.

**Community Car Park at Munslow:** The Clerk had not had any response from Shropshire Council's solicitor re the Land Registry notification. The Council would write to the solicitor again with a copy to Shropshire Council's leader.

**Land Registry Applications:** There had been no response from the Land Registry about registration of the Munslow village hall lease, nor the application to remove registration of the Washwell. The issues were deferred to the next meeting.

**Items for the Next Meeting at 7.30pm Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at Munslow Village Hall:** a. Consider inviting candidates for the Corvedale Unitary Councillor Election b. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting c. Consider the Environmental Maintenance Grant Application and hourly rate for 2025/26 d. Update on community car park at Munslow Land Registry Notification e. Update on Registration of new lease for Munslow village hall with the Land Registry f. Update on community car park at Munslow Land Registry notification

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# CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2025

**Present:** Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mrs C Byng, Mrs M Holland, Mrs J Mear, Mr I Steele. In Attendance: Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

**Apologies for Absence:** Mr Ian Alderson, Mr J Turley and Ms J Watts.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Public Involvement Session:** Two members of the public were in attendance. Mr Andrew Mear reported that Shropshire Council had found the plans of the drain on Seifton Lane, installed in the 1990s, which he shared with councillors. Mr Mear had been asked by John Bellis, Shropshire Council, to arrange for the area in front of the outflow of the drain on Cllr Turley's land to be desilted. It was hoped that this would improve the drainage on Seifton Lane and allow for the drain cover to be repaired.

The Clerk read out a report from PCSO Lisa Thomas (West Mercia Police) who apologised for not being able to attend the meeting. She reported that there had been two crimes in Culmington Parish Council area during the last six months: both vehicle thefts. There had been no reports of hare coursing from Culmington but they were conducting regular patrols of the Corvedale as there had been reports in other areas. The team was keen to receive reports of offences as they occurred. They have recently conducted speed monitoring in Culmington village: the average speed of vehicles checked was 33.54 mph with one at 41mph and another at 45mph in the 40mph speed limit area. They had conducted a number of rural crime operations in the area which involved saturating the area with marked and unmarked vehicles during the evenings. They had visited farms offering security advice and supplied free SmartWater kits for farms that did not already have them. The Council wished to retain the same three priorities for the next six months: thefts (farm), speeding, and wildlife crime (which includes sheep worrying).

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved, subject to an amendment to entry 5.2 to mention that Cllr Mear asked that it state that 'the committee are seeking a new treasurer'. They were then signed by the Chair.

**Reports from Members: Shropshire Council** – Cllr Motley reported that SC had its last council meeting the previous week before it went into the pre-election period. They had settled the accounts for this financial year but further savings would need to be made next financial year. The Council had received the Care Quality Commission rating of 'good' after the inspection last June. They had been working on the Devolution Agenda. She expected that the review of parish boundaries would restart after the election.

**Village Hall Committee** – Cllr Mear reported that the AGM would be on 20th May.

**Flood Action Group** – Cllr Byng said that the Shropshire Wildlife Trust was visiting local farmers to look at storage ponds and how soil erosion might be prevented. The Trust also hoped to increase the leaky dams in Seifton Bache. The FAG had been informed by Shropshire Council that in future when a drain was being emptied it would also be jetted. Cllr Pike reported issues with water running from Sparchford Lane to the church after heavy rain. The Clerk would report this to Shropshire Council.

**South Shropshire Area Committee** – H Coonick (Clerk) reported that there had been an update on arrangements for the elections. Stanton Lacy Parish Council was concerned about an increase in fly tipping which would hopefully reduce now the booking system at the recycling centre had stopped. Nash Parish Council was concerned about the cost to small councils of the elections. The Committee planned to invite John Campion, Police and Crime Commissioner, and a representative of the Planning Enforcement Team to future meetings.

**Highways:** Consideration of the Environmental Maintenance funding application was deferred to the next meeting.

The Council would check to see whether Shropshire Council intended to clear ditches and if not to write a letter of objection.

# DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

**Apologies:** Cllr S Povall and Cllr A Rattu.

**In attendance:** The Clerk, Shropshire Cllr C Motley and one member of the public.

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

**Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd January 2025 were approved and two matters arising – relating to Severn Trent Water and the Craven Arms recycling centre – were dealt with.

**Reports: The Chairman** reported on his meeting with Severn Trent Water about their proposed new pipeline. He had completed a response to SC's budget consultation and their Emergency Planning Survey. He had handed out and displayed the avian flu posters. He had submitted a report on DPC's Precept Budget to the Corvedale News and dealt with the issue of new batteries for the defibrillator in Bouldon.

**Cllr Motley** confirmed that SC's move from Shirehall to the Guildhall on Frankwell Quay had almost been completed. The move put SC staff under much pressure as they were also gearing up for the elections in May. She reminded councillors they had until 4.30pm on 2nd April to submit their nomination forms if they wished to stand for re-election. Her last meeting with DPC would be in March as she was not standing for re-election.

**Mrs Worthington** reported on the numerous successful events which had been held at Westhope Village Hall. Community Lunches would be re-commencing in April. The WVH committee was seeking donations and grants to improve the heating. The Chairman invited the committee to submit a bid to DPC.

**Flood Action Group:** Cllr Martyn reported on his attendance at a Multi-Agency Flood

It was agreed to increase the Environmental Maintenance hourly rate for 2025-2026 to £19.00.

Shropshire Council Traffic Engineer Nick Newton had responded to the request to move the Vehicle Activated Sign at the western entrance to Culmington village further west, stating that the present site allowed drivers time to adjust to the speed limit and clear access for the solar panels. Moving the VAS would detract from the importance of the remaining signs. The Clerk had asked West Mercia Police if speed checks could be taken from the entrance to the village hall.

Any Village Gateways installed at the entrances to Culmington village on the verge would need to be at least 450mm from the highway. The narrowest gates available are 960mm. The Clerk would continue to investigate this and measure the verge at the speed limit sign. She would also check if there would be a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner for traffic calming in the new financial year.

**Flooding:** There had been a very useful site meeting with the Shropshire Council Flood Engineer and the plans for the drain had been found.

It was unlikely that Seifton Brook would be desilted this year. A Permit application would be submitted in mid-April.

**Items for the Annual Parish Meeting Agenda:** The Council would invite the Chair of the Flood Action Group and the Emergency Officer, Mr Hugh Disley, to the meeting. Consideration of parish boundaries would also be included in the agenda.

**Parish Council Election:** Nomination papers for the Parish Council Election on 1st May 2025 were now available from the Clerk or Shropshire Council for anyone interested in standing. The closing date for nominations is 2nd April.

**Risk Assessment:** it was agreed to include the need for specific Parish Councillor emails in the section on Cyber Security.

**Tree Preservation Order:** A preservation order has now been placed on the limes and pines opposite the Village Hall (TPO 2025 (SC/00530/25)).

**Blocked Bridleway:** There had been no response from Shropshire Councillor Macey (Portfolio Holder - Culture and Digital). It was agreed to write again and copy in Lezley Picton (Shropshire Council's leader).

**Ludlow Hospital:** Replies from both the Mayor of Ludlow and the MP said that they shared the Council's concerns about the health and wellbeing of parishioners and were engaging with relevant partners to develop an action plan that would make healthcare simpler, faster and fairer.

**Finance:** It was agreed that the Asset Register was accurate.

The Statement of Internal Controls was adopted.

It was agreed to retain £70.00 of the donations budget to support the Village Hall's maintenance of the defibrillator; to give donations of £35.00 each to Ludlow Hospital League of Friends, Shropshire Dial-a-Ride, Ripples Magazine and Midlands Air Ambulance.

Income of £250.00 from the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) was noted.

Payments were authorised to: Information Commissioner £47.00, H Coonick and HMRC for Salary Jan-March £889.85 and Travel Expenses £17.55, D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Inv 700 £54.00, J Williams (reimbursement Parish Paths Partnership) £171.46.

It was considered that the additional administration of a second – savings - account would outweigh the small amount of interest now paid on savings accounts.

**Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 1st April 2025:** a. Invite the candidates standing for Election for the Corvedale Division of Shropshire Council b. Agree the Environmental Maintenance Funding Application c. Consider installing village gateways d. consider the application for a licence for desilting Seifton Brook. e. Update on the blocked bridleway.

Heather Coonick Clerk/RFO  
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Forum meeting. He now had the co-ordinates for 52 leaky dams and he and Cllr O'Boyle would be surveying their condition. Cllr R Povall felt there should be at least 80 leaky dams locally to deal with flooding issues. Cllr Martyn noted that Highways had carried out repairs to the main drain in Pinstones Lane.

**Planning Applications:** Councillors considered application 24/00230/OHL to increase the height of the Moorwood Farm transformer, located at Moorwood Farm, Dinchope, from 9.5 metres to 11 metres. Councillors supported the application.

**Highways/Environmental Issues:** Further complaints had been received about the state of the road between the College and the Hillside development in Westhope. DPC had been advised it was scheduled for work in 2026 but would request earlier attention if possible.

**Communications and Correspondence:** Eleven items of correspondence were considered.

Item 10 was deferred to the next meeting. Item 11 was a communication and sets of draft plans from Connexus relating to the re-development of 3 and 4 Mill Lane. It was agreed that the proposed scheme was in line with DPC's discussions in July and this should be communicated to Connexus. A full planning application would then be awaited.

**Finance Matters:** The Finance Report for February 2025 was considered and cheques totalling £530.67 were approved for payment after which DPC held funds totalling £13,784.98. Cllr O'Boyle verified the reconciliation between DPC's cash book and HSBC's bank statement.

**Any Other Business:** No matters were raised, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 26th March 2025, 7.30pm at Westhope Village Hall.**

Agendas and full copies of the Minutes and finance reports can be viewed by visiting the Diddlebury Parish Council website at [www.diddleburyparish.co.uk](http://www.diddleburyparish.co.uk) or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett at No 12 Church Road, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, SY7 0DH Tel: 01547 519282 Email [diddleburypc@outlook.com](mailto:diddleburypc@outlook.com)



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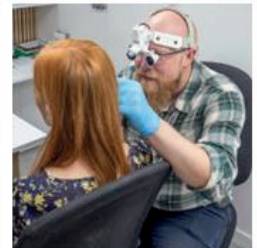
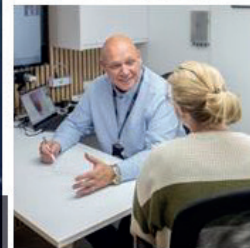
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<b>Broadstone</b>					
<b>Culmington</b>	11:15 HC		6pm HC	8:30 HC (BCP)	11:15 HC
<b>Diddlebury</b>	9:45 HC		11:15 HC	11:15 FS	9:45 HC
<b>Holdgate</b>	8:30 HC		8:30 HC		8:30 HC
<b>Munslow</b>	6pm EP		9:45 HC	9:45 HC	6pm EP
<b>Tugford</b>			Holy Communion for Easter at 7:30pm on Saturday 19th		

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

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19th April, Easter Eve: 7:30pm Easter Vigil and Holy Communion at Tugford