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A Diddlebury Garden - Jayne Husband

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COVID-19 SUPPORT & RESOURCES



YOUR PARISH COUNCIL IS HERE TO HELP

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

legislate, things will change.

COUNCILLOR LOCATION

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Corfton	01584 861623
Culmington	01584 861473
Culmington	01584 861361
Diddlebury Village	01584 841690
Diddlebury Village	07486 414742
Munslow	01584 841641
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WANT HELP TO EAT WELL ON A BUDGET?

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Financial support during lockdown

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

If you need financial support, help is available:

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

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

If you have been financially affected by coronavirus, you may be eligible for grant funding Call us on 0345 678 9078 to find out more

Visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/benefits for further information

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

Food provision during lockdown

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

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

Shropshire Larder – www.shropshirelarder.org.uk

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

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

For all other food and support needs visit – www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/ or call 03456 789 028

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

Looking after your mental health during lockdown

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

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

www.togetherall.com - an online community for Shropshire residents who are stressed, anxious or low Shropshire MIND - Call 01743 368647 or email: 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 Childline – call 0800 1111

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

COVID-19 Coronavirus Corvedale Helping Hands

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



			I am happy to help with					
Location	Name	Contact	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	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark			
Beambridge	Mary	01584 841381	~	✓	~	✓		
Corfton Bache	Carole	01584 861855	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Culmington	Jayne	01584 861387	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Culmington	Peter	01584 861339	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Diddlebury	Carole	01584 861554	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Diddlebury	Robert	01584 861554	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Diddlebury	Tony	07779 323845	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark		
Diddlebury	Johanna	01584 841359		✓ Ditton Priors	✓	✓		
Diddlebury	Becky	01584 841588	✓ Morning/Evening					
Diddlebury	Helene	01584 841017				✓		
Diddlebury / Bache Mill	Karen	01584 841393	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Diddlebury / Bache Mill	Sharon	01584 841346	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Earnstrey	Ragni	01746 712282				✓ Not Mon/Wed/Thu		
Holdgate	Claire	07837 361196	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Holdgate	John	07866 565966	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark		
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

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Mac M	Brookhampton	-	. Mrs S Lewis	The Moors, Diddlebury	Diddlebury Part 1	
Mrs M Buckingham	The Old Rectory, Abdon	Abdon		6 North Sutton	0	
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Due to Coronavirus we are unable to provide a normal service and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Ways to get advice

online via *citizensadvice.org.uk* on the telephone

Telephone Advice:

Adviceline Shropshire: 0808 278 7894 Telephone advice is available Monday to Friday 10:00 to 16:00

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline: 0808 223 1133

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

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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.

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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*

Church News

Letter from the Rectory

The third Sunday of this month sees us remembering Mary, mother of Jesus. She is someone who could be seen as one of the more controversial figures in the life of the church, particularly in how different groups of Christians view her today. In some traditions she is venerated as extremely significant; you see statues of her in churches and prayers are made asking for assistance as we experience all that life as a Christian can bring. For other traditions she is much less important, and the idea of asking for assistance in anything is just not something people would do. In the mediaeval church in England she was a particularly important figure and many churches had a chapel dedicated to her - known as a Lady Chapel - even if the main dedication of the church was to another saint.

We hear about Mary every Christmas, we see her portrayed in every Nativity Play, we see her in stained glass windows (normally dressed in blue, a colour also used to symbolise love) and we think about her standing by the cross as her son was crucified. We perhaps take her part in the story for granted, forgetting that saying 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, as she did, was potentially extremely risky for her. Childbirth at the time was risky for any woman and Mary was extremely young - quite possibly as young as 13-15. Becoming pregnant before she was married would potentially bring social disgrace upon her family, which could have led to death by stoning. And yet, when asked to be the mother of God's son, she said 'yes'. We hear about her knowing that she said yes, knowing how the story goes, and we perhaps forget how great was the trust she put in God that all would be well.

Life for Mary, as for all of us, was not all sweetness and light. We forget that watching her son grow up and live out his life will have had moments when she wondered what was happening, moments when (like many other parents before and since) she will have felt despair. Nevertheless, we know that Mary was there for the resurrection and not just for the crucifixion. Her despair was turned into joy her trust in God turned out not to have been misplaced.

Life for us too has its ups and downs and challenges. Writing this on the day after most restrictions were lifted and as Covid case numbers continue to rise, the future looks far more uncertain than it was looking a few months ago when case numbers were low. We need to continue to be cautious, to act in ways that will protect others and not just ourselves. Perhaps as we do that we need too to follow the example of Mary - and be more willing to put our trust in God, risky as it might seem.

Psalm 9 v10: Those who know your name will put their trust in you: for you, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

Rev'd John Beesley

Coronavirus Precautions in Churches

I am writing this only a day after the lifting of most of the restrictions introduced because of coronavirus and only a couple of days after guidance was distributed to the clergy on how to proceed in the weeks ahead. I know that some people feel we have been over-cautious and others are still wary about coming into places where any number of people will be gathered. We will, of course, continue to monitor the situation nationally and locally and to adjust what we do in the light of the changing situation. In the short-term, however, I am expecting that many of the precautions we have been following will continue in the hope that, in so doing, everyone can continue to feel that church is a safe place to be.

Rev'd J Beesley

St Catherine's, Tugford

It seems a long time ago now but our Open Gardens Day, held in June in conjunction with Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, was a great success.



It was the day before Midsummer's Day so, of course, heavy rain was forecast but, in the event, it passed through during the previous night and the afternoon, although overcast, remained blessedly dry. Both gardens were looking their best despite the recent winds and precipitation, the church looked splendid following its recent restoration and the teas & cakes were a great success thanks to Maggie and her army of helpers. Thanks also to all the others who worked tirelessly to make the day a social as well as a financial success. The event raised a grand total of £1,021 which has been shared equally between the Trust and St Catherine's.

Colin Porter

Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury

August 2021

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lst	Mrs Husband	8th	Mrs Husband
15th	Mrs Jones	22nd	Mrs Jones
29th	Mrs J Woodhouse		

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

From the Registers

Burial of Ashes5th JulyJean Vera Latimer10th JulyGeorge HowardFunerals12th JulyBenjamin Richard Alderson





Culmington

Culmington

Benjamin Richard Alderson	Culmington
Rebecca Williams & Matthew Wilkes	Diddlebury

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Church News (continued)

Munslow Fête - Saturday 14th August

Munslow Fête will be held in the gardens of Munslow House (the Old Rectory) on the afternoon of **Saturday 14th August from 2:30pm.**

Assuming there are no restrictions by then we want this to be a big community celebration after the past 18 months. There will be teas, tombola, plant and produce stalls as well as grass skittles. It will be wonderful if some of you could help set up and run stalls. Volunteers to organise some activities for the young in years (or at heart) would be especially welcome. Any plants, produce or quality bric-a-brac also welcomed.

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

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

Anson Crouch 01584 841 053, admiralanson@hotmail.com

Diddlebury Evensong - Sunday 8th August

Our old friends the Derby Singers will be joining us to sing Evensong, which will be held at **6:30pm** and not 6:00pm (on this occasion only). Please come along and support them.

Martin Speight

Caring for God's Acre in Munslow



Sitting in the garden on a cloudless summer's day musing that at least the grass and weeds in the Burial Ground and Churchyard will not be growing much today! However, it will soon be time for the 'summer cut.' Alex with

his God's Acre task force is returning to Munslow in August to scythe and mow the grasses and undergrowth that has grown over the last few months. The other good news is, that we seem to be winning the battle with the hog weed, it has reduced since last year. If you have time to spare and you can drag yourself away from your own garden, you will be most welcome to join the volunteers on...

TUESDAY 17th AUGUST 10am - 3pm

Please bring your own refreshments, sturdy footwear is also recommended. Spare tools will be available, but you may prefer your own trusty tools. If you have a scythe and are looking to improve your skill, there are a number of proficient scythers in the task force and they will willingly pass on tips to help you improve.

Further information: Alex (015887 673041) or Anne Donnelly (01584 841213)

Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group (FAG)

On Tuesday 2nd June, the first working party of the year turned out to clear the stream at the bottom of Mill Lane, Diddlebury of excess weed growth and gravel.

With a good turnout, the work was completed in about one and a half hours. The stream is now ready for the July rains!

Images of the stream taken before and after the work are shown below.

> Images: Before - Above After - Below



Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre - Events this August



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In our Gallery

8th July - 23rd August, 10am - 5pm. Free entry. All pieces on display available to purchase.

Claire Allen-Brunn

Using a variety of media including acrylics, inks, pencils and watercolour, Claire explores the Shropshire countryside and wildlife. Claire finds the Shropshire countryside and rural way of life presents her with a plethora of potential subject matter.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The Carboniferous -When Minibeasts Rule the World

Monday 26th - Friday 30th July & Monday 16th - Friday 20th August

Go back in time, feeling the heat, seeing the ferns, hearing the water and smelling the rotting vegetation to a time when minibeast ruled the world. Look at some fossils from this period, make an instant fossil and go on a hunt for their modern cousins.

£4 per accompanied 4-11 year-olds. Booking advised.

Bubbles and Balloons

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th August & Monday 23rd - Friday 27th August

Make balloon animals, experiment with static electricity and a hovercraft. Make small and big bubbles with things you can find around your home and try to make a double bubble!

£4 per accompanied 4-11 year-olds. Booking advised.

Native Americans

Monday 9th - Friday 13th August

Make a dreamcatcher to hang above your bed. Make some twine and see if you can make a firebow warm, try a spear thrower and track and creep up on prey.

£4 per accompanied 4-11 year-olds. Booking advised.

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Restarting of Clubs and Societies

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions from Monday 19th July 2021, it may be anticipated that throughout the Corvedale clubs, groups, societies, classes and other events will slowly begin to return to the village halls.

In a future edition of the Corvedale News we would like to consider including a photo feature of these gatherings.

So, next time you meet in one of our village halls, please take a photo and send it to: **photos@corvedalenews.co.uk**

Sue Green

Sue is a self-taught watercolour artist and paints mainly British wildlife in a loose, colourful impressionistic style. These paintings are of Sue's favourite animals.

Dragonfly Identification Course

Wednesday 4th August

Sue Rees Evans is running two dragonfly identification workshops aimed at beginners. Participants will learn to identify a range of species throughout both sessions. Classroom inputs during the morning will focus on identification of damselflies (session one) and dragonflies (session two). Following a brief lunch, the afternoon will be spent outside around the centre ponds and the River Onny putting our new identification skills to the test. Participants are welcome to attend both days as a series though attendance on just one day is also possible.

£10 per session. Booking essential.

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Shropshire Hills Food Festival

Saturday 7th August 10am to 4pm. FREE ENTRY for visitors with lots of yummy produce to try and buy.

With local food and drink suppliers displaying their products, we are proud to be celebrating all that our wonderful area has to offer! If you are interested in exhibiting, contact us for more information and a booking form.

Second Hand Book Sale

On daily until books are gone.

Come along to browse our second hand books. Paperbacks £1.00. Hardbacks £1.50.

Special offer - 3 for the price of 2 or 10 items for £5.00.

Calling all Jam Makers!

Fran Howells is looking for good homes for jam jars. She has 24 one pound jars, and a selection of other sizes. If you are interested, please give her a ring on *01746 712498*.





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Diddlebury Village Hall

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



GOVERNMENT LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS - 19th JULY 2021

After the anticipated lifting of government Covid restrictions on 19th July, the Village Hall will remain a Covid-safe environment, which will include providing maximum ventilation, social distancing where possible, and the encouragement to wear face masks. If you are attending classes or group meetings, please contact your organiser for further information.

The date for the End of Lockdown Party is Saturday 11th September (see separate notice for details).

The date for the 2020/2021 AGMs is Monday 16th August.



Will re-commence as soon as suitable new films become available.

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

Harvest Supper Saturday 9th October



Christmas Fair Saturday 27th November



CLASSES AND GROUP MEETINGS

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

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



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Classes: Thursdays, 10.00 - 11.00am. All participants must book in advance. Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014498 / enidgill21@hotmail.com.



PHYSIOTHERAPIST-LED MODIFIED PILATES

Classes: Tuesdays, 6.30 - 7.30pm & 7.45 - 8.45pm Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am Please contact Beverley on: 07967 814412 / beverleychumber@sky.com.

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BOOK GROUP

Second Thursday of each month, 7.00pm. Commencing 12th August. Please contact Cath Burley on: *cathburley@hotmail.com*.



CORVEDALE CHOIR From early September: Mondays, 7.30pm.

BLUE HILLS CHOIR From early September: Tuesdays, 10.00am



LATIN AND BALLROOM DANCING

Starting date to be announced: Wednesday evenings.

All dates are subject to current Government Guidelines which can change at short notice. Please refer to our Facebook and Website pages for news of any changes.

Diddlebury Village Hall End of Lockdown/ Bring People Together Party

Saturday 11th September 2021

12.30pm onwards Join friends and neighbours, new and old. Music, entertainment, bouncy castle for the children.



£1.50 per ticket (children free) Buffet & one free drink included (bar open for further purchases). All proceeds to the Corvedale School and its supporters (SoCS).

Tickets: dvhallbookings@gmail.com Sally Woodhouse (Diddlebury) 01584 841265 / Jayne Kirk (Corfton) 01584 861241

Children's Amazing Art Competition!!

Subject:

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

Medium:

Painting, drawing, or piece of craft work.

Classes:

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

Prizes:

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

Date for submission of entry:

Friday 3rd September 2021. Entries to be handed in at the Village Hall between 8.30am and 9.15am or 2.30pm and 4.00pm on that day.

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

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

GOOD LUCK!

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Westhope Village Hall

Westhope Village Hall committee is looking forward to welcoming old and new faces to our programme of events. We will be keeping the hall as Covid-secure as possible as we are all



too aware that some people will be feeling cautious, some people will not be 'double jabbed' or vaccinated at all, and we feel it's only sensible to be cautious and continue to protect the most vulnerable around us. Below are our dates for your diary. You can also keep up to date on our Facebook page @westhopevillagehall.

J.B.

CORVEDALE TOTS - PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP & BUMPS TOO

Every Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00noon - term time only, running now

We are pleased to have welcomed Corvedale Tots to Westhope Village Hall. They are a small friendly group for parents, babies, toddlers and bumps run by local mums. Why not come along and enjoy some tea, cake and socialising? To book a space call Amie on 07486 414742.



YOGA with SUE PUGH

Every Thursday morning 10.30am - 11.30am Sue is fully qualified and insured. To book a space contact Betty Manley 07860 447 397



MONTHLY BINGO

WHIST DRIVES

Starting on **30th July at 7:30pm** and the *4th* Friday of the month thereafter. The bar will be stocked and there is always great fun to be had. The next bingo will be on **27th August.**

Whist drives are up and running now, they started on 19th July. They are **runing fortnightly, all welcome. Start time 7:30pm.**



WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

The Clover Club is going to resume their meetings on **5th August**. More details can be obtained by contacting Betty - *07860 447 397*.



PUB NIGHT

Our first pub night was on 23rd July at 7.00pm. These run **once a month**, normally the **2nd Friday of each month**, August's will be on **13th August with a pub quiz.**



RUMMAGE SALE

We will be holding a good old fashioned rummage sale in aid of the village hall on **11th September 10am - 1pm**. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will all be available. We welcome donations and they can be dropped off at the hall on the **4th and 18th of August between 10am - 12pm** and again on the **1st and 8th of September also between 10am - 12pm**. If these times aren't suitable give us a ring and we will arrange to collect from you or meet you at the hall at an alternative time.



WESTHOPE HARVEST SUPPER

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

For more details on any events contact Amie on 07486 414742 or Betty on 07860 447397. Enquiries on hiring the hall are also welcome.

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

Deer... oh dear

When we moved to this lovely area some years ago, I was thrilled to see a herd of Fallow Deer cantering in a picturesque and nonchalant manner across the next field. However, my rapture was modified when I began to notice suspicious marks on tree trunks, and roses pruned just as they were coming into bud. Could it be exceptionally acrobatic rabbits doing this damage? We had our suspicions and invested in a wildlife camera. It provided the concrete evidence we were looking for. It was the deer: not the full herd of 15 but a breakaway group coming into the garden, selecting promising looking plants and indulging in a midnight feast.

What could we do about this? Not a lot. Deer-proof fencing is expensive. So, we surrounded new trees with skirts of chicken wire and planted the less tasty perennials that deer are not supposed to enjoy. This worked - but only up to a point - as the deer operate on a try-before-you-buy system and will even nibble yew and holly. They seem to be unaware that hardy geraniums are not on their list of preferred salad items, scoffing the flowers as they come into bud. We have had success with certain plants (they leave courgettes alone - I can't say I blame them) and I now know why our predecessors were so keen on hydrangeas. Oriental poppies, euphorbias and heleniums remain unmolested as do dandelions, docks and weeds in general. During a drought, we were puzzled by the dramatic overnight drop in the water level in our large bird-bath. Could it be thirsty owls having a nightcap? No, camera footage showed velvety muzzles being dipped into the water.

We have learned to live with the problem and only occasionally lose our cool over plant nibbling. So, gardeners, if you find that your Rambling Rector is less rampant than usual or those lovely roses Queen of Denmark and Queen of Sweden have been beheaded and maybe the old favourite Peace has been shattered, then don't blame the neighbours. Think deer. I will call it a day; I notice that my husband is staring at a patch of grass in a meaningful way. The moles are back in business.

Frustrated wildlife lover

Farming in Protected Landscapes

New landscape investment to deliver local benefits for climate, nature, people and place.

A 3-year Defra funded programme for farmers and land managers in Protected Landscapes (Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks) in England has been launched.

Here in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), over £700,000 is available to distribute this year to projects linked to farming that can demonstrate benefits to climate, nature, people and place.

The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership is supporting farmers and land managers to apply for grants to carry out projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage, or support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses.

The programme is open to farmers and land managers (including from the private, public and charity sector) with land within the Shropshire Hills AONB.

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Protected Landscapes are special areas and need to be managed, enhanced and protected while also supporting the farmers and communities who work within them and the wider local economy.

Farmers and land managers are being encouraged to look at project opportunities on their holdings and to get in touch with the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership to discuss them.

Farming in Protected Landscapes Adviser, Alison Jones, will be able to offer advice, help with the development of projects and guide individuals through the application process.

Further information is available on our website at: www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/help-to-look-after/ farming-in-protected-landscapes

To contact Alison Jones please email *alison.m.jones@shropshire.gov.uk* or telephone *01743 254 745*.

> CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP

Working parties are usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month and the following Friday and Sunday, beginning at 9.30am.Please ring Jenny Vine on 01584 841596 to confirm work location.

Also, if any local walkers in the Corvedale notice any stiles or steps in poor condition, please report back to Jenny. The current planned dates are as follows:

August: Wednesday 25th, Friday 27th, Sunday 29th.

Corvedale Book Group



Sight by Jessie Greengrass

Sight is a brief debut novel by Jessie Greengrass which was richly acclaimed in 2018. The narrator's mother has recently died and everything relating to that hugely emotional occurrence is put behind her - but, we discover, not dealt with. This ambivalence makes the book a disjointed read.

It opens with the following sentence: 'The start of another summer, the weather uncertain but no longer sharply edged, and I am pregnant again'. The narrator seriously questions whether she should become a mother and what the impact of that will be on her life, on the unborn child and on her very patient, almost voiceless, partner Johannes. Is it an act of selfishness to become a parent? Almost inevitably, the consideration of whether to bring a child into the world leads the putative parent to consider her own mothering and her mother's mothering. Her grandmother was a detached, austere psychoanalyst with fixed routines, who demanded her daughter recount daily the content of her dreams from a very early age. The narrator is sent to stay with the grandmother for school holidays and is both given considerable freedom to explore Hampstead Heath in the daytime, when the psychoanalyst is working, but also restrictive constraints in a formulaic programme. She learns to write a reflective diary about her day and to be able to sit in silence. One of the few moments of well described affection in this otherwise emotionally detached book, was the description of the grandmother stroking her daughter's hair one evening, after the latter's husband had left her. Little comfort is offered by either adult to the bereft child who had to state, plaintively, at the end of this prolonged and unexplained summer break, 'I want to go home'.

Interspersed with this sparse narrative are other scientific narratives - of Rontgen's discovery of the x-ray, and of Freud's analysis, firstly of Little Hans, later of himself

Diddlebury & Westhope WI

Our meeting in July was a BBQ in Mary Holland's garden and how lucky we were that the sun shone brightly and although it did get a bit chilly towards the end, we all really enjoyed a lovely evening.

Bangers, burgers and kebabs were cooked and enjoyed, along with some Pimms, wine, and elderflower cordial for those of us driving. Thank you to Mary for hosting a such a great evening. It was a pretty informal meeting, but we did manage to discuss a few things we are going to try and change for our meetings next year. More on this will follow, once we have nailed things down.



and then of his own daughter Anna. It also describes John Hunter's early attempts to discover more about human anatomy by dissecting exhumed human corpses. One of the things he investigated and described was the development of babies in the womb.

The writing did not follow a conventional novel form and, although feted by others, the group found it challenging and less satisfying than other books we had read. In the third section there is a detailed, but almost emotionless, although realistic, account of the process of undergoing pregnancy and childbirth. The clinical style of reportage was not engaging.

Nevertheless, the book raised reflections on parenting and on being parented. The language the author used at times produced lovely sentences and phrases, such as 'when at last the long bell of my mother's death had ceased to sound'. However, the overall style gave a sense of Sartre's 'anomie'. For some of us, the denser, detailed narrative of the history of the split in psychoanalysis between England and European factions was better described by Sebastian Faulks in more readable form in Human Traces.

Our next read, *The Dubliners* by James Joyce, will offer different challenges. After the restrictions of Zoom, members of the group are now hoping to meet face-to-face for our discussion on **12th August**. The plan is to meet in the large room at **Diddlebury Village Hall**, so we can continue with 2 metre spacing until we are comfortable about the Covid numbers. Hand gel and masks may be used if that is the majority preference. It will be good to meet face-to-face for more open and nuanced discussion. We also hope to discuss what we would like to read for the remaining dates this year: 9th September, 14th October, 11th November and 9th December. All meetings occur on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. New members are welcome.

Cath Burley



Next month we are meeting again at 7:00pm on Tuesday 10th August, this

time in Joy Williams' garden. It was suggested a theme of the 1970's would flavour our evening and we all are going to bring a plate of something we might expect to have eaten in the 1970's. And if the mood takes anyone, please feel free to dress up 1970's style; dig out your flares, flower power dresses or just wear flowers in your hair, whatever takes your fancy, or not, if dressing up isn't your thing!

If you would like to join us, please get in touch with me. Jane Cockburn (pmc1989@btinternet.com)

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Corvedale School





The first weekend in July, Y6 had an overnight camping experience with a difference, on the school field! This involved designing and making their own shelters from poles and tarpaulins. Some were a little optimistic in design and required a rethink when it came to construction on a very hot and sticky Friday afternoon. However, by tea-time six sturdy shelters had been constructed and kitted out for the night ahead. There were lots of games and fun activities throughout the evening including songs around a campfire. Bedtime was a rather long and drawn-out affair; we staff had hoped children had been worn out enough to go straight off to sleep but this proved to be as optimistic as the aforementioned shelter designs. Most children had fallen asleep when the rain started to fall at about three in the morning. I am pleased to say that by then they were suitably exhausted not to be woken by the downpour, I was also pleased that the quality of shelters proved to keep everyone dry. The rain continued to fall right through breakfast and during the pack away on Saturday morning. However, it failed to dampen anyone's spirits and shelter camp once again proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all.

The end of summer term wouldn't be the without our same sports day. It was one with a difference this year as we were unable to mix year groups for the races, we kept the house format, but children had to remain in class groups. No parents could be in attendance due to restrictions.



RSPB Walks 2021

although a couple of die-hard fans set up deckchairs outside the perimeter fence! A heavy dew delayed the start, but we were underway by 11 am. There were

straight sprints and hurdles races, traditional egg and spoon and skipping events. By lunchtime All Saints' house had a sizeable lead with St Michael's and St Peter's battling it out for the runners up slot. However, things were to get closer as the afternoon events began. The hoop relays are one of my favourites and there were some close 'photo' finishes. The potato race is not just about speed but teamwork too. By the time of the final relay races St Michael's challenge had faded and despite winning the last couple of races St Peter's were unable to completely close the gap and All Saints' ran out winners by a just handful of points.

Our oldest children are finishing off term with a production of the musical The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. It promises to be a colourful and exciting event. Children have been learning songs with our music teacher Mr Bennett and rehearsing the play through the direction of Mrs Littlar. The lead characters are played by Isabella Lane as Dorothy, Amira Chumber as Scarecrow, Ivy Owens as Tin Man, and Emily Norton as Lion. The rest of children in class 3 and 4 play the other cast members, choir and backstage crew.

End of term is on Wednesday 21st July when, at our leavers service, we say good luck and goodbye to Y6. Zinnia, Aaron, Hugo, Oscar, Ivy, Isabella, William, Lia-Jai, Evie, Zac, Joey, Tristan, Freya, Amira, Emily and Layla will all be starting secondary school in Ludlow come September. We would like to wish them all the very best for future success and happiness. We will also bid farewell to one of our TA's, Mrs Sara Capleton as she leaves to begin teacher training at Worcester University.

From September our school's name will expand and officially become Corvedale Church of England Primary and Nursery School as we officially open our own preschool provision for two, three and four-year-olds. Nursery places for September have filled up fast but there are still a few spaces left. We welcome enquiries regarding preschool provision which should be made through the school office - 01584 841630 or admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk.

For more information on what is going on, to keep up with the latest happenings/news at school, visit the school website - *www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk* or on Twitter @*CorvedaleSchool*.

Jonathan Brough Headteacher, Corvedale CE Primary School



Group walks with a maximum of 6 people

Date	Time	Location
6th August	6.30pm	The Swan, Aston Munslow

Contact Val Francis

01584 841296

The Corvedale Kitchen

Light Chocolate Mousse

Can be made using dairy free and gluten free ingredients, if you need it to be.

Ingredients (Serves 6)

- 100g 70% dark chocolate
- 300g ready-made custard
- 3 large egg whites

Method

- 1. Break 95g of the chocolate into a heatproof bowl over a pan of hot water and leave to melt, stir with a wooden spoon when melted and leave to cool for a few minutes.
- 2. Stir the custard into the slightly cooled chocolate until fully combined.
- 3. Whisk the egg whites until fairly stiff and stir about a third of them into the chocolate/custard with a metal spoon, fold in the rest until you can no longer see any egg white but do it carefully, so you don't knock all the air out of the egg whites.
- 4. Divide the mixture into 6 teacups or small ramekins or similar and decorate with the left over 5g of chocolate by grating over the top in season fruit such as raspberries or strawberries could also be used to decorate.
- 5. Place in the fridge for a least an hour before serving and can be left in the fridge for 6-8 hours (but should be eaten the day of making).

Jayne Husband

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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!

Diddlebury Village Hall Charity Registration Number: 522511	
NOTICE OF 2020 AGM and 2021 AGM Diddlebury Village Hall Committee hereby gives public notice of the 2020 Annual General Meeting* and the 2021 Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 16th August 2021 at 7.30 pm at Diddlebury Village Hall	
To transact the following business:	
• Welcome	
• Apologies	
Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM	
Committee Report	
Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts	
Confirmation of Appointed Committee Members	
Election of Committee Members**	
• AOB	
Date of Next Meeting	
• Close	
Jayne Kirk, Secretary, 01584 861 241	
*Because of Coronavirus GOV UK guidelines it was not possible to hold the 2020 AGM at the usual time. The Charity Commission granted an extension to the deadline.	
**Three committee members are elected from those living in Diddlebury parish, aged 18 or over. Anyone wishing to stand for election to the committee should contact the Secretary or any of the other committee members as soon as possible and no later than 14th August. Please note that voting is restricted to residents of the Diddlebury parish aged 18 or over.	



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Poetry Corner Some verses for August.

William Ernest Henley

(1849 – 1903)

British poet, writer, critic and editor in late Victorian England. Though he wrote several books of poetry, Henley is remembered most often for his 1875 poem 'Invictus'. A fixture in London literary circles, the one-legged Henley was also the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's character Long John Silver (Treasure Island, 1883), while his young daughter Margaret Henley inspired J. M. Barrie's choice of the name Wendy for the heroine of his play Peter Pan (1904)

I have included this poem in this edition for its connection to football and other sports.

This poem is in the public domain

Robert Frost (1874 – 1963)

An American poet. His work was initially published in England before it was published in the United States. Known for his realistic depictions of rural life and his command of American colloquial speech, Frost frequently wrote about settings from rural life in New England in the early 20th century, using them to examine complex social and philosophical themes.

Frost was honoured frequently during his lifetime and is the only poet to receive four Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry. He became one of America's rare 'public literary figures, almost an artistic institution.' He was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1960 for his poetic works. On July 22, 1961, Frost was named poet laureate of Vermont.

This poem is in the public domain

John Masefield (1878 – 1967)

English poet and writer, born in Ledbury and Poet Laureate from 1930 until 1967. Among his best- known works are the children's novels The Midnight Folk and The Box of Delights, and the poems The Everlasting Mercy and Sea-Fever.

A foretaste of summer holidays at the coast. This poem is in the public domain

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*

William Ernest Henley - Invictus

Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeonings of chance My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears Looms but the Horror of the shade, And yet the menace of the years Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul.

Robert Frost - The Road not taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

John Masefield - Sea Fever

I must down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky, And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by; And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking, And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking. I must down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied; And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying, And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the seagulls crying. I must down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life, To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife; And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,

And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

An Eminent Celtic Scholar

In Culmington churchyard, to the east of the church in an area which escaped the cruel massacre of headstones sixty or so years ago, there is a most unusual monument. As far as I know it is unique in the Corvedale for two reasons: it is made from Welsh slate, and the inscription is written in the Welsh language. This, and the quality of the lettering, suggests strongly that the stone was carved in Wales.

The inscription (translated) reads as follows:

MEMORIAL STONE SACRED to THE REVEREND **ROBERT WILLIAMS M.A.** VICAR OF LLANGADWALADR RECTOR OF RHYDYCROESAU COUNTY OF DENBIGH for more than forty years HONORARY CANON OF ST ASAPH AND RECTOR OF CULMINGTON 1879-81. HE WAS THE LEARNED AUTHOR OF THE LEXICON CORNU-BRITANNICUM and several other books. HE WAS BORN JUNE19TH 1810 DIED APRIL 26TH 1881 AND WAS BURIED HERE.

This epitaph contains a great deal more biographical information than is usual for churchyard monuments of this date, and was no doubt aided by the fact that, as he was a bachelor, no details of other family members were recorded. Of particular interest is the reference to the Lexicon Cornu-Britannicum, with which I will deal first. This monumental work, published in 1865, was a dictionary of the Cornish language. It was not the first such dictionary, and in his preface the author condemns two earlier attempts for their inaccuracy. By this time Cornish had ceased to be a spoken language, and Williams made great use of written versions of medieval Cornish poetry and what today we would know as mystery plays. What is remarkable is that the author not only gave an English translation of Cornish words, but also references to early recorded written uses of the words, similar to those to be found in the larger editions of the Oxford English Dictionary. Even more significantly, where similar words could be found in the other Celtic languages - Welsh, Breton, Manx, Scottish and Irish Gaelic - these are included for comparison. What is remarkable is that the book is readily available today both in an online version, and as a print to order book.

Williams was born at Conwy, the second son of Robert Williams, perpetual curate* of Llandudno, and was

educated at Beaumaris and Shrewsbury schools. He studied at Christ Church, Oxford, where he gained his B.A. in 1832, and was made deacon at St. Asaph the following year. While an undergraduate he won the essay prize of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion (a learned Welsh Society based in London) for a study of eminent Welshmen since the Reformation, which was later published. Between 1833 and 1836 he served as curate of Llangernyw in Denbighshire, where he wrote and published a history of his home town of Conwy. After three years as a curate, he became vicar of Llangadwaladr, a parish on the border with Shropshire, to the west of Oswestry and in the diocese of St Asaph. One of his first tasks was to oversee the building of a daughter church in the hamlet of Rhydycroesau. An exceptional fund-raising effort by the parishioners realised over £1,100 towards the cost of building the church and parsonage house, and provided an endowment for the stipend of a minister. The new church, a rather rustic structure which cost a mere £503 to build, was much altered in 1886. Curiously, the church stands in Shropshire and the parsonage house in Wales (formerly Denbighshire, now the County Borough of Wrexham).

I have no idea what brought Mr Williams to Culmington for the last years of his life. He was described as 'ponderous and pedantic, waddling as he walked with three or four pupils at his heels' in an unreferenced source on Wikipedia. The same source states that he was a dull preacher, who delivered the same sermons repeatedly, always in a monotone. How accurate this assessment was we have no means of knowing, for we know more about his scholarly works than his personal characteristics. Be that as it may, he must rank among the eminent Victorians of the Corvedale.

* Perpetual curates: when a new church was erected in an existing parish it was rarely

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given a share of the tithes, so the incumbent was neither rector nor vicar, but was styled curate. perpetual In time these district churches generally became parishes in their own right.

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The headstone in Culmington churchyard

Corvedale Past and Present

Use your loaf why don't you!

A few thousand years ago (if you believe the science) man made what is surely one of his biggest ever decisions: to scratch at the ground and sow grain into it.

Many thousands of years earlier he (or possibly she; let's face it, chaps) had made a yet more momentous change, a decision to walk on two legs and to roam the earth. That led to such a radically changed female pelvis, so the story goes, that new-born Homo sapiens were ridiculously immature, needing protection, and strong family and tribal groups became a necessity. So when the transformation from free ranging hunter to settled arable farming came there were increased chances for development of society and the advancement of the individual, although we also see, looking back, the inevitable rise of an elite class.

Now, how does this take us to the beginning of August? The name 'Lammas' - think 'loaf mass', or 'half maessa' in our Old English tongue - dates back to time out of mind, well before the conquest of the land in 1066 and the following years. It turns out this term was also a 'borrowing' from ancient British, i.e., it is a Celtic word.

Leaving aside all the complications and controversies of the word 'feudal', if we pause to consider the times, shall we say, between 1100 and 1300 AD, every man in the Kingdom had a feudal superior, a 'Lord'.

Now it turns out that the word 'loaf' and the word 'lord' have the same root in Germanic languages so that a man's lord was also the provider of his bread. This may come as a surprise to those who have watched and absorbed the Hollywood view of medieval lord and peasant, but we should acknowledge that - at least in theory - the lord had to provide both protection and means of sustenance to the underling. Taken with the duties of the peasant to his superior, this was, supposedly, a two-way street. What could possibly go wrong with that?

So, to finally bring in Lammas, the first day of August, this was the time when this relationship was potentially at its strongest. The days of high summer had passed their zenith, but it was, nevertheless, a time for optimism. Traditionally, from the first of August, corn could be reaped, baked into a loaf, and used symbolically in the Mass. It was also the time when common fields, closed till now for the hay harvest, were flung open to the village commoners. This meant there was a chance for the poor man to keep at least some of his beasts alive over the winter to come, which was vital to him and his family. For the Lord, it was the time when debts could be paid in grain, as increasingly they were in those times.

If, like me, you find these significant points in the year fascinating, you probably won't be surprised to learn that the Christian festival of Lammastide was an appropriation of a previous pagan festival. In fact, 'Lunasa' (as it is in the modern Irish language), was one of the eight great festivals punctuating and dividing the year in Celtic lands. I suppose it was the obvious thing to do when a country became Christianised: it was a soft takeover, one that everyone would understand. It has the obvious advantage of taking an old festival, subjecting it to the new religion, and keeping it tied to the natural world and the rhythms of the year which were so important to the older religions, and to the people who followed them.

The word 'Lammas' appears many times in the names of fields, meadows, and meads throughout the country, and though not particularly common in Shropshire there were Lammas meadows at Neen Sollars and Neen Savage. A Lammas fair also existed in Shrewsbury well into the 17th century, and I understand there are Lammas Parks in London and Cambridge, presumably on former Lammas meadows.

If you think that our – in many ways – shaky modern world needs to turn back to the natural world, then use your loaf and keep up old Lammastide!

Peter Cornah

Afterthought 1: Anyone reading the above paragraphs about mutual interest of Lord and peasant might be inclined to cough and splutter somewhat. Surely not! And, yes, this would only have worked if everything was in its favour. A sour Lord, a grumpy peasant, an awful season, war, pestilence etc could have derailed the system, but it's nice to think it may have worked sometimes!

Afterthought 2: Lugh was the Celtic sun god, and his two-week commemoration, Lughnasadh, started in mid-July. It was one of the eight yearly High Holidays, or Sabbats.

(Image) Lugh, the Celtic Sun God



Munslow WI

Hoping to get back on track, so to speak, we have been invited to hold an afternoon tea party at Secretary Sue Seal's home; White Rose Lodge, Aston Munslow at 3.00pm on the Wednesday 4th August. It will be good to get together again where we may feel free to discuss future meetings.

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







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Readers' Photos August's theme is Gardens



A Tugford garden - Colin Porter



Boscobel Rose - Rosemary England



- Elaine He



- Geoff Neden



- Jayne Husband



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The Diddle brook running through a garden - Claire Ross



Mike & Sally Woodhouse's garden - Claire Ross



Rosa Chippendale - Jill Wardle

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Get featured on the front cover of the Corvedale News. Send us your photos, from landscapes to local goings-on. We're looking for pictures that capture the essense of living in the Corvedale and surrounding communuty. Please send all photos to: *photos@corvedalenews.co.uk*

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-Elaine Hooley



- Geoff Neden



- Geoff Neden



- Kath Woodhouse

- Linda Fowler

- Alison Knott



- Mark Cockburn



Water lilies in Middlehope garden - Colin Stanford



A plentiful crop of strawberries at Middlehope - Colin Stanford

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Thank you for all your wonderful and varied photographs of Gardens. Our theme for next month is

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August Crossword - by Artemonas

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ACROSS

- 1) A Pirates on the turn to split up
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- 8) Imagine rep upset nurse
- 10) Ten heart problems could worry
- 11) Head of the household gives little Alfred an even share
- 13) Make angry and demand a change
- 15) Save me and a wild deer
- 17) Expel holy man after university
- 18) The church is in recess. How rude
- 21) Cheat and win in a doctored sled
- 22) Coach starts to travel up the other road
- 23) Accidently delay Peter over and over again (10)

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1)	Flowing robes, muted in colour	(5)
2)	All set having shaved in advance	(8)
3)	Repair damaged sword	(6)
4)	The First of November. Not now	(4)
5)	Frighten lady when in debt	(7)
6)	Sober sailors ring us after rough time	(10)
9)	A famed Tory, oddly libellous	(10)
12)	First robot got thrown out and cast aside	(8)
14)	Hate having drinks up in river	(7)
16)	Overrun if nest is destroyed	(6)
19)	Guard lost his head on the way in	(5)
20)	I led the way but I'm lazy	(4)

ANSWERS TO JULY'S CROSSWORD:

ACROSS: 1) Time; 3) Activate; 9) Mayor; 10) Onassis; 11) Dim; 13) Make Haste; 14) Minute; 16) Second; 18) Royal Blue; 20) Saw; 22) Heretic; 23) Hours; 25) Drearier; 26) Once

DOWN: 1) Time; 2) May; 4) Clocks; 5) Ivanhoe; 6) Assessors; 7) East End; 8) Drum; 12) Money Tree; 14) Marched; 15) Telstar; 17) Cloche; 19) Echo; 21) Waste; 24) Urn

Parish Councils

MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2021

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Val Fotheringham, Ed Povey, David Marston, Chris Meeson and Graham Williams. In attendance: Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Nigel Dobson and Antonia Bury.

Declarations of Interests: None declared.

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2021 were approved.

Matters Arising: Cllr Dobson reported to the Chair that there had been no progress regarding the Crown Garage and he was seeking ownership information.

Co-option: There are presently 8 councillors with a single vacancy.

Urgent items for discussion (not voting): Woodland Trust.

Report from the Chair: The Lloyds bank signatories are Cllrs Archer, Povey and Dobson. Beambridge Village Hall will install a WiFi dish and their AGM is at 7.30pm on 27th July. The Parish Council needs a representative on that committee.

Finance: The accounting statement was approved.

The following payments were approved: Clerk's Salary £156.67, Clerk's Expenses £17.56, HMRC £39.20 (all relating to C Leworthy).

Planning Matters: 21/02498/LBC: Members did not object to a proposal for internal alterations, insertion of roof lights and unblocking of a window at attic level affecting the Grade II* Listed Building: Aston Hall, Aston Munslow, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9ER.

Highways: There had been no action by Shropshire Council to install the post for the new VAS sign. The Clerk will contact them again. The invoice for the VAS sign has been paid. The VAS signs between Aston Munslow and Beambridge and between Aston Munslow and Diddlebury are not working correctly. The

Clerk will report them to Shropshire Council.

Nick Newton, Shropshire Council Traffic Engineer has agreed to come to a meeting with Munslow Parish Council to consider traffic calming measure on the B4368. Cllr Archer is waiting for dates from him. It was agreed that Cllrs Archer, Fotheringham, and Povey will meet him with the Clerk. It was suggested that PC Grant be asked to come to the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will email him future meeting dates.

The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting between Munslow, Culmington and Diddlebury Parish Councils and police representatives to discuss traffic noise and speed along the B4368 and agree an agenda.

The verges up the lane from the Swan Inn have been sprayed with weedkiller. It is not known who carried out this work but there is a watercourse nearby which could be polluted by spraying.

Urgent Items: The Woodland Trust is offering a pack of 5 trees to Parish Councils to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 2022. Councillors will consider where they may be sited in the parish.

Correspondence: There was none.

Facebook: The Clerk will set up a Facebook page for the Parish Council to be administered by the Clerk and Cllr Povey.

PCC Survey: Cllr Meeson will complete the survey.

Church Fete: This will be on 14th August, starting at 2.30pm. Cllrs Archer, Povey and Fotheringham will attend and the Clerk will provide information on the role of Parish Councils.

Car Park Aston Munslow: The Clerk will ask Shropshire Council to place litter bins at the car park and in the layby at Aston Munslow. Cllr Archer reported that she had reviewed the archived documents on ownership of the car park and it is not owned by either the Swan Inn or the Parish Council but appears to be Common Ground.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 2nd September at Beambridge Village Hall

Full Minutes are available from the Clerk via: munslowpc@gmail.com, munslowparishcouncil.co.uk or 07817 607355

ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 28th June 2021 at Abdon Village Hall

Present: Cllrs P Hartley, C Yarwood, G Trim: W Richards (clerk). **Open Session:** None.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Price and M Whalley.

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2021 were unanimously agreed as correct. It will be necessary to consider income from the marquee. It was also agreed that an advertisement be placed in the Corvedale News and West of the Clee.

Finance: The current balance was $\pounds 5,360.75$. It was agreed that the Clerk's wages for three months, amounting to $\pounds 190$, be paid.

The internal audit was approved, the gross income being $\pounds 265$ and gross expenditure $\pounds 1,221$. It was signed by the standing chair, Cllr G Trim.

Correspondence about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee beacons in 2022 would be forward to Village Hall. Details of half term activities are on website.

AOB: Covid updates have been added to the website.

Items for consideration for the next meeting: Highways petitions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:05

Date of next meeting Thursday 12th August 2021

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Parish Councils (continued)

CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 6th July 2021

Attendance: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chairman), Mr A Pike, Mr J Turley, Mrs C Byng, Ms J Mear, Mrs M Holland, Mr M Seabrook, Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Watts and Alderson.

Declarations of Interest Relating to This Meeting: None.

Public Involvement Session: One member of the public was present.

Minutes of the Meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st June 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed.

Matters Arising: The Clerk reported that she had had no response from the owners of the Old Seifton Village Hall regarding the Minutes. Cllr Turley wished to send condolences to Cllr Alderson and family at the death of Richard Alderson and recognition of the work he had done for the community over many years. The Clerk reported that a card had been sent on behalf of the Council.

Planning: 21/02546/FUL Conversion to 1 no. dwelling including a Juliet balcony, associated works, erection of two storey extension and installation of septic tank, proposed Barn Conversion South of Upper Barn, Seifton. The Clerk apologised to Cllr Turley for omitting him from the distribution list for the site visit. Members agreed to support the development.

Reports from Members: Cllr Motley reported that the Cultural Strategy had been published which would help those organisations wishing to apply for funding. There has been a lot of work to improve cycle routes. The Council acknowledges that a lot of work is needed on rural roads, and drain clearance work is improving, but the Government has been cutting back the highways budget. Verge cutting has started. There has been a lot of criticism of the Planning Bill. The Local Plan goes to council next week.

Village Hall: Cllr Mear reported that the Village Hall is now open. The AGM is on 27th July. There is a pizza evening with bar on the 6th August.

Flood Action Group: Cllr Byng reported that Andy Keyland (Shropshire Council Highways) will walk the drains up to Seifton Lane, possibly with John Bellis (Shropshire Council). Cllr Byng will attend.

Correspondence: From Mr Wardle, thanking Jeff Williams for the work done on the footpath over the ford on Seifton Lane; thanks also for donations from West Shropshire Talking Newspaper, League of Friends, Severn Hospice, Clover Club, Corvedale Buzzard, Ripples, and the Air Ambulance

Policing Charter: PC Stephen Grant hopes that a representative will attend some Parish Council meetings in the future.

Finance: The finance report and bank reconciliation were accepted and signed by the Clerk and Cllr Mear.

The following payments were authorised: H Coonick (Clerk) £55.25 (Stationary and Traffic Signs 50% cost shared with Stanton Lacy Parish Council for Environmental Maintenance Officer); H Coonick (Clerk) £814.32 (Salary April-June); D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance Officer) £202.50; Web Orchard (Website Hosting) £228.00; J Williams (Footpaths Asphalt) £13.00.

The Asset Register was reviewed, to include the additional footpath maintenance equipment held by J Williams. The Clerk will investigate whether the Village Hall should be included in the Asset Register.

Environmental Maintenance Grant: It was confirmed that this has been spent in accordance with grant terms.

Laundry Works: The issue of Fire Safety and dust emission had been logged with the Environment Agency and Environmental Health.

Insurance Cover for Volunteers and Flood Action Group: The Insurance Company has advised that Volunteers would need to be treated in the same way as employed staff ie names and addresses retained, training and equipment provided and a person to be directing the activities. It was felt this would be difficult in emergency situations especially as the Council does not normally carry out any work on the B4365 at the instruction of Shropshire Council. The Clerk will investigate whether other Parish Councils insure Flood Action Groups.

Flooding of Lane to Culmington Church: Shropshire Council has advised that the blocked drain is the responsibility of the landowner. The Clerk will write to the landowner.

Environmental Maintenance Contract: Dave Lewis has started work across the parish. It was agreed that the green area with the bus shelter in Culmington should only have minor moving until August to allow wild flowers to seed.

Update on Desilting Seifton Brook: The council resolved to use A Clayton (contractor) and J Wilkinson (Ecologist) to desilt Seifton Brook in front of the cottages on Seifton Lane. Expenditure of £700 was agreed by Councillors from the Environmental Maintenance Grant.

Report on Highways meeting with Mark Barrow / Stephen Smith (Shropshire Council): The council agreed this was depressing to read as the state of rural roads is so poor.

Involvement in the Queen's Jubilee Beacons: The beacon is no longer useable but Cllr Seabrook will consider sites for trees for the Queen's Green Canopy.

Items for the Next Meeting: Donation on behalf of council to Culmington Church for Richard Alderson.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday 7th September

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Parish Councils (continued)

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at Westhope Village Hall

Present: Cllr D Hedgley, Cllrs T O'Boyle, G Neden, R Povall, A Watson, Cllr T Pardoe, Cllr A Rattu, Cllr S Povall and Cllr R Morgan.

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

Declarations of Interest were made by Cllr Pardoe re 21/02067/ FUL and the Chairman re 21/01785/FUL.

Minutes of the three Parish Council Meetings held on 19th May 2021 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman. Five matters arising were dealt with.

Reports: *The Chairman* reported that he had held discussions with Mr Trim about the outstanding EMO works, which will be dealt with shortly. He had discussions with Cllr Motley about various planning issues and he has completed and submitted the Police & Crime Commissioner's consultation paper.

Unitary Cllr Motley confirmed the new Leader of Shropshire Council, Cllr Lezley Picton, has appointed her to the Cabinet with a portfolio covering Communities, Place, Transport & Tourism. Her transport brief covers transport links and items such as cycle lanes, but not potholes. She also discussed further the forthcoming boundaries review and its likely effect on parish and town councils. She urged adjoining parish councils to open up lines of communication to discuss the forthcoming changes.

Reports were also received from the Flood Action Group, and on behalf of Diddlebury and Westhope village halls.

Planning: Two applications were considered: *21/02269/VAR* was withdrawn before the meeting.

21/02067/FUL - Erection of a two-storey extension to form selfcontained living accommodation with single-storey glazed link to main house, erection of a detached 3 bay garage/workshop at Red Brick Barn, Corfton. By a majority councillors strongly supported the application and outlined their reasons for doing so.

21/01785/FUL - Erection of a single-storey extension and removal of former window in lieu of a new roof light at Bouldon House, Bouldon. By a majority councillors supported this application.

PREAPP/21/00106 was also discussed and it was agreed that the parish council could not pass comment on an application for this site (behind the Sun Inn, Corfton) until it received a formal planning application.

Communications & Correspondence: Eleven items of correspondence were discussed.

Minor Highways & Environmental Matters: Failure by Highways to carry out remedial works on the road opposite the Tally Ho in Bouldon has resulted in the problem worsening with the retaining wall collapsing into the stream. Despite requests since last November Highways have still failed to provide a mirror for the Bache Mill junction. DPC will obtain and fix its own mirror.

Finance: The Finance Report for June 2021 was considered by members and cheques totalling £766.77 were approved after which payments DPC holds £22,970.78 in its account. Cllr O'Boyle verified the bank statement/cash book reconciliation.

The adoption of an Unreasonably Persistent & Vexatious Complaints Procedure was discussed: further research is needed before a final agreed policy can be adopted.

Any Other Business: The Chairman has obtained Certificates of Service and hopes to present them to ex-councillors Mervyn Thomas, Selina Thomas, Kath Worthington and Mike Woodhouse at the meeting on 28th July 2021.

Next meeting: Wednesday 28th July 2021, commencing 7.30pm in Diddlebury Village Hall

Agendas and full copies of the Minutes can be viewed by visiting the Diddlebury Parish Council website at: www.diddleburyparish.co.uk or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett, No. 1 Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow SY8 2HG. Tel: 01568 701880 (**NB. new number**) Email: diddleburypc@gmail.com

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Corvedale Brownies have now joined Craven Arms Brownies and meet on one Saturday a month at the Discovery Centre, 10.30am until 1pm.

Please contact Catherine Crowther for dates: 01584 861276 Catherinecrowther@gmail.com

Contact Numbers for Local Services



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	Contact	Phone	Email
Local Services and Eme	rgencies		
Electricity Problems/Power Cuts	Western Power	0800 6783 105	
Water Supply Problems	Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444	
County Flood Management	Shropshire Council	0345 678 9006	flood@shropshire.gov.uk
Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group	Geoff Neden	841815	gneden@googlemail.com
Ludlow Minor Injuries Unit (out of hours 111)	Community Hospital	874297	
Shropdoc (out of hours service)	Doctors Co-operative	111	
Ludlow's Doctors' Surgeries	Station Drive Portcullis	872461 872939	
Craven Arms Medical Practice		01588 672309	
Police (non-emergency)	West Mercia Police	101	contactus@westmercia.police.uk
Voluntary Car Scheme (9.00am to 12 noon weekdays)	Craven Arms Good Neighbours	01588 673732	
Clubs and Societies			
Abdon Wildlife Group	Penny Unitt	01746 712530	artypenny2017@gmail.com
Blue Hills Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Artists	Juliet Hole Ann Hankinson	01299 832603 01584 841460	
Corvedale Badminton Club	Val Fotheringham	841331	
Corvedale Book Group	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
Corvedale Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Community Environmental Group	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
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	jvcedarwood@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	Continued

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Parish Clerks and Websites					
Abdon & Heath Parish Council Clerk	Wendy Richards	07813 271274	abdonandheathclerk1@outlook.com		
Culmington Parish Council Clerk	Heather Coonick	07817 607355	culmingtonpc@googlemail.com		
Diddlebury Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Jean de Rusett	01568 701880	diddleburypc@gmail.com		
Munslow Parish Council Clerk	Heather Coonick	07817 607355	munslowpc@gmail.com		
Diddlebury Parish Website:	www.diddleburyparish.co.uk				
Corvedale Google Group:	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:				

Geoff Neden - gneden@googlemail.com

Village Hall/Club Room Bookings

Abdon Village Hall	Helen Audin	01746 712365	abdon.villagehall@gmail.com				
Abdon Village Hall website:	www.abdonandheathpa	arish.org					
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	Jan Kennedy	841372					
Westhope Village Hall	Betty Manley	07860 447397/ 861617	mbm3049@icloud.com				
Children's and Youth Organisations							
Corvedale Brownies	Catherine Crowther	861276					
Corvedale School, Playgroup and Nursery	Jonathan Brough	841630	admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk				
Women's Institutes							
Diddlebury & Westhope WI	Jane Cockburn	841483	pmc1989@btinternet.com				
Munslow WI	Jenny Rose	841251	gandjrose@mypostoffice.co.uk				

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



The Corvedale Group of Parishes

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

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2021

	August 1st Trinity 9	August 8th Trinity 10	August 15th The Blessed Virgin Mary	August 22nd Trinity 12	August 29th Trinity 13
Abdon		9:45 HC		6:00pm EP	
Broadstone					
Culmington	11:15 HC		6:00pm EP	8:30 HC (BCP)	10am
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6:30pm (time change) Evensong Sung by the Derby Singers	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	Group Service of Holy Communion
Holdgate	8:30 HC				at Holdgate
Munslow	6:00pm EP	11:15 НС		9:45 HC	
Tugford			9:45 HC		

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

We will continue to upload recordings of services to the Corvedale Churches' YouTube channel.

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