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*St Michael's, Munslow at Easter*

*Rev'd John Beesley*

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# **YOUR LOCAL 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.

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CONTACT NO</b>
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Rowland Price	Abdon and Heath	07974 972364
Chris Yarwood	Abdon and Heath	07977 912322
Chris Snow	Abdon and Heath	07791 851515
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# 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...			
			Picking up shopping	Collecting prescriptions	Urgent errands	A friendly phone call
Abdon	Margaret	01746 712296				✓
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				✓
Lower Corfton	Karen	01584 861607				✓
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  
[corvedalehelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:corvedalehelpinghands@gmail.com)



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## Community Contacts



### **SOUTH SHROPSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE**

You can access information and advice at our South Shropshire Bureau by calling into the Ludlow Youth Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow:

10am - 3pm  
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

or by ringing the  
Countrywide Telephone Advice Line:  
03444 991100

10am - 3pm Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday  
and  
Tuesday 10am - 6pm

or [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

Patients of Shrewsbury Road Doctors' Surgery in Craven Arms are able to book appointments directly with the existing CA outreach by contacting the surgery.

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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 841068 Clerk - 07513 780268

## Church Contacts



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### **Catholic Church**

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### **Methodist Chapel**

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

## Church News



## Letter from the Rectory

We begin this month in Holy Week, remembering the events that led up to Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion before we come to remember his rising to new life on Easter Day. In our services in the days of Holy Week and Easter we do what we can to experience the events we remember, with all the emotional ups and downs that can bring, so that when we come to Easter Day we have a more complete appreciation of what it is that we celebrate. I always think that as we journey through the events of Holy Week our experience of them is affected by the fact that we know how the story ends. We know that Jesus will die on the cross but that he will come back to life a few days later, so we do not experience the full despair felt by those who witnessed the crucifixion, or the same level of joy they felt when they realised that Jesus really had returned from the dead. Being, collectively, in a situation unlike any we have ever experienced, which brings with it both sorrow and joy, I wonder if we can have a better understanding of that first Easter as it may have been experienced by those who knew Jesus?

This will be our second Easter in Coronavirus restrictions. Last year we found ourselves doing everything online with the churches closed and a good deal of uncertainty about what lay ahead for us all. I remember last year feeling a particular resonance with the events we remember on Good Friday as I thought about the disciples and how they must have been feeling. This year we have been able to plan to have a mix of services - online and in church - and the continued progress of the vaccination programme means that the way ahead looks more hopeful than it has for a while. Around us we see signs of new life and hope: we are reminded that, as St Augustine put it, 'We are an Easter people - and alleluia is our song!'. Public health concerns may stop us actually singing 'alleluia' (or anything else) this year, but even so I wish you, when we get there, a very Happy Easter.

Details of the services are given elsewhere in the magazine and you are welcome to join us, either in church or online as we celebrate.

*Rev'd John Beesley*

## St Peter's, Diddlebury

After all these months of inactivity it is good to be able to announce that some much needed fund-raising is starting up again, provided of course that the easing of restrictions continues on schedule. One of our best loved events has always been the annual Plant Sale and we are hoping that it will return on **Friday 14th** and **Saturday 15th May** as a **Pop-Up Garden Centre** in the churchyard. We shall be using the church marquee (with open sides) and of course we will have to observe social distancing. No cakes or cups of tea, I am afraid, but our usual array of plants grown in the Dale, and well suited to our growing conditions. Open from **10.00 till 4.00** on both days, so come along and get stocked up for the summer, and help to keep the church solvent!

*Martin Speight.*



## Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



## April 2021

4th	Easter Decorations	11th	Mrs Jones*
18th	Mrs Jones	25th	Mrs Jones

*\*Brasses Only*

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

## From the Registers



## Funerals

24th February	Beryl Scarrett	Culmington
1st March	Dennis Jubb	Culmington

## RSPB Walks 2021

Group walks with a maximum of 6 people starting on **4th April**.



Date	Time	Location	Contact
4th April	10.00am	Sowdley Wood, Clunton	SO 33789 80665 Dave Pearce 07791 180488
10th April	10.00am	East side of Titterstone Clee	SO 599768 Lionel Bridge 07799 151458
9th May	09.00am	Bridges, Rattlinghope	SO 396964 Geoff Hall 07813 570217
6th June	10.00am	Ashes Hollow, Long Mynd	SO 44145 91969 Dave Stafford 07407 150213
10th July	10.30am	Brown Clee	SO 605874 Carol Wood 07807 068304

***What's Happening on May 6th?***

It's **Election Day** for Parish Councils and also Unitary Elections, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Town Councils.

Have you ever considered getting involved in your local parish council? Every 4 years all councillors stand down and an election takes place to fill the seats on the council, and this is the year it happens. All nominations must be submitted to Shropshire Council by **8th April**.

**Could you help benefit your local community?**

- By representing the wishes of the local people
- By considering improvements and planning matters
- By bringing new ideas that might benefit the parish

**What is involved in being a parish councillor?**

- A willingness to serve your community
- Attendance at meetings (usually once a month)
- Voluntarily giving of your time

**How can you find out more?**

- Information can be found on your local parish website
- Training Courses are available

Please think about what you have to offer your local community.

Your local parish councils, chairs and contact details are as follows. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more information about becoming a parish councillor.

**Munslow**  
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**Barbara Archer**  
[www.munslowparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.munslowparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Diddlebury**  
01584 841068

**David Hedgley**  
[www.diddleburyparish.co.uk](http://www.diddleburyparish.co.uk)

**Culmington**  
01584 861306

**Ian Steele**  
[www.culmington.org](http://www.culmington.org)

**Abdon and Heath**  
07791 851515

**Chris Snow**  
[www.abdon.org.uk](http://www.abdon.org.uk)

***South Shropshire Climate Action (SSCA)*****Climate Crisis - What can we do and what difference can we make in rural Shropshire?**

South Shropshire Climate Action (SSCA) was set up in November 2019 following a public meeting in Craven Arms of concerned citizens. The first activity was a very successful online conference in September 2020 which strongly supported the idea of local action to combat the twin threats of Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss. Philip Dunne, our local MP, attended both meetings and encouraged the initiative which covers the whole of the Ludlow constituency. A similar campaign is taking place in the rest of the county by Shropshire Climate Action Partnership (SCAP) and the two organisations are working closely together.

SSCA's objective is to create an action plan for the achievement of Net Zero Carbon emissions in South Shropshire by 2030 and, in conjunction with others, to implement the plan as far as possible.

There are three working groups, focussing on Buildings & Energy, Transport, and Land & Biodiversity - and a fourth group concentrating on Communities and Education including the creation and maintenance of a website so that materials are available for community groups and schools.

Our second online conference is planned for **22nd May 2021**. There is still time to join one of the working groups. And we would be pleased to hear from you if you would like to know more.

A lot of inspiring local actions are already happening. We can make a difference by working together and drawing on a wealth of expertise that is already in our midst!

We really value local expertise and knowledge. We would like to find out:

- What's the best thing which has happened in the last year to help cut greenhouse gas emissions or loss of natural habitat?
- What are the most important things which need to happen next?
- What support is required to make that happen?

Please get in touch:

[info@southshropshireclimateaction.org](mailto:info@southshropshireclimateaction.org)  
[www.southshropshireclimateaction.org](http://www.southshropshireclimateaction.org)

***Ludlow Racecourse Fixtures 2021***

You may wish to note the following dates on your calendar and avoid the racecourse on these days!  
Wednesday 21st April

Sunday 9th May  
Monday 24th May  
Wednesday 6th October  
Thursday 21st October

Thursday 4th November  
Monday 22nd November  
Monday 6th December  
Wednesday 22nd December



## April Crossword - by Artemonas



## ACROSS

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| 1) Become sick after church.<br>A cold perhaps (5)       | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |    |     |
| 4) Goes round when using the<br>right nuts (5)           | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79  | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98  | 99 | 100 |
| 10) The right one in bed on a<br>royal head? (7)         | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 11) It turns back without much<br>light when nervous (5) | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 12) The Royal Engineers are<br>not here (5)              | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 13) Shorten a card game (7)                              | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 15) A part of petroleum<br>production (4)                | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 17) Grown badly is incorrect (5)                         | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 19) Manage return before he<br>finds time (5)            | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 22) Fire becomes widespread (4)                          | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 25) He'd run amok and died<br>this century (7)           | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 27) Left on it, he becomes<br>supple (5)                 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 29) Taught how to keep poles<br>apart (5)                | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 30) Very old canine, bizarrely<br>beginning to talk (7)  | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 31) Buried as a terrible end in ancient city (5)         | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |
| 32) Join then untie oddly (5)                            | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81  | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |    |     |

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| 2) First harness or reins stop energetic animal (5)   | 16) Tyrant in progress (4)                   |
| 3) Light rental review before November (7)            | 18) Neglected and given a briefing (3-4)     |
| 5) Barry must stay away from dairy product, say (5)   | 20) A pencil drawing of a bird (7)           |
| 6) CID man with nothing moves from place to place (7) | 21) Box from Manchester (5)                  |
| 7) Sharp reduction in emergency part of hospital (5)  | 23) Most ladies think its perfect (5)        |
| 8) Take loose slate (5)                               | 24) Unimportant small change? (5)            |
| 9) A snake more angry when beheaded (5)               | 26) Odd. There's no way to the mountains (5) |
| 14) Worker, loud to complain (4)                      | 28) Stealing the newspaper (5)               |

## ANSWERS TO MARCH'S CROSSWORD:

## Footpath Maintenance Group

January was a wash-out, and far too wet to work the soil, but despite lockdown, we were able to do some repairs to footpaths in February working in pairs. It certainly was 'exercise' at times!

Many of you will be ecstatic by the change at Christmas Cross. The stile here has been in a bad state of repair for many years, and I know it is a well-walked path. It's not far from the bottom of the track leading down from Corfton, where the badger sett is, leading steeply up into, (or down from) the field is a smart new kissing gate with a few extra steps to help negotiate the terrain.

We even put a bar of wood to warn walkers of the rather large badger hole, beware! Also, if you approach the path from the track, watch where you tread, as the grass verge here is where the badgers have their latrine!



There are four stiles leading up from Middlehope to the Shropshire Way on Wenlock Edge.

All four were in need of attention and are now quite respectable and easier to negotiate. The ground is steeply sloping up and across three fields. As there is no vehicular access it was really hard work lugging the tools and equipment up and down the slope! In the photo, (the 'awkward' stile at the bottom of the slope), we are actually 'socially distanced', and we did not work together in a group. We just posed here for the photo, courtesy of Scott Donovan.



*Jenny Vine, Co-ordinator*

## 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.

We hope to start working parties again from April, provided there are no changes in the lifting of lockdown restrictions. The planned dates are:

**April:**      Wednesday 21st      Friday 23rd      Sunday 25th

## Help required!

Shropshire Wildlife Trust has been contacted by the Marcher Apple network which is appealing for volunteers in south west Shropshire. Their committee is getting older and struggling to keep the group going. So if anyone in south west Shropshire is interested in helping with their work which involves preserving, advertising old varieties of apples and other fruit trees and caring for their own orchards please get in touch with the Marcher Apple network directly ([www.marcherapple.net](http://www.marcherapple.net)). Their orchards are at Westhope, near Craven Arms, and in Herefordshire and Powys.

The Marcher Apple network also has a few surplus apple trees, unusual varieties, for just £5 each. You can find more details on their website under news.



# Marcher Apple Network



*Poetry Corner*

**Some verses for April.** If you have written any poems, or have any favourites you would like to have printed in future editions of the Corvedale News, please send them to [editor@corvedalenews.com](mailto:editor@corvedalenews.com)

**Ruth Pitter: Yorkshire Wife's Saga**

*A traditional poet who was championed by  
Philip Larkin and C S Lewis*

War was her life, with want and the wild air;  
Not for life only; she was out to win.  
Houses and ground were cheap, out on the bare  
Moor, and the land not bad; they could begin,  
Now that the seven sons were mostly men.

Two acres and a sow, on hard-saved brass;  
Men down the mine, and mother did the rest.  
Pity, with all those sons, they had no lass;  
No help, no talk, no mutual interest,  
Made fourteen slaving hours empty at best.

Fierce winter mornings, up at three or four;  
Men bawl, pigs shriek against the raving beck.  
Off go the eight across the mile of moor,  
With well-filled dinner-pail and sweat-ragged neck;  
But pigs still shriek, and wind blows door off sneck.

Of course they made it; what on earth could stop  
People like that? Marrying one by one,  
This got a farm, the other got a shop;  
Now she was left with but the youngest son,  
But she could look about and feel she'd won.

Doctor had told her she was clean worn out.  
All pulled to bits, and nowt that he could do.  
But plenty get that way, or die, without  
Having a ruddy ten-quid note to show.  
She'd got seven thriving sons all in a row.

And grandchildren. She liked going by bus  
Or train, to stay a bit in those snug homes.  
They were her colonies, fair glorious.  
"Sit by the fire, ma, till the dinner comes.  
Sit by the fire and cuddle little lass."

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**Joyce Grenfell: Old Tyme Dancing**

*So clever and amusing*

My neighbour, Mrs Fanshaw, is portly, plump and gay.  
She must be over sixty-seven if she is a day.  
You might have thought her life was dull. It's one long whirl instead.  
I asked her all about it, and this is what she said:

I've joined an Old Time Dance Club. The trouble is that there  
Are too many ladies over, and no gentlemen to spare.  
It seems a shame; it's not the same, but still it has to be:  
Some ladies have to dance together. One of them is me.

So stately as a galleon I sail across the floor,  
Doing the Military Two-step as in the days of yore.  
I dance with Mrs Tiverton. She's light on her feet, in spite of  
Turning the scale at fourteen stone, and being of medium height.

So gay the band, so giddy the sight, full evening dress is a must.  
But the zest goes out of a beautiful waltz  
When you dance it bust to bust.

So, stately as two galleons, we sail across the floor,  
Doing the Valse Valeta as in the days of yore.  
The gent is Mrs Tiverton and I am her lady fair.  
She bows to me ever so nicely and I curtsy to her with care.

So gay the band, so giddy the sight, but it's not the same in the end.  
For a lady is never a gentleman, though she may be your bosom friend.

So, stately as two galleons, we sail across the floor,  
Doing the dear old Lancers, as in the days of yore.  
I'm led by Mrs Tiverton. She whirls me round and round  
And though she manoeuvres me wonderfully well  
I never get off the ground.

So gay the band, so giddy the sight, I try not to get depressed;  
And it's done me a power of good to explode  
And get this lot off my chest.

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*Joyce Grenfell*



*Corvedale Book Group**The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht

Tea Obreht started life in Belgrade, Yugoslavia in 1985, moving to Cyprus and then Egypt at the age of seven and the USA when she was 12. *The Tiger's Wife* won the Orange Prize for fiction in 2011. It is a very complex and multi-layered book which displays a deep understanding of complex emotions. The story weaves together a mix of family history, folklore, war and how we make sense of the place of death in society.

Natalia, the narrator, recounts the story of her childhood, adolescence, and time at medical school, focusing on frequent trips to the zoo, to feed the animals and worship the tiger, along with her grandfather, who always carries his childhood copy of the *Jungle Book* in his top pocket. Her grandparents are an important part of her life with her mother. Her grandmother feeds and nurtures the household with food and stories. Her grandfather, a respected doctor, had a strong bond with her. He gets her and her friend Zora out of several scrapes, rescuing them even when he doesn't approve of what they are doing. When he develops a serious illness, it is Natalia he tells in confidence. By this point war has begun. The population is cross that the zoo has been closed and protests. When the zoo is bombed, the tiger escapes.

The grandfather was brought up in a rural village called Galina which was rife with poverty, prejudice, abuse and in-fighting. He lived with his grandmother and became a keen observer of how people around him behaved. He was also keen to help the underdog, in the form of the abused deaf-mute wife of Luka the butcher. As a nine-year old boy, he too encounters war and another escaped tiger, which forms a bond between him and Luka's wife. Both form a lasting impression on him. When he moves from the village, becomes a doctor and marries a woman from 'the other side', he has strong values of love and tolerance.

In helping the sick and injured he encounters 'the deathless man' (Death's nephew), on several occasions, who eventually makes him repay the bet they made.

As an adult, Natalia too helps those damaged by war and with Zora sets off on a journey to vaccinate orphan children. She learns that her grandfather died alone in a nearby village and tries to discover more about his death and bring his belongings back to her grandmother so she can complete her mourning.

The writing is detailed, with fascinating descriptive passages, but the three interwoven plots make it initially difficult to get into. In many ways it is full of horror, of the vicious and divisive prejudice of one community against another, ultimately terminating in the devastation of a nationalistic war and its aftermath in a divided country. It is also about family, love, caring, loyalty and resilience. Wound around all the stories is the importance of making sense of the experiences which happen to us, whether through mythology, superstition or science.

The majority of the book group members enjoyed the book and found it thought provoking, even though some people had read it before. Aspects of the book were dark and depressing and related not only to that war, but other current ones in Syria, Yemen and Myanmar, and there was a sadness that we learn and gain so little from them. The focus on the impact of illness and death also had a resonance for the current pandemic and how the world is learning to adjust to unforeseen happenings in our time. Then, as now, aspects of life are 'on hold'.

When we next get together after Easter on **8th April**, we will be discussing **H.E. Bates' *Fair Stood the Wind for France***.

*Cath Burley*

*Middlehope Celebrates...*

Thanks to the unstinting work of Diddlebury Parish Council Clerk, Mrs Jean de Rusett, Middlehope and Bache Mill now have their own grit bins. A real cause for celebration! Many thanks and very well done Jean from all the residents in Bache Mill and Middlehope.



*Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group (FAG)*

As part of the Shropshire Flood Action Group Forum, we have attended Zoom meetings with several senior members of Shropshire Council including Professor Mark Barrow (Director of Place), Steve Smith (Assistant Director of Infrastructure) and John Bellis (Flood Risk Manager) and also senior members of Severn Trent. These face-to-face meetings are useful in that they give us a direct link to individuals who are near the top of the relevant decision-making processes in the Council and to whom we can appeal if our contacts lower down the hierarchy are being stymied by bureaucracy.

Shropshire Council has indicated that it is willing and able to provide funding to Flood Action Groups for the provision of things such as sand bags (or their modern equivalent - Flood Sax), road signs for use during flooding and so on. The Forum has carried out a survey of all its member Groups to quantify what is needed and the results of this will be passed to the Council for action. As part of this process we have been updating our Flood Response Plan (FRP) to ascertain what is needed locally. Our FRP is predicated on triggers, which in Diddlebury are the flow levels in the Diddle brook as shown on the level gauge by the road bridge. As there are no equivalent gauges in the Pye brook, we are pushing for the provision of a new flow level gauge in the Pye brook above Bouldon so that settlements downstream have some early warning of flooding. The one in Diddlebury has proved to be very useful.

In line with the above, we are trying to recruit a volunteer in each of the settlements we cover to act on our behalf at times of flooding - first preference being the Core Group Member in that location. In particular, we are looking

for anyone who has useful skills (first aid etc.) or useful equipment (4x4 etc.). We also could do with sites for storage of sand bags etc. in most settlements. The NFF offer training to volunteers and have also set up insurance products to cover the actions of all such volunteers (including those involved in regular stream clearances, litter picking etc.). We are currently investigating these to see which we need as a Group.

There is a good chance of ongoing funding for the Slow the Flow project in the Corvedale after the end of the current one which has now been completed. The report on this project, which will include the report from Cardiff University on the effectiveness of leaky dams, will be published in the next month or so.

Otherwise, we continue with the usual grind of trying to get Highways to clear blocked gulleys (like the perennially blocked one in Mill Lane, Diddlebury) and more urgently, the undermined wall in Bouldon.

We have applied to Shropshire Council for a new Ordinary Watercourse Consent (OWC) which we need in order to carry out any work in the Diddle brook. Our current one expires in May.

We continue to monitor all incoming Planning Applications thanks to the assistance of Diddlebury Parish Council.

We have requested £50 from the Diddlebury Parish Council for the FAG to top up the amount already allocated.

Although we have not been able to hold any meetings for what seems like years, the work of the FAG goes on.

*Geoff Neden*

*Old Corvedale*

We received this photograph from Sheila Williams of a scene outside the Swan Inn, Aston Munslow, but we have been unable to find out much information about it. What we have gleaned is that it was probably taken either just before or just after WW2 and that it possibly features members of the Ludlow Hunt. There is a suggestion that one of the mounted riders is Walter Davis' father. If any of our readers has any more information about this picture we would love to hear from you. Please email [photos@corvedalenews.co.uk](mailto:photos@corvedalenews.co.uk).

A number of our readers got in touch following the picture of the bull at Glebe Farm, Diddlebury in last month's edition. The photo dates from 1914. We are led to believe that the then owner of Glebe Farm was an Edwin Cox who was a Hereford cattle breeder and the bull in the picture is his stock bull shown with his worker 'Jackson'. Edwin Cox was apparently also clerk to the Parish Council.



*If you have an interesting photograph of 'Old Corvedale' which you would like to share with us, we should be happy to consider including it in a future edition of the Corvedale News*

*The Corvedale Kitchen***Sweet Potato, Butternut Squash & Smoked Chilli Soup**

*Another new contributor this month. A really warming soup which can be made more luxurious with addition of some cream. Serves 4*

**Ingredients**

25g butter or tablespoon of olive oil	1/2 small red chilli, finely diced
1 clove garlic	750ml vegetable stock
225g sweet potato	2 teaspoons wholegrain mustard
1 small butternut squash, washed, deseeded and diced into 3 cm cubes (leave skin on)	1 tablespoon parmesan cheese, finely grated
1/4 teaspoon sweet smoked paprika	125ml of double cream (optional)
	Salt and freshly ground black pepper

**Method**

- 1) Melt the butter in a large pan (or warm the olive oil).
- 2) Add the garlic, sweet potato and butternut squash, stir, cover and cook for 10 minutes on a medium heat.
- 3) Add the smoked paprika and red chilli and cook for a couple of minutes, stirring
- 4) Add the stock and bring to the boil, cover and simmer for about 20 minutes or until the sweet potato and butternut squash are cooked through
- 5) Allow to cool a little and then stir in the mustard and parmesan, blend until smooth (adding more stock if you feel it is too thick at this point)
- 6) Add the cream, if using, season to taste and gently reheat for a couple of minutes before serving.

*Can be frozen before the addition of the cream (if using).*

*Jayne Husband*

***Don't forget! If you have any favourite recipes you would like to share, do email them to editor@corvedalenews.co.uk. Please don't include anything that's tricky to make, has too many ingredients, or contains anything we can't spell, pronounce, or buy locally!***

**Mobile Library Service**

In line with Government guidance, the Mobile Libraries will be back on the road from **12th April**, offering 'Ready Reads' only (click and collect) to begin with, where borrowers pick up a bag of staff selected books at their normal stop. They will be doing two weeks on the road, two weeks off for the first eight weeks. A decision will be made in May as to what happens after that. Drivers will be contacting all their borrowers to let them know and to take orders for their 'Ready Reads'.

**Route 2** - Culmington

**Route 9** - Diddlebury / Aston Munslow

**Route 10** - Bouldon / Haytons Bent

Please note these dates may change if Government guidance changes. You can check the timings of the mobile library stops on the website:

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/)

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On the road dates are as follows:

Route	Day	First Visit	Second Visit
2	Tuesday	20th April	18th May
3	Wednesday	21st April	19th May
4	Thursday	22nd April	20th May
5	Friday	23rd April	21st May
8	Monday	12th April	10th May
9	Tuesday	13th April	11th May
10	Wednesday	14th April	12th May
11	Thursday	15th April	13th May
12	Friday	16th April	14th May



*Corvedale Past and Present***Mediaeval and Fishy?**

Those that work, those that pray, and those that fight - but who got the fish?

Last time I wrote about mediaeval fish and fishing around our coasts and felt a little guilty that I wasn't able to bring that 'home' to any degree. So I judged I should write 'local' this time, in the context of three broad categories of mediaeval society, though in all honesty it's a rather scanty classification.

South Shropshire's fields are really rich in 'humps' with many resonances of a distant past and in particular many of them can be related to water filled features.

So, to our fishy thoughts - and what we can say of fish ponds, stews, moats and fry ponds. Who built them? At the behest of whom? Who looked after them and who ate the fish, and when?

The mediaeval church in Western Europe used to forbid the eating of meat for about a third of the year, taking into account yearly festivals, saints' days and fast days.

Fighting was the thing that really set the upper echelons of society apart (the professional peasant soldier came on the scene later), and, for them, fish ponds were not only a status symbol, but also a resource when they felt they had to refrain from eating meat. In the Peasants' Revolt of 1381 the fish ponds or 'stews' in Southwark, opposite London on the South Bank of the Thames, were so associated with the nobility that they were a natural target for the would-be revolutionaries.

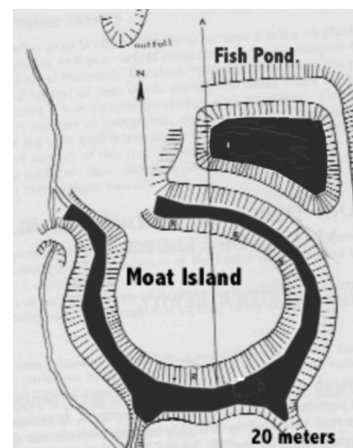
It was essential for 'those who prayed' – priests, bishops, and monks - that a source of fish (which was effectively any living aquatic beast), should be near at hand, so if no sea or river fish were available the monastic or episcopal fish pond was a 'must have'.

For those who worked, the peasantry, who made up the vast bulk of the population, fish ponds meant work! It was a normal part of the management that the ponds were drained every three to five years, and the pools restocked. The pond silt was regarded as highly valuable and extremely fertile and this would be carted off to be spread on the peasants' or the lord's fields.

Over time, the old orders started to break down, particularly after about 1300, and many 'middling sorts', such as merchants or the more prosperous peasant farmer, started renting their own fish-ponds. From then on, the process became a lot more commercial, particularly with the introduction of the carp from Europe which was fast growing and needed little feeding.

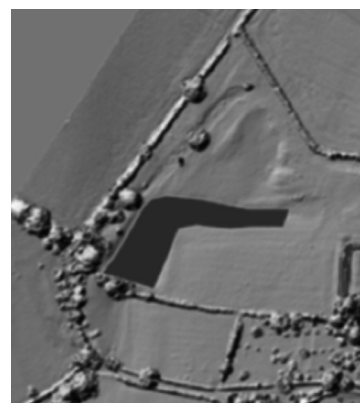
How does this play out locally? There are a surprising number of recognised mediaeval fish ponds in our area, and many more mediaeval moats surrounding the houses

of the gentry and nobles. Moats would have had a very similar function to fish ponds and they were all about status rather than defence. Although many have found their way into the official records, many more suspected fish ponds dating from mediaeval times have not. I will give a couple of local examples.



High on the flank of Titterstone Clee is the village of Cleeton St Mary, where church and village were a Victorian creation. However, travel a little downhill to the northwest and there is what English Heritage believe is a rounded moated site and adjacent fish pond and, in close attendance, a now deserted mediaeval settlement.

On the gently sloping plateau between the Brown Clee and The Corvedale, there is an apparently isolated Chapel dating from 1100 or so, at Heath. The Chapel would have been in no way isolated in the mediaeval times. It was surrounded by a substantial village spread over some 15 to 16 acres. Just to the north of the Chapel are some interesting earthworks, which most probably represent a moated structure (partially seen to the right) and an adjacent fish pond (to the left).



It's no surprise that the two structures stand cheek by jowl in both examples. There are well over 200 known mediaeval moats in Shropshire alone. Fish ponds are usually more difficult to recognise and the two can occur separately or together, where they represent a pretty substantial piece of water engineering.

*Peter Cornah*

*Afterthoughts:* English Heritage get pretty excited about Cleeton because round moats are uncommon; they are usually square or oblong. They probably represent an earlier phase when moats started appearing in the 13th century.

Secondly, the 'Southwark Stews' were the mediaeval red light district of London, the name being transferred from the aquaculture enterprise to one of a rather different nature. It's usually stated that the ownership of this latter 'industry' was in hands of the Bishop of Winchester!

## Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch (CSW)

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**CSW Sessions:** As and when the Covid-19 restrictions are gradually lifted, our Munslow Community Speed Watch sessions will begin again. However, whilst the traffic lights in Munslow continue to operate they are doing some of the work for us by slowing down the traffic as they pass through the double bend. Unfortunately, local residents still observe vehicles ignoring the 30mph limit as they enter and leave the village.

**NPCC National Seatbelt and Mobile Phone Campaign:** Plans for how our CSW team can be involved with this initiative are still to be confirmed.

**IAM RoadSmart:** Leafing through my husband's Spring 2021 issue of the IAM (The Institute for Advanced Motorists) member's magazine for advanced drivers and riders, I noticed that the organisation offers a 'Managing

Speed' course for those of us who have experienced occasions where our speed has crept up unawares. The short one-off session is designed to improve the ability to drive proactively at the appropriate speed and provide techniques for monitoring and controlling speed. Alternatively, there is a 'Managing Speed' e-learning module which takes around 20 minutes to complete. I plan to try out these courses when restrictions allow. You can find out more about both courses at [www.iamroadsmart.com](http://www.iamroadsmart.com).

**CSW Training:** Mark Booth (our Mercia Police liaison officer) has offered to arrange some Speed Watch training sessions as soon as possible. Anyone who is interested and has a spare hour, will need to complete a simple security form which can be obtained from me at the email address below.

*Rebecca Bull ([peter17bull@btinternet.com](mailto:peter17bull@btinternet.com))*

## Diddlebury Village Hall

[www.diddleburyvillagehall.org](http://www.diddleburyvillagehall.org)

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### DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL REMAINS CLOSED FOR THE PRESENT

Government guidelines suggest that the earliest date for opening the Hall for indoor events will be **17th May 2021**. We are hopeful that classes and events will be able to resume shortly after this date, but as the situation regarding Covid-19 is changing day by day, **please refer to our Facebook and Website pages for details nearer the time.**

### LOOKING FORWARD:

**DON'T FORGET - KEEP AN EYE ON FACEBOOK AND THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER NEWS!**



We've got the venue  
We've got the equipment  
We've got the projectionist -  
All we need now is a shot in the arm!!  
**Flicks in the Sticks will be back - SOON!**

### A Bring-People-Together Party! Mid to Late Summer 2021



There are friends and neighbours we haven't seen for more than a year - and some new neighbours we haven't seen at all. As soon as we've all had our vaccinations and the government allows, we plan to hold a Bring-People-Together Party at the Hall, with specific invitations going out to anyone who has moved into the area since the first lock-down. We welcome any ideas, suggestions, offers of help, etc in the planning and organisation of the event.

### Fun and Fund-Raising! Autumn/Christmas 2021



We're looking forward to working with our friends at Diddlebury Church to organise this year's Harvest Supper and a Christmas Fair, both to be held at the Hall. Firm dates are difficult to establish at present, but the possibilities are October for the Supper and November for the Fair. Again, please let us know if you can help with ideas and/or assistance in person for these events.



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

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**STEP UP SHROPSHIRE****Financial support during lockdown**

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

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

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Call us on 0345 678 9078 to find out more

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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





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*Sutton Court and the Powell family***Part Three: Charles and Louisa**

As noted last month, Charles Fletcher succeeded to the estates in 1806 and took on his father's name, and it might be thought that the circumstances of his birth would have been something of an embarrassment. We must remember, however, that this was Regency period, and the dead hand of Victorian respectability had not yet cast its gloomy shadow over the land. In fact Charles Powell was not the only illegitimate landowner in the parish in the early nineteenth century, for William Beddoes of Sparchford and Thomas Lloyd Roberts of Corfton Hall were both similarly placed. Charles Powell took his place in county society, and served as a magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant.

Although as yet no documentary evidence has come to light, it is certain that the large scale rebuilding of the Court was undertaken during Charles Powell's time as owner, and it is to this work that the building owes much of its present appearance. It may be that the work was undertaken in preparation for, or as a result of, his marriage. In April 1843, at the age of 62, he married Louisa Coombe of Stoke St. Milborough at Stoke church. Louisa was forty years old at this time, so the likelihood of an heir was fairly remote. Nothing is known to me of how they came together, though it is possible that the family papers may contain the answer. Louisa was the daughter of Captain William Coombe RN, who had died in the West Indies in 1808.

William Coombe's exploits in the Caribbean read like an episode of *Hornblower*. In 1807 as a Lieutenant commanding the *Galatea* he had captured the French vessel *Lynx*. After bitter fighting on deck the ship was secured at the third attempt, but Coombe was hit in the thigh by a musket ball, above a previous amputation. The *Lynx* was taken into the Royal Navy as HM Sloop *Heureux*, refitted in Antigua and sent into action under Coombe as Captain. The following year he was killed by a cannon ball while leading his men on a night raid on ships in a harbour on the island of Guadeloupe.

What brought Coombe's widow and her daughter from their home in Plymouth to Shropshire is not known. Both were staying as guests at Sutton Court when the 1841 census was taken, and, when Charles and Louisa were married, Mrs Coombe came to live at the Court. She died in 1856 aged 70, having been a widow for 48 of those years, and it is interesting to note that Charles Powell was in fact five years older than his mother-in-law. In 1868 Powell died, aged 87, and was buried in the churchyard at Diddlebury by the porch. Unusually, he was commemorated by two monuments. One was erected on the north wall of the Chancel, in the same style as those of his father and grandfather. A large monument was erected by his widow over his grave in the churchyard, which also commemorates Mrs Coombe and her husband.

Charles Powell's will may seem somewhat strange to many people now, but was perfectly normal in the nineteenth century. Louisa was given a life interest in the estate, after which it became 'entailed' – which meant that it is passed down through the nearest male relative until the line ceased. This practice was used to keep estates together by making it impossible for a spendthrift heir to sell off part or all of the property to pay his debts. Apart from its unfairness to the widow, entails caused no end of trouble and a great deal of income for lawyers. Many readers will be familiar with the anxiety caused to the Bennett family in *Pride and Prejudice* by the spectre of Mr Collins inheriting their home on Mr Bennett's death. The entail on the Sutton Court estate was not so contentious, but as we shall see in next month's article, led to some strange circumstances.

Louisa lived at the Court until her death in April 1898 at the age of 95. Under the terms of the will she was given a choice of a lump sum of £1,000 and an annuity of £100 for life, or an annuity of £400 for life. Let us hope that she chose the latter option! She also came into a small sum from her mother's estate on the death of Charles, so she should have been fairly comfortably off. As a widow she lived a very quiet, almost reclusive, life with only a couple of servants. She did, however, leave one lasting memorial, for in 1876 she purchased a piece of land at the lower end of Corve Street in Ludlow where two years later she established an almshouse for five poor inhabitants of Diddlebury and Stanton Lacy who had been engaged in agriculture. In those days, when the workhouse was the only refuge for the elderly poor, the little brick cottages must have seemed like heaven. They still exist, providing homes for the needy, though the terms of the charity have been widened as there are few indigent farm workers seeking accommodation today.

*To be continued.*

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*Charles Powell's monument in Diddlebury churchyard*

## Potholes

As you have probably noticed many of the roads in South Shropshire are in a perilous state of repair. Large potholes which could cause serious damage to vehicles or accident / injury to motorcyclists / cyclists have been appearing all over the county.

If you spot a pothole please report it to Shropshire Council online at Pothole maintenance and repair:

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/highways-maintenance/pothole-maintenance-and-repair/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/highways-maintenance/pothole-maintenance-and-repair/)

or by telephoning 0345 6789006.



## Westhope Village Hall



### WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL REMAINS CLOSED DUE TO CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

We are looking forward to reopening, hopefully from week beginning **17th May 2021**.

We are putting an exciting calendar of events together which will be published in the May Corvedale News. Our first event starting on a weekly basis is **Yoga. Thursday mornings, 10.30 - 11.30**. Everyone welcome.

All enquiries to Amie 07486414742 or Betty 07860447397.

*We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the village hall.*

## Munslow Women's Institute



We are all very much looking to being allowed to meet up safely before too long.

Meanwhile, some members are busy knitting or crocheting scarves for The Shropshire Way challenge. The Shropshire Way measures 190 miles, the scarves need to measure 6 by 60 inches and it is hoped that all together would eventually cover this distance. The scarves will be donated to the homeless and other worthy causes.


### Some more poetic words from Maggie Teague:

*Well, I'm sitting here a pondering a poem for next week,  
For you never know,  
we just might get the freedom that we seek.  
To sit and drink a coffee with just one special friend.  
Would give my poor old brain a lift,  
by George I'm on the mend!!*

*I'm ready for the concerts, choir, fetes and WI  
Raising funds for churches, forget the year gone by.  
Now, come on all you locals, life will be really fab  
We can celebrate and party for we'll all have had our jab!*

For more information about Munslow WI call secretary Sue on 01584 841876 or myself on 01584 841251.

Jenny Rose



The countryside charity  
Shropshire

## The Geology of Shropshire

How the landscape and scenery have been shaped by geological processes over millennia

An online talk by Sally Green



**Tuesday 30th March at 7.30pm**

To book your ticket go to  
[www.geologyofshropshire.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.geologyofshropshire.eventbrite.co.uk)  
or email us for the link (see below)

The talk is free but donations are very welcome

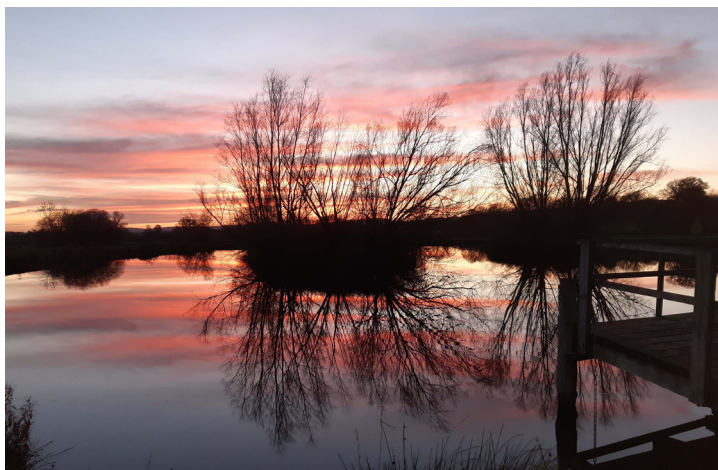
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*Readers' Photos April's theme is Sunrise and Sunset*



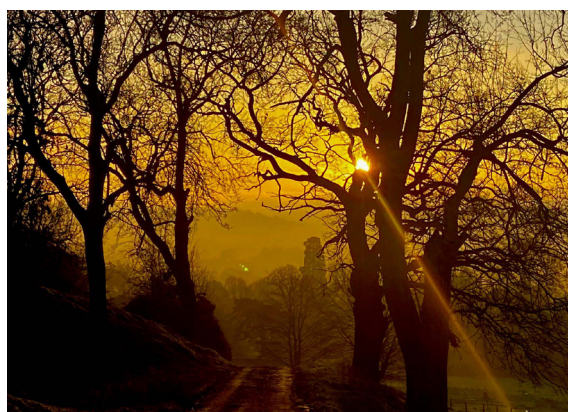
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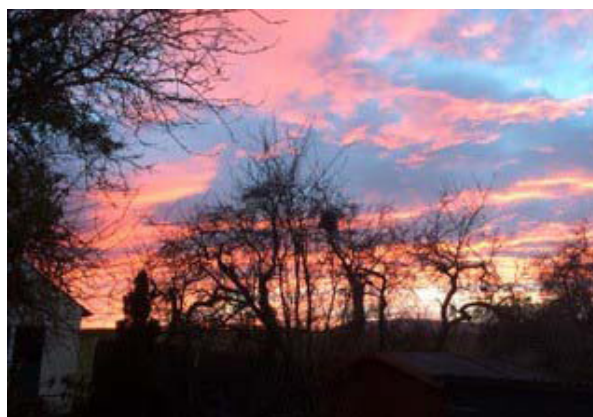
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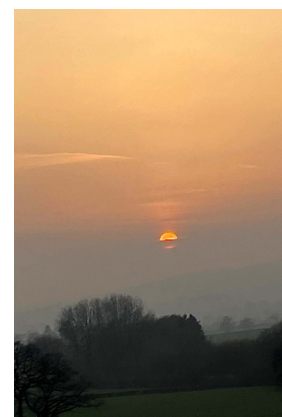
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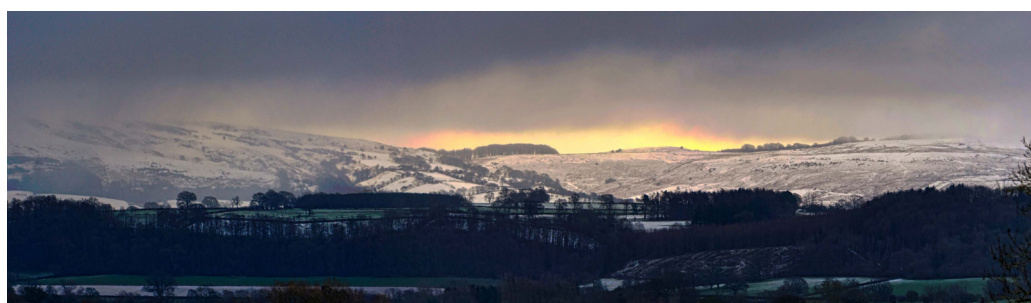
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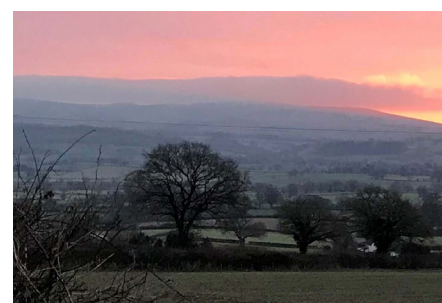
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*Sunset in the mist  
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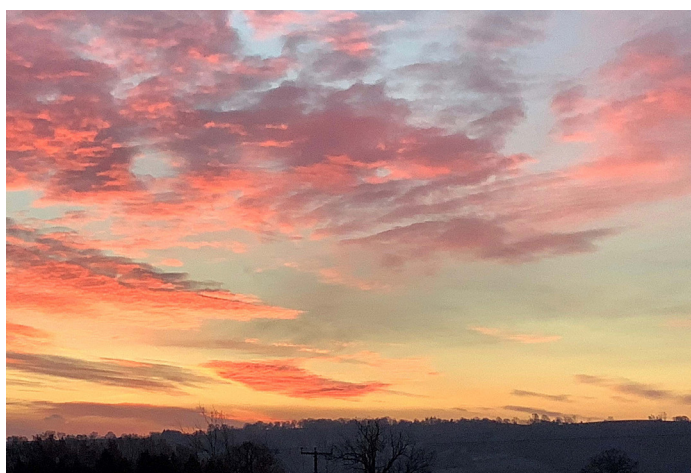


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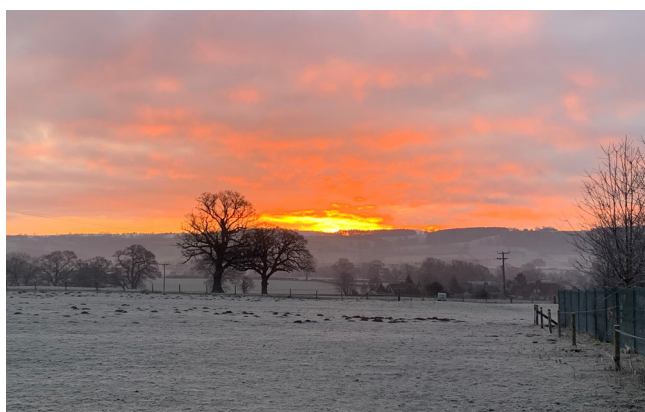
*Sunrise in Culmington - Rosemary England*



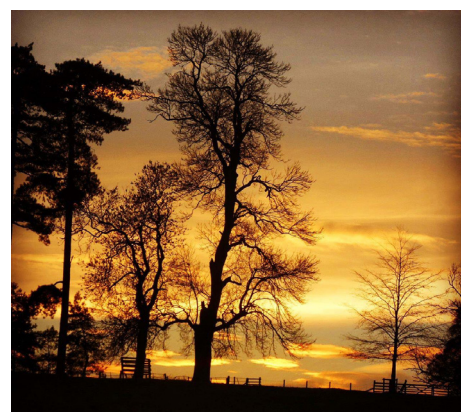
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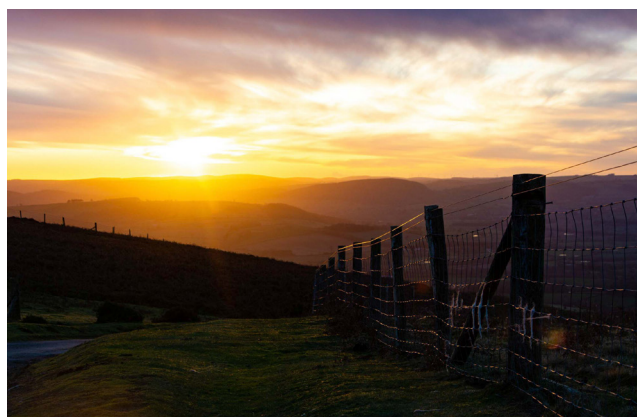
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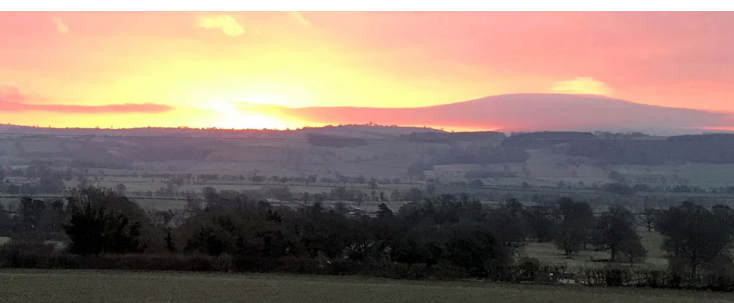
*Sunset in Munslow - Jill Wardle*



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*Corvedale Sunrise - Tony Bennett*

## PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Thank you for your terrific photographs of both  
Sunrises and Sunsets in the Corvedale.

Our theme for next month will be  
**‘SPRING IN THE CORVEDALE’**

so please send us photos of snowdrops,  
daffodils, bluebells, tree blossom, baby lambs  
or anything else that illustrates this theme.

The following theme will be  
**‘MY FAVOURITE  
CORVEDALE TREE’**

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

## Easter Quiz

Answers on page 6.

1. Who plays Hannah Brown in the 1948 American musical film *Easter Parade*?
2. Where is the venue of the most famous Easter egg roll in the world?
3. Easter Island belongs to which country?
4. What is the Sunday before Easter called?
5. In 1873 which company introduced the first chocolate Easter egg in Britain?
6. Which governor of the Roman province of Judaea presided over the trial of Jesus?
7. Which poet wrote the poem *Easter*, 1916?  
(It describes the poet's emotions regarding the events of the 1916 Easter Rising.)
8. Which light fruit cake, with two layers of almond paste or marzipan, is traditionally eaten during the Easter period?
9. What was the name of the hill where Jesus was crucified?
10. The Saturday before Palm Sunday is named after which biblical character?
11. At the Last Supper, which food did Jesus liken to his body?
12. Which Russian jewellery firm is famed for designing elaborate jewel-encrusted eggs?
13. On what Christian holy day are hot cross buns traditionally eaten?
14. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
15. What was Simon of Cyrene made to do by the Romans?
16. Who directed the 2004 American biblical drama *The Passion of the Christ*?
17. Nick Easter is a former professional sportsman in which sport?
18. Which Christian holy day of prayer and fasting falls on the first day of Lent?
19. At Easter, the British monarch distributes small silver coins known as what?
20. A sign was affixed to the top of the cross stating "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" which according to the Gospel of John was written in which three different languages?

**WORDSEARCH  
SHROPSHIRE TOWNS  
ANSWERS**

Here is the answer to last month's wordsearch. Did you manage to find all 14?

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*Parish Councils***MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom**

**Present:** Barbara Archer (Chair), Linda Charie, Ed Povey, Val Fotheringham, Mike Kelly, Buster Evans; Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council); Clive Leworthy (Clerk).

**Apologies for Absence:** Chris Meeson and Antonia Bury.

**Declarations of Interests:** Cllrs Evans and Charie declared prejudicial interests in Beambridge Village Hall.

**Minutes** of the last meeting were approved with one amendment ('Flood Action Group' not 'Flood Awareness Group').

**Matters Arising** from those minutes not covered on the Agenda - none.

**Urgent Items For Discussion:** There were none.

**Reports:** (a) *The Chair* reported that Anne Donnelly had an old laptop which had previously belonged to MPC. It was agreed that it be donated to either Corvedale School or Playgroup after it had been wiped of all information. The next meeting of South Shropshire ALC would take place Monday 7.30pm. Either the Chair or Mike Kelly would attend.

(b) *SC Cllr Cecilia Motley:* There was a strong feeling that Zoom meetings should continue as an option for Council to meet after May 6th when the current legislation expires. The Government was being lobbied to extend this option.

(c) *Community Governance Review:* Cllr Motley urged Councils to review their boundary issues with neighbouring Councils and explore any other options for collaboration.

**Beambridge Village Hall Lease:** At present the lease for the Beambridge Clubroom is between the Bury Family and Munslow Parish Council, and is due to run out in March 2023. The lease has Munslow Parish Council as the Custodian Trustee and the Management Committee as the Trustees. This lease was first drawn up in 1989 for 21 years and then a renewal lease was signed by Munslow Parish Council in 2002 for a further 21 years.

The Bury family now wish to place Beambridge Village Hall in the Millichope Foundation and to do so as soon as possible. Therefore, a new lease was drawn up by the Millichope Foundation solicitors. This was sent to the Clerk last November but there seems to have been a misunderstanding on the part of the solicitors.

This new lease changed the status of the Parish Council from Custodian Trustee to that of a tenant with no mention of Trustees. A small paragraph said that a Management Committee would take on the day-to-day running of the Hall but no details were given. It was very different from the present lease and involved the Parish Council in significant additional liabilities.

It is the responsibility of the Trustees to negotiate the new lease and it has been agreed with them that the new lease would be a renewal lease in the same way as the 2002 lease. This would keep the status of the Parish Council as Custodian Trustees and the Hall Committee as the Trustees of the lease, undertaking the day-to-day management. The original lease has worked well for the last 41

years and so it seems sensible to continue in the same mode.

Once the new lease, with the Parish Council as Custodian Trustees and the Committee as the Trustees had been received it would come before the Council for consideration and, if agreed, to be duly signed.

**Finance:** The accounting statement was agreed.

The following payments were approved: Clerk's salary £156.67, Clerk's expenses £14.39, HMRC £ 39.20.

**Planning Matters:** Application no **21/00788/FUL** - Installation of external wall insulation, with render finish, to include associated alterations to eaves and verges; relocation of rainwater goods and SVP relating to 2, 3 and 7 Greenyard Cottages, Munslow. Applicant: Connexus Housing. The Council resolved to support this application.

**Highways:** The Clerk reported that the post for the VAS sign had not yet been installed by Kier: he had asked SC chase this up.

The Council agreed that the Highways Report should be sent with the Chair's covering letter to Kevin Aitken and David Gradwell (both SC Highways), Graham Oliver (PCC) and Mark Booth (West Mercia Police). Some Council members expressed concerns that not enough time had been allowed to debate the various preferred options. Other Councillors thought it would be better to wait until SC's response had been received. It was agreed that the Highways report would be placed on the Agenda as a standing item for the foreseeable future therefore allowing debate as required.

**Parish Council Facebook Page:** the Council debated various options, including Facebook, but it was felt there were a number of potential pitfalls for the Parish Council in running its own page. Cllr Povey said that he was prepared to look at setting up a village Facebook page. The Chair outlined various options that were already available: Corvedale Google Group, Next Door Munslow & WhatsApp plus Corvedale News, all of which could be utilised for Council news.

**Environmental Grant:** The Council felt that having reviewed their spending on the Environment Maintenance Officer over the past two years they would not get best value for Council tax payers if they entered into an arrangement with Stanton Lacy PC for a joint contract. The Council would therefore continue to use the EMO on an ad hoc basis as required.

**Correspondence:** A resident had raised issues regarding the calming measures and the road surface at Broadstone/Hungerford, both of which needed repair. This had been reported to SC.

**Elections 2021:** The Chair had attended an online Election session which encouraged Councils to use various ways of promoting the elections and encouraging people to stand for their local Councils. This included posters, social media and websites. The Clerk said he would be sending out a link shortly which would enable people to download their nomination papers. More information will follow.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 1st April 2021**

*Clive Leworthy, Clerk, Munslow PC. Tel: 04528 164345. Email: munslowpcclerk@gmail.com www.munslow.org.uk*

*Parish Councils (continued)***CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****Draft Minutes of Culmington Parish Council meeting held on 2nd March 2021**

**Present:** Cllr Steele (Chair), Cllrs Pike, Alderson, Holland, Mear, Norton, Turley and Watts.

**In Attendance:** Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

**Apologies Received for Absence:** Cllr Motley.

**Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** Cllr Alderson declared an interest in the planning application for 19 Burley and left the meeting for this item.

**Public Involvement Session:** 3 members of the public attended the meeting. One supported the Planning Application for 19 Burley. Another raised concerns about the Boundary Review. As Cllr Motley was not present this matter will be included in the agenda for the next meeting. The applicant for the Planning Application at 19 Burley explained the plans.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 2nd February 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising:** Cllr Mear reported that she owned the boundary between Seifton Brook Cottage and The Old School.

**Reports from Members: Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council):** Cllr Motley was absent but had sent a report. The parish governance review will begin in May this year. Would there be any advantages to Culmington Parish working more closely with any of its neighbouring parishes? This may be an opportunity for considering whether there are road, environmental maintenance and flood schemes, which might be better done collaboratively with neighbours.

The other issue to think about is whether the number of councillors representing the parish is correct, and the warding arrangements (do all councillors look after the same patches?) and possible boundary changes (eg Seifton Bache/Diddlebury) that councillors might like to see.

It is possible that a lot of people will not wish to go to the polling stations for the local elections so it would be worth ensuring that any residents who don't already have them can get hold of postal votes or proxy votes. The Clerk agreed to inform Ripples.

**Cllr Steele (Flood Action Group):** A multi-agency meeting was planned for 4th March. There is continued representation of the group at The Shropshire Flood Forum meetings where there has been much discussion on drainage issues and the slow response from Shropshire Council when blocked drains etc. are reported.

**Cllr Mear (Village Hall):** although the hall remains closed there is a meeting in late March to consider plans for reopening.

**Correspondence:** Came and Co Insurers have increased the Street Furniture sum to £5670.22 to include the Speed Sign. Cllr Alderson asked the Clerk to check whether this covers the

installation costs of any replacement.

**Finance:** The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation were approved. The bank balance as at 20 January 2021 was £11,333.26.

The following payments were approved: TWM Traffic Control (Speed sign) £2828.42 (this includes VAT which will be reclaimed), Data Protection fee renewal £40 (£35 if direct debit), Clerks Salary £814.32, Travel £31.50, Admin costs £31.61.

**Planning: 21/00496/FUL** - erection of single storey side extension 19 Burley, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9LW. Resolved (unanimous) to support.

**Potholes Repairs and Drains Clearance Delays:** There are still issues with the drains in Culmington Village, the B4365 and Seifton Lane. The Clerk was asked to report these issues again with copies to Cllr Motley. The Clerk reported the flooding near the church again. Cllr Turley asked the clerk to report potholes and ice risk due to surface water at Castle Barn.

**'We Don't Buy Crime' SmartWater Initiative:** The clerk reported that 70% of the purchased kits had now been registered so the police will erect up to 9 signs on entrance roads to the parish. There are still 38 kits available.

**Speed Sign:** The speed sign has been installed and already a resident has noticed an effect on the speed of traffic passing her home. The position was decided upon by Shropshire Council; it needed to be unobstructed as it is solar powered.

**Review of the Environmental Maintenance Contract:** The clerk has informed the present contractor and will now advertise the contract in Ripples in collaboration with Stanton Lacy Parish Council. Diddlebury PC wish to remain with the present arrangements and Munslow have not made a decision yet.

**Local Elections May 2021:** These are planned for the 6th May and nomination packs are available to download from Shropshire Council website.

**Signage at the Racecourse:** The Clerk contacted the racecourse about replacement of the sign with forthcoming race dates. They responded with a list of dates which is also available on their website.

**Internal Auditor for 2021-22:** It was agreed that Jayne Disley should be the Internal Auditor.

**Dennis Jubb:** Cllr Mear wanted to report that the support of the community at Mr Dennis Jubb's funeral was a good tribute to him. A memorial service will be held in Culmington later in the year.

**The meeting closed at 8.15pm.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7pm**

*Heather Coonick, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Hopton Gate Cottage, Haytons Bent, Ludlow, SY8 2BE  
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*Parish Councils (continued)***DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2021 via Zoom.**

**Present via Zoom:** Cllr D Hedgley - Chairman, Cllrs O'Boyle, Woodhouse, S Povall, R Povall, Watson, Worthington.

**Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllr S Thomas and Unitary Cllr Motley.

**In attendance:** the Clerk and eight members of the public.

**A Declaration of interest** was made by Cllr O'Boyle in respect of planning application 21/00656/TCA.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting of 27th January 2021, following a few amendments being made, were approved by a majority of councillors and signed by the Chairman. Five matters arising were dealt with.

**Reports:** *The Chairman* reported, amongst other things, on his response to an expression of interest for a Community Led Housing Scheme involving land between Milford House and The Moors in Diddlebury. He and the Clerk had spent a lot of time liaising about correspondence from Mr Waite and with HSBC over their threats to close DPC's bank account.

**Flood Action Group Report:** Cllr O'Boyle reported that flood action volunteers are being sought in each Diddlebury settlement, as are sites for the storage of sand bags. It is hoped more funding will be available for a Slow the Flow project in the Corvedale and for flow gauges for the Pye Brook above Bouldon.

**Diddlebury Village Hall:** Cllr Woodhouse reported it is hoped the hall will be able to re-open in April or May. Shropshire Council has booked the hall for the elections on 6th May.

**Planning Applications:** *21/00564/FUL* - an application for the conversion of a Dutch Barn into storage units for Barns A & B at Hales Barn, Diddlebury. The parish council supported this application.

*21/00656/TCA* - an application for the removal of branches and reduction in the height of trees within the Diddlebury Conservation Area, namely at Glebe Farm, Mill Lane, Diddlebury. The parish

council supported this application.

**Highways & Environmental Matters:** The very poor response from Highways in dealing with reported highways issues, including potholes, blocked drains and the failure to supply the mirror for the Bache Mill junction was discussed at length. The Clerk was asked again to contact Highways on all outstanding matters and to copy Cllr Motley in to the correspondence. DPC has ordered and paid for salt bins for Middlehope and Bache Mill: their delivery is imminent and Gary Trim will be asked to arrange a grit supply. Cllr Watson reported that the sign on the B4368 indicating the turning to Middlehope is lying in a hedge. The remains of the Tally Ho's signage at the top of Mill Lane has not been removed as requested.

**Communications & Correspondence:** Sixteen items of correspondence were considered. A detailed response was given by the Chairman to the four requests from Mr Waite about why Cllr O'Boyle was not visible at Zoom meetings and Cllr S Thomas' attendance at Zoom meetings and intentions to remain as a councillor.

**Finance:** The Finance Report for February 2021 was considered by members and cheques totalling £545.92 were approved for payment. Cllr O'Boyle verified the bank statement/cash book reconciliation.

**Any Other Business:** The meeting on 24th March will be via Zoom, as will the April meeting. The right to hold Zoom meetings expires on 5th May 2021 and it remains to be seen whether open meetings will be allowed after that. A resident of Bouldon has obtained a defibrillator for that village. DPC will encourage people seeking possible grant avenues for funding units for Diddlebury/Westhope/Middlehope. Cllr O'Boyle gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the council to the Clerk and Chairman for keeping the parish council fully functioning during the past year despite the many administrative difficulties created by the pandemic.

**Next meetings: Wednesday 24th March 2021, 7.30pm (but log on at 7.15pm)**  
**Please follow the log-in/joining instructions which will be appended to the Agenda.**

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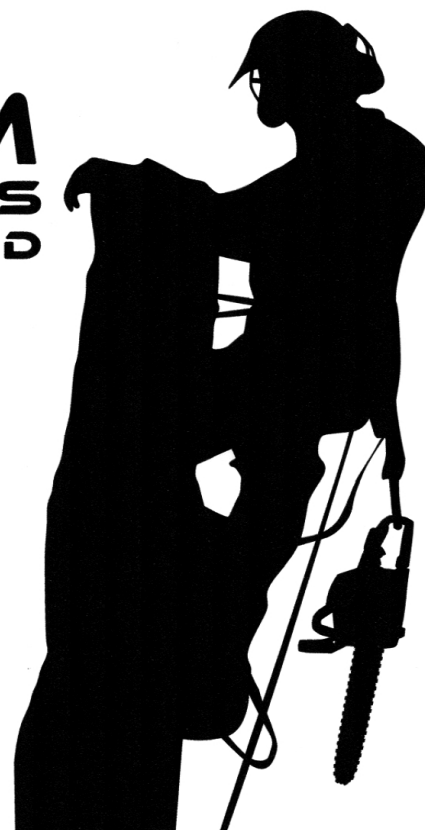
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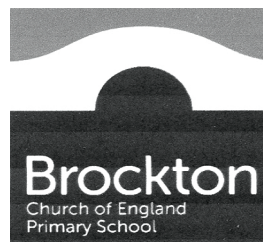
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Corvedale & District Autumn Show	John Woodhouse	07980 207253	
Corvedale Folk Club	Ian Fotheringham	841331	
Corvedale Garden Group	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group	Jenny Vine	841596	jcvedarwood@hotmail.co.uk
Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
Diddlebury Dancing Group	Sally Woodhouse	841265/ 07813 019010	sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk
Westhope Clover Club	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>Parish Clerks and Websites</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 770741	diddleburypc@gmail.com
Munslow Parish Council Clerk	Clive Leworthy	07528 164345	munslowpcclerk@gmail.com
Diddlebury Parish Website:	www.diddleburyparish.co.uk		
Corvedale Google Group:	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>		

## Village Hall/Club Room Bookings

Abdon Village Hall	Penny Unitt	01746 712530	t.unitt741@btinternet.com
Beambridge Club Room	Frances Sutton	841654	
Culmington Village Hall	Jeff Williams	07561 838271	culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall	Sally Woodhouse	07375 326381	dvhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall website:	www.diddleburyvillagehall.org		
Diddlebury Church Room	Tonia Greene	841493	
Westhope Village Hall	Betty Manley	07860 447397/ 861617	mbm3049@icloud.com

## Children's and Youth Organisations

Corvedale Brownies	Catherine Crowther	861276	
Corvedale Primary School	Jonathan Brough	841630	admin@corvedale.shropshire.sch.uk
Playgroup & Nursery	Colin Jones	841707/841630	

## 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 APRIL 2021

Due to the lockdown there is a change to the pattern of services.

### MARCH 28TH - PALM SUNDAY

9:45am Holy Communion at Holdgate.  
11am Holy Communion - online\*

### APRIL 1ST - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30pm Holy Communion at Abdon  
Tenebrae - available on YouTube

### APRIL 2ND - GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross - available on YouTube  
7:30pm Solemn Service for Good Friday at Tugford

### APRIL 3RD - EASTER EVE

7:30pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light – online\*

### APRIL 4TH- EASTER DAY

9 am Holy Communion at Munslow  
10:15am Holy Communion at Diddlebury  
11:30am Holy Communion at Culmington  
6pm Holy Communion – online\*

Online services marked \* will be in two parts, with the first part on YouTube and the second part live on Zoom. Please email [revjbeesley@gmail.com](mailto:revjbeesley@gmail.com) if you'd like the Zoom link.

There will be a service of Holy Communion in one of the churches each Sunday at 9:45:

April 11th Tugford  
April 18th Culmington  
April 25th Abdon  
May 2nd Diddlebury

There will also be an online service of Holy Communion on each of these Sundays at 11am (in the YouTube/ Zoom format). We will continue to upload services to the Corvedale Churches' YouTube channel.

*If the coronavirus situation changes locally, we may have to cancel some or all of these services. To check that a service is happening and to book a place if you'd like to come, please contact Rev'd J Beesley (01584 841488 or email [revjbeesley@gmail.com](mailto:revjbeesley@gmail.com)). We have to keep a record of attendance for track-and-trace purposes.*

The churches will remain open daily for private prayer, except in the week following a service when we have to keep them closed. Again, this may have to be reviewed if the current restrictions are changed.

