

# CORVEDALE NEWS

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*A field of cowslips at Tugford - Maggie Teague*

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# COVID-19 SUPPORT & RESOURCES

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Help is on hand from your local parish councillors.

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

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**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:

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## Food provision during lockdown

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Looking after your mental health during lockdown

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

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

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

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

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

**Free bereavement counselling** – 0345 678 9028

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

**Childline** – call 0800 1111

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

# COVID-19 Coronavirus

## Corvedale Helping Hands

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



Location	Name	Contact	I am happy to help with...			
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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  
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*Our Domestics*

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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 991 100

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

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

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Portfolio Holder, Rural Services

& Local Communities

Shropshire Council

01588 672 192

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

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

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

Chairman - 01584 841 068 Clerk - 01568 701 880

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### **Methodist Chapel**

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tel: (01743) 874923  
[circuitoffice2803@gmail.com](mailto:circuitoffice2803@gmail.com)

## Church News



## Letter from the Rectory

As I write this it is a glorious evening after a sunny day, a couple of days before the Prime Minister is due to make an announcement about whether or not restrictions will be lifted on June 21st. Sitting here at the Rectory, looking out across the Corvedale, it could be difficult to believe that there is anything wrong, or that as a nation we continue to face pandemic-related uncertainty. And yet, as we know, the latest variant in the virus brings rising case numbers in some parts of the country and in many parts of the world the situation is far more uncertain than it is here.

If you look at the church service pattern for the month you will notice that on July 18th we have a group service at Abdon, something we would normally do on the fifth Sunday of the month when there is one. This date for a group service was selected because it is the Sunday nearest to St Margaret's Day and Abdon Church is dedicated to St Margaret. There were, in fact, several saints called Margaret and we are not certain to which of them the church is dedicated – July 20th is the feast day of St Margaret of Antioch. Looking at the lives of several of the saints named Margaret one of the things that strikes me is the uncertainty of the times in which they lived, a reminder that for most of history people have lived in what could be described as uncertain times – much more so than the

periods of prolonged stability throughout society. If we look just at our own lives, and not on a global or national level, we still find periods of uncertainty – as we await the outcome of exams or interviews, as we wonder what to do in the next stage of our lives or careers, or when accidents or illness take things in ways we did not want or plan to go and in many other ways too.

Whilst there are those who think that faith in God means that people of faith are somehow immune from the uncertainties of life, this is not the case. Christians, or people of other faiths, are just as likely to face uncertain times in life as anyone else. What is perhaps different is that through faith in God we know that there are certainties to which we can hold on – God's love for his people is unchanging and constant. It doesn't necessarily change what happens to us, but it can change how we see it and how we feel about it. Writing to the church in Corinth, St Paul wrote *what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal* (2 Corinthians 4, 18). Just as the love of God was there for the early Christians living with the ever-present threat of persecution for their beliefs, so it is there for us – in all the ups, downs, certainties and uncertainties of the times in which we find ourselves.

*Rev'd John Beesley*

## St Michael's, Munslow

Regular services are starting again and we hope to see some new faces from time to time. It is always nice to see fresh flowers in the church. If anyone is willing to arrange flowers either occasionally or regularly, please contact me.



*Anson Crouch*

01584 841 053, [admiralanson@hotmail.com](mailto:admiralanson@hotmail.com)

## Munslow Fête - Saturday 14th August

We are planning and hoping to hold the Munslow fete 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 would be wonderful if some readers would like to volunteer to setup and run other stalls.

Whilst 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 fete.

*Anson Crouch*

01584 841 053, [admiralanson@hotmail.com](mailto:admiralanson@hotmail.com)

## Fundraising Event in Aid of Holdgate Church

Sausage bap and chat with wine  
(vegetarian options available) in the garden at  
Pool Farm, Brookhampton (Brentnalls)

From 6pm on 24th July

We will rely on donations for tickets.

Further details from:

Claire 07837 361 196 or Rev'd John Beesley

01584 841 488, [revjbeesley@gmail.com](mailto:revjbeesley@gmail.com)

## Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



## July 2021

4th	Mrs. Ross	11th	Mrs. Ross
18th	Mrs. Francis	25th	Mrs. Francis

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

## From the Registers



## Baptism

30th May	Paisley Grace Wardman	Culmington
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## Weddings

22nd May	Emily Hay and Jack Taylor	Diddlebury
30th May	Bethany Quinton & Joe Coxon	Diddlebury

## *Caring for God's Acre in Munslow*

On May 18th the Task Force and local volunteers had an excellent working day in Munslow, most of the heavy labour being in the Burial Ground. It was the one fine day, in what was otherwise a very damp week, so the scythers and rakers were able to achieve amazing results in a relatively short time. There was still evidence of spring, with a growing patch of cowslips and a spread of blue Centaurea that is colonising an area near the war graves.

Other wildlife in evidence too, a toad and a slow worm just out of hibernation, with its recently cast skin proving

its arrival. The sound of a green woodpecker was much enjoyed.

As always, a big 'thank you' to all who help us to care for this natural oasis in the centre of the village. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, August 17th, to mow the long grass.

*Anne Donnelly*

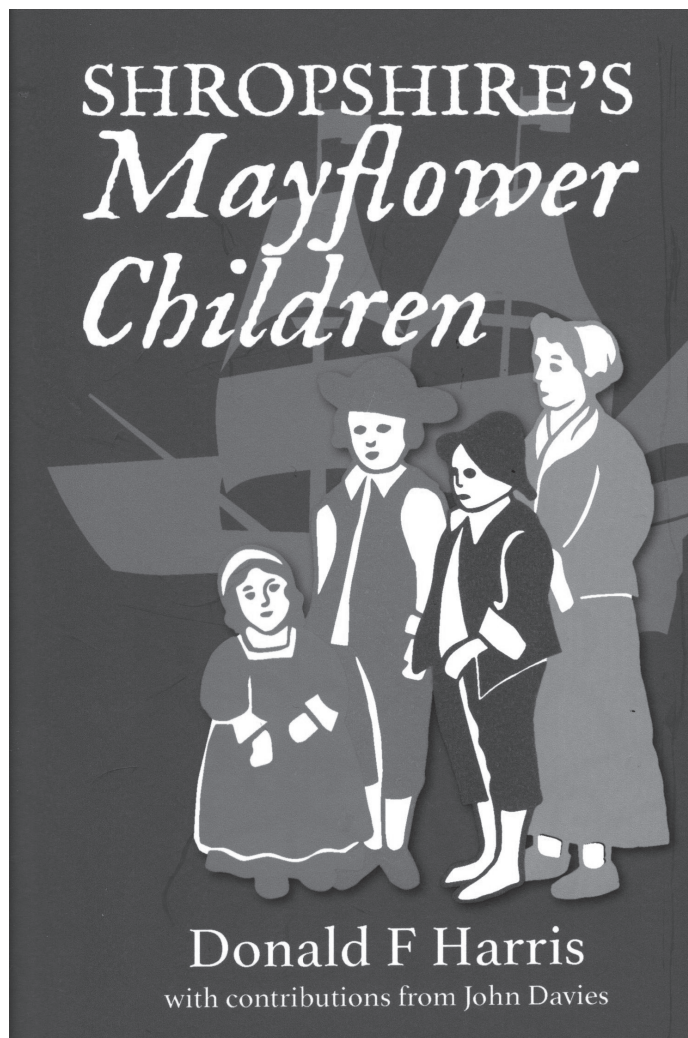


## *Shropshire's Mayflower Children*

Hot off the press, *Shropshire's Mayflower Children* by Donald Harris, beautifully illustrated, is now available at £19.50. The book contains all Harris's research about the four young children from the Corvedale, Elinor, Jasper, Richard and Mary More, who were banished to America in 1620 by their father, a landed gentleman, when he discovered that his wife had been having a longstanding liaison with a local yeoman 'of meane parentage'.

Buy your copy from [www.shropshiremayflower.com](http://www.shropshiremayflower.com) and click on shop.

*Wendy Brogden*



## *George*

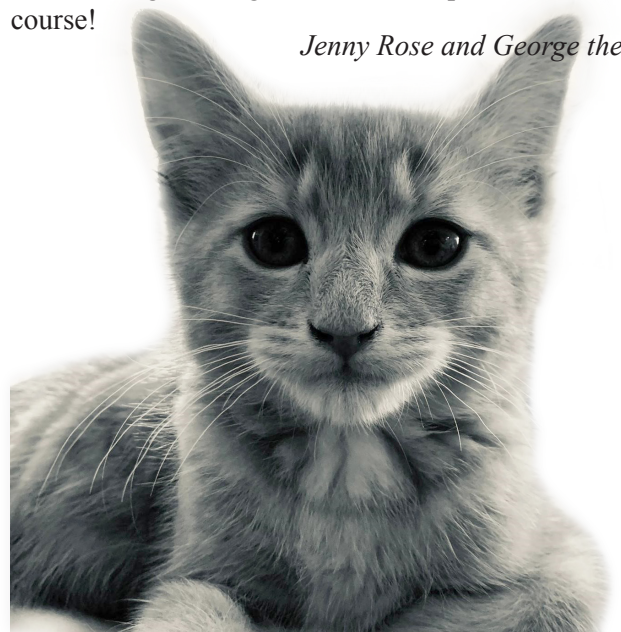
Well, I've been here a week now and the accommodation is quite good, I was rather sad at leaving my mum and siblings behind and the ride in the car in that cage affair was very frightening, but mum and her friend made a big fuss of me when we arrived and by evening I was beginning to feel at home.

Of course, as we kittens know we can be rather over active and mischievous as the following few days were to prove. mum's ankles are beginning to resemble pin cushions and sometimes she shouts but I'm not sure if she's hurting or enjoying herself. Apparently, she used to enjoy eating her breakfast in peace while reading or doing a crossword, I'm afraid I soon put paid to that, she was dusting before eight this morning. Something unheard of she says, I think she is hoping for a nap after lunch - we'll see about that...

I've had a few little accidents (oh, not what you think) I can use my dirt box like a pro! No, I mean knocking things off the windowsills like photo frames for instance and earlier this morning the telephone came crashing to the floor! I didn't think I'd touched it.

Anyway, I'm quite tired now having been quite active this morning so I'll go and have a nap, on mum's chair of course!

*Jenny Rose and George the kitten*





## Corvedale Book Group

**How to be both by Ali Smith**

A much praised and prize-winning book from 2014/15 *How to be both* is a thought provoking read. It reminded me of the T.S. Eliot quote from the first stanzas of *Burnt Norton*.

*Time present and time past  
Are both perhaps present in time future,  
And time future contained in time past.  
If all time is eternally present  
All time is unredeemable.*

*How to be both* was published in two versions - one starting with the story of Georgia, a teenager whose mother has recently died, and the other beginning with a disembodied spirit observing a boy looking at a painting in an art gallery.

The edition we received from the library began with 'George' and moved on to the life of the 15th century artist Francesco del Cossa. The essence of the story is about how time collides and elides, how it is multi-layered and how the present has an impact on the past and the past on the present: how you cannot have one without the other.

'George' is an introspective teenager, pedantic about grammar, who lives with her mother and father and younger brother Henry. Her mother is a writer with a history of being able to subvert internet documents with challenging statements and images. She believes she is being watched by the intelligence services. Sadly, she suddenly dies, and we see the family unravel as her husband takes to drink, Henry is lost, and George struggles to understand the simultaneous presence and absence of her mother in her life. George undergoes a number of counselling sessions with Mrs Rock, the school counsellor, which give her space to progress through her emotions.

Shortly before her death, the mother took the children to Ferrara to see a picture she had read about by the artist Francesco del Cossa whose work came to light when a letter was discovered in which he asked the Duke for an

increase in wages for creating three fresco panels (Spring, Summer and Autumn) in the 'Room of the Months' in Palazzo Shifanoia. Del Cossa paints from life and his works are both blatantly sexual, challenging of the system and allegorical in nature. He has relationships with other women and with the likeable pickpocket who became his apprentice. George and her mother discuss whether what you see in front of you is the thing that exists, or whether you need the existence of earlier works and history to build and frame that reality. In her mourning George discovers other sides to the mother she thought she knew, including an obsessional relationship with another woman. George has a developing relationship with a school friend, Helena, who helps to bring her out of her grief.

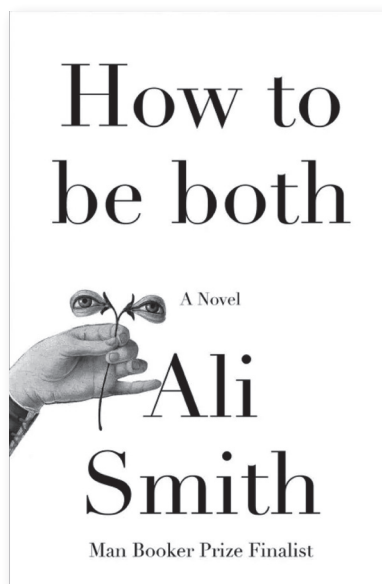
In the other half of the story, the painter is transported to the present and observes the strange world of the 21st century and follows George around as his/her story is revealed. The painter's mother also died early and her father, a brick layer, disguised her as a boy so she could make best use of her obvious artistic talents. We learn of her education, growing independence, commissions and sexual encounters. The two halves of the story weave together.

Only four people attended the group this time, as some had found the disjointed 'stream of consciousness' writing of the first part of the book hard to get on with, and others were enjoying birthdays, contact with friends or making the most

of the sunshine. It is not an easy read as the narrative is not smooth and the sentence construction challenging. Georgia and her mother, and the painter emerge though as viable characters and the questions they ask about their lives, about time and about the nature of sexuality and relationships are thought provoking.

When we meet on **Thursday 8th July** we will be discussing ***Sight***, **Jessie Greengross's** debut novel about the importance of mothers and motherhood.

Cath Burley

**RSPB Walks 2021**

Group walks with a maximum of 6 people



Date	Time	Location	Contact
10th July	10.30am	Brown Cleve SO 605874	Carol Wood 07807 068304
15th July	6.30pm	Acton Scott - walk and social evening	Geoff Hall 07813 570217
6th August	6.30pm	The Swan, Aston Munslow	Val Francis 01584 841296

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THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS



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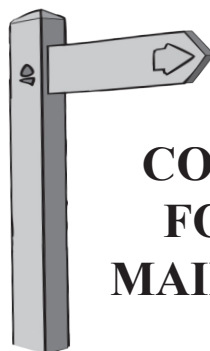
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## CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP

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:

**July:**

**Wednesday 21st, Friday 23rd, Sunday 25th**

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*Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch (CSW)*

**New Volunteers:** I am happy to report that several more residents along the B4368 have said that they are interested in volunteering for Speed Watch training. I'm sure that Mark Booth, our West Mercia Police liaison officer, will do his best to organise training asap.

**CSW Sessions:** Unfortunately, we are still recording too many speeding drivers including two vehicles with a horse trailer and a coach. Most of the speeding vehicles recorded were small commercial vehicles. Recently, a resident and her dog were almost knocked down in the road as they were crossing by The Swan in Aston Munslow. The road was empty and suddenly a speeding vehicle appeared from around the bend. I'm sure that all too many of us are familiar with similar experiences along the B4368 so the Munslow Parish CSW team will continue to do its bit to raise road safety awareness amongst all the drivers and riders.

**West Mercia Police Speed Awareness Campaign:** During July and August, a couple of weeks will be dedicated to this campaign. To support our Munslow Parish CSW team, Mark has offered to arrange for a police

colleague to join our sessions. Also, we can expect an increased presence of West Mercia Police Road Safety Awareness teams patrolling Shropshire roads during this campaign.

**Noise:** Excessive noise from some motorbikes, as riders test the performance of their machines along the B4368, continues to be an ongoing concern for residents and holiday makers in the Corvedale. Any incidents which we hear about are passed on to Mark Booth.

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

**Did you know?** 'A dose of a commonly available cold remedy will take you nearly halfway to the drink-drive limit' (*Roadsmart magazine - Summer 2021*). Medication can often carry a warning about driving but it tends to be in the small print. Best to read the label and instructions carefully.

*Rebecca Bull - peter17bull@btinternet.com*

*The Corvedale Kitchen***Chocolate Orange Loaf****Ingredients**

150g	soft unsalted butter <i>plus some extra for greasing</i>	½ tsp	bicarbonate of soda
2 tbsp	golden syrup	25g	best quality cocoa powder, sifted
175g	dark muscovado sugar	2	eggs
150g	plain flour	zest of 2 regular oranges and juice of 1	

**You will need**

A 900g (2lb) loaf tin

**Method**

1. Preheat oven to 170°C / gas mark 3. Grease and line your loaf tin with baking parchment.
2. Beat the already soft butter with the syrup and the sugar until you have a fairly smooth *caffè Americano* cream, though the sugar will always have a bit of grit about it (wet mixture).
3. Mix the flour, bicarbonate of soda and cocoa powder and beat 1 tablespoon of the dry ingredients into the wet mixture.
4. Beat 1 egg into the wet mixture, followed by 2 tablespoons of the dry ingredients, the remaining egg and then the last of the dry mix.
5. Whilst still beating the mix, add the orange zest and gradually add the juice (if the batter looks dimpled, don't worry, it isn't curdled!).
6. Pour the mix into the lined loaf tin and bake for 45 mins but check after 40 mins. The cake tester shouldn't come out entirely clean as the cake is meant to be a little moist.
7. Leave to cool in the tin and then turn out on a wire rack.

*Claire Ross*



Don't forget! If you have any favourite recipes you would like to share, do email them to [editor@corvedalenews.co.uk](mailto: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!



## Footpath Maintenance Group

We are right out of stock for stiles and steps at the moment, but for April we had just enough to put in a dog friendly stile at Munslow, our very first! Hopefully, we'll be able to do more. The stile in the field off the track at Rowe Lane is now complete and it is possible to walk from Munslow through to the little nature reserve off Rowe Lane. From Munslow, leaving Greenyard, follow the footpath east across the Millichope estate, cross the lane at Beambridge and down to the B4368. Take care crossing this busy road! The path is straight across the field, over a footbridge, then diagonally left across a couple of fields to come out onto the BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) at Rowe Lane. Turn right down the track a short distance to the ford and immediately after the ford a footpath goes left and takes you passed the reserve. If you're a birder, take binoculars as the birds are usually a little distance away, near the water.



We were also able to help our Footpaths Officer from Shropshire Council to replace a couple of footbridges at Brookhampton (one more to do there) and in May we repaired a footbridge SE of Munslow near Brook House,

on a footpath that goes on towards Baucott Farm. Many of the boards needed to be replaced, also the steps at each end and a post at the south end to enable walkers to get on and off the bridge.

The Corvedale Three Castles Walk is our 'flagship' route, as assisting John Farley in setting up this walk (nearly 20 years ago!) is how our group began. Recently, there was a problem on a 'permissive' stretch of the route which passes through Honeydene Farm near Diddlebury. Over time, new buildings have been erected and the walk seemed to fizzle



out somewhere in the farmyard, making it unsafe for both walkers and the farm. With the consent of the landowner, we re-routed the path to avoid the farmyard altogether, so it now goes along a field following the ditch, crosses a brand new 14-foot sleeper type footbridge (extremely heavy work!) to pick up the bridleway across the corner of the next field.

While we await a delivery of stock for replacement stiles, we will spend our time attempting to clear the explosion of growth around existing stiles. Happy walking!

*Jenny Vine, Coordinator*

## Corvedale School

Following an extraordinary general meeting for parents of children attending the Corvedale Centre for Children (CCfC), a decision was made to transfer control of the setting to the school. The Corvedale Centre for Children's registration was suspended by Ofsted following an inspection back in April and has been temporarily managed by the school since then.

Everyone who has been involved in the CCfC over the past few decades will be very aware of the fantastic amount of work, time and commitment undertaken by Colin Jones and his staff in order to build up such a reputable and well-loved provision for the community.

The demands of volunteer committee members which manages the setting, has increased quite significantly in recent years and previous committees have been struggling to cope. With a turnover of children through the preschool every year came the demands of recruiting new busy mums and dads onto the committee. This resulted in enormous pressure on staff to maintain the significant challenges of operating the CCfC with little knowledgeable support.

Current temporary provision of the preschool will continue under the management of the school till the end of term. During that time the CCfC staff and committee, school

governors, school staff and I will have a lot of planning and actions to carry out to enable us to have a smooth successful handover and relaunch a new preschool setting under the 'umbrella' management of Corvedale Primary School. We at the school, have been given the support from the local authority and Ofsted, to offer preschool provision for 3 and 4-year-olds and for children in the term after their 2nd birthday. We would like to hear from anyone who would like to register for a place at our preschool in September. We welcome enquiries regarding preschool provision which should be made through the school office.

This letter was going to include our plans for the end of term but following the announcement of the delayed end to restrictions we are having to re-evaluate plans and await guidance from the local authority.

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](http://www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk) or on Twitter @CorvedaleSchool.

*Jonathan Brough, Headteacher:  
Corvedale CE Primary School*



**Poetry Corner** *Some verses for July.***Gerard Manley Hopkins** (1844 – 1889)

*English poet and Jesuit priest, whose posthumous fame established him among the leading Victorian poets. By 1930 his work was recognised as one of the most original literary accomplishments of his century. It had a marked influence on such leading 20th-century poets as T. S. Eliot, Dylan Thomas, W. H. Auden, Stephen Spender and Cecil Day-Lewis*

*This poem is in the public domain*

**The Windhover**

I caught this morning morning's minion, king-  
dom of daylight's dauphin, dapple-dawn-drawn Falcon, in his riding  
Of the rolling level underneath him steady air, and striding  
High there, how he rung upon the rein of a wimpling wing  
In his ecstasy! then off, off forth on swing,  
As a skate's heel sweeps smooth on a bow-bend: the hurl and gliding  
Rebuffed the big wind. My heart in hiding  
Stirred for a bird, - the achieve of, the mastery of the thing!  
Brute beauty and valour and act, oh, air, pride, plume here  
Buckle! AND the fire that breaks from thee then, a billion  
Times told lovelier, more dangerous, O my chevalier!  
No wonder of it: shéer plód makes plough down sillion  
Shine, and blue-bleak embers, ah my dear,  
Fall, gall themselves, and gash gold-vermilion.

**A E Housman** (1859 - 1936)

*Alfred Edward Housman was an English classical scholar and poet. His cycle of poems, A Shropshire Lad wistfully evoke the dooms and disappointments of youth in the English countryside. Their simplicity and distinctive imagery appealed strongly to Edwardian taste, and to many early 20th-century English composers both before and after the First World War. Through their song-settings, the poems became closely associated with that era, and with Shropshire itself.*

*Housman was one of the foremost classicists of his age and has been ranked as one of the greatest scholars who ever lived. He established his reputation publishing as a private scholar and, on the strength and quality of his work, was appointed Professor of Latin at University College, London and then at the University of Cambridge. His editions of Juvenal, Manilius and Lucan are still considered authoritative.*

*This poem is in the public domain*

*Excerpts from*

**A Shropshire Lad**

It nods and curtseys and recovers  
When the wind blows above,  
The nettle on the graves of lovers  
That hanged themselves for love.  
The nettle nods, the wind blows over,  
The man, he does not move,  
The lover of the grave, the lover  
That hanged himself for love.  
Into my heart an air that kills  
From yon far country blows:  
What are those blue remembered hills,  
What spires, what farms are those?  
That is the land of lost content,  
I see it shining plain,  
The happy highways where I went  
And cannot come again.

**Robert Browning** (1812 - 1889)

*English poet and playwright whose dramatic monologues put him among the foremost Victorian poets. His poems are noted for irony, characterisation, dark humour, social commentary, historical settings and challenging vocabulary and syntax*

*This poem is in the public domain*

**Meeting at night**

The grey sea and the long black land;  
And the yellow half-moon large and low;  
And the startled little waves that leap  
In fiery ringlets from their sleep,  
As I gain the cove with pushing prow,  
And quench its speed i' the slushy sand.  
Then a mile of warm sea-scented beach;  
Three fields to cross till a farm appears;  
A tap at the pane, the quick sharp scratch  
And blue spurt of a lighted match,  
And a voice less loud, thro' its joys and fears,  
Than the two hearts beating each to each!

## Corvedale Google Group

The Corvedale Google Group was originally setup in 2013 and is primarily used to promote community events such as the Corvedale Show, activities and events at our village halls, road closures, pub quizzes and information issued by Shropshire Council. The Group currently has a membership of over 180 users.

The Google Group is a fast and efficient way of getting information quickly to a large number of people. It is particularly useful in circulating information in times of crisis such as flooding or the current Covid-19 pandemic. The Group is run entirely by volunteers and is not for profit.

It is free to use and members can opt-out at any time.

If you think you would find this Google Group useful or know of anyone who you think would benefit from membership then please email Geoff Neden on [gneden@googlemail.com](mailto:gneden@googlemail.com). No unsuitable material will ever be sent and you will not be bombarded with emails. Your email address will not be disclosed to any third parties.



Google Groups

## Dog fouling

### PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

There has been a notable increase in dog fouling throughout the Corvedale and especially in and around Diddlebury village. Whilst most dog owners are responsible citizens and clear up after their dogs there are obviously some people who are not adhering to the law.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis - a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizure and can cause salmonella in cattle.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to **£100**. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner up to **£1,000**. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

### BAG IT, BIN IT !



## English Counties - Quiz

Solve these anagrams to find the English counties. Answers on page 16.

1. Shh rip sore

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2. All crown

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3. Thornier phantoms

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4. Mere toss

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5. Not harm blunder

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6. I am curb

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7. Off sulk

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8. Weeny and rat

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9. Thorny or shriek

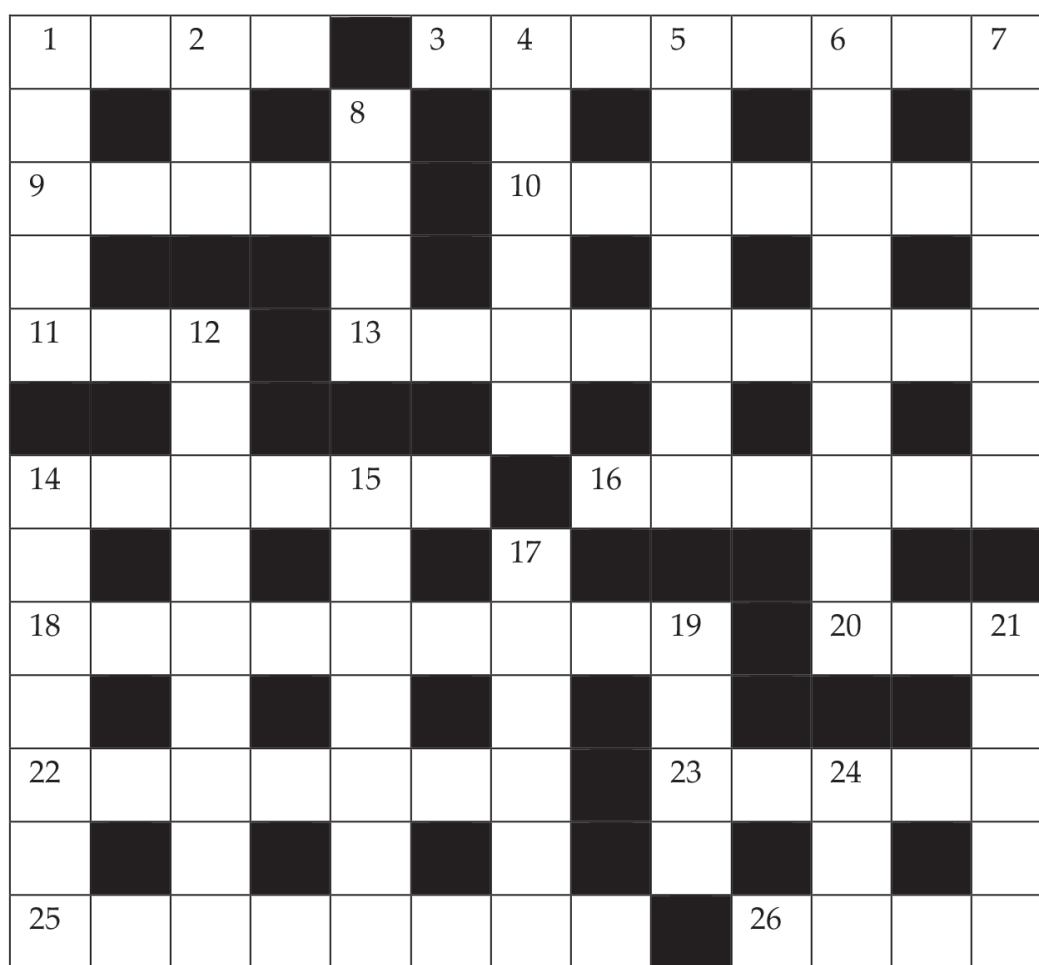
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10. On nicer hills

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## July Crossword - by Artemonas



## ACROSS

- 1) Little boy went East for a spell
- 3) Start part of play I rate – five not right
- 9) Local leader can possibly have some gold
- 10) Elton assists some ship owner
- 11) Stupid centre back?
- 13) Hurry heats
- 14) Small in silent combination
- 16) Support silver medallist
- 18) Maybe when the Prince wears navy?
- 20) Cut when it was back
- 22) The rice blender has unorthodox views
- 23) Time sounds as if it belongs to us
- 25) Rare ride, but even so rather miserable
- 26) One time animal was non-U

## DOWN

- (4) 1) Mated perhaps, then calmed down (5)
- (8) 2) Could possibly be a flower? (3)
- (5) 4) Grandfathers perhaps are useful to tell 1 across (6)
- (7) 5) Scott's hero reported to have garden tool (7)
- (3) 6) Tests gold for drug and judges (9)
- (4,5) 7) Maybe Ned eats in this part of London (4,3)
- (6) 8) Dave's drink makes music (4)
- (6) 12) Cash plant could help with debts (5,4)
- (5,4) 14) The month Ed did long tiring walk (7)
- (3) 15) Rattles around satellite (7)
- (7) 17) 20s hat keeps seeds warm (5)
- (5) 19) Repeat part of screech of parrot (4)
- (8) 21) It's recorded that the centre is rubbish (5)
- (4) 24) Maybe be entitled to water heater (3)

## ANSWERS TO JUNE'S CROSSWORD:

**ACROSS:** 1) Overseas; 7) Trade; 8) Tightrope; 9) Ill; 10) Doge; 11) Dapper; 13) Badger; 14) Candle; 17) Muffin; 18) Quit; 20) Lie; 22) Scavenger; 23) Wench; 24) Defeated

**DOWN:** 1) Opted; 2) Engaged; 3) Site; 4) Anorak; 5) Fakir; 6) Deflate; 7) Templar; 12) Selfish; 13) Billows; 15) Drugget; 16) Finale; 17) Means; 19) Tired; 21) Hebe

*Animals and Their Young - Quiz*

Name the young of each of the following animals. Answers on page 16.

1. ANTELOPE

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2. BEAVER

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3. EAGLE

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4. FISH

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5. ZEBRA

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6. GUINEA FOWL

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7. HAWK

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8. KANGAROO

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9. PIG

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10. RHINOCEROS

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11. ANTEATER

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12. TURKEY

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13. BIRDS

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14. HARE

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15. OWL

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16. GIRAFFE

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17. MONKEY

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18. HEDGEHOG

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19. EEL

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20. ALLIGATOR

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## Westhope Village Hall



Due to the government announcement that the lifting of lockdown restrictions is to be delayed Westhope Village hall committee has taken the decision to delay some of our events.

We appreciate this may be disappointing but we feel this is the responsible thing to do. Please see below for our new dates and you can also keep up to date on our Facebook page.



### **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**

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**

Whist drives will be up and running from **19th July 7:30pm**.

These will run fortnightly, all welcome.



### **WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB**

The Clover Club is hoping to resume their meetings on **5th August**. Full details will follow in next month's magazine.



### **PUB NIGHT**

Our first pub night will be on **23rd July from 7pm**. At this pub night we will be offering a **curry and any drink for £6!** These run once a month, usually on the 2nd Friday of each month, August's will be on **13th August**.



### **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 essential.



### **LINE DANCING**

Would you like to try line dancing? We have the option to start a beginners class, children welcome. If this is something that would interest you please contact Amie or Betty to register your interest.

For more details on any events contact Amie on 07486 414 742 or Betty on 07860 447 397.

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.

Find us on facebook @westhopevillagehall.



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

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall

**CONFIRMATION OF GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS****14th June 2021**

Owing to the four-week extension of restrictions on social and community activities from 21st June, it has been necessary to postpone both our End of Lockdown Party and the Village Hall AGM.

The new date for the Party is Saturday 11th September. The date for the AGM will be advised.



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

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

Harvest Supper - Saturday 9th October

Christmas Fair - Saturday 27th November

**TAI CHI & PILATES**

Risk assessments and current Covid precautions are to be in place to ensure that all activities remain compliant with Government guidelines. Please make direct contact with the instructors for confirmation of Covid measures, class dates, and to book your place.

**TAI CHI**

Classes: Thursdays, 10.00 - 11.00am.

All participants must book in advance. Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014 498 / [enidgill21@hotmail.com](mailto:enidgill21@hotmail.com).

**PHYSIOTHERAPIST-LED MODIFIED PILATES**

Classes:

Tuesdays: 6.30 - 7.30pm &amp; 7.45 - 8.45pm

Fridays: 9.15 - 10.15am.

Beverley Chumber will contact her existing participants.

Otherwise contact Beverley on: 07967 814 412 / [beverleychumber@sky.com](mailto:beverleychumber@sky.com).

**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 & Westhope WI*

We're back! After many months of having to keep away from each other, we finally got around to having a really lovely reunion in Joy Williams' garden on a sunny afternoon at the end of May. It was so lovely seeing everyone again and catching up on all that's been going on. We did have a few bits of business to sort out, but once that was out of the way we could just enjoy the lovely cakes and tea in the sunshine.

We decided not to have a meeting in June, but we have organised a meeting on **Tuesday 13th July at 7.00pm**. We are going to keep things casual for now and have planned a BBQ in Mary Holland's garden. We'll all bring along something for the BBQ and a little something to drink and

hopefully the sunshine will shine and we'll all have a lovely evening.

We are still looking to attract new members to our group. We want to try and expand our age demographic further and really need to get young and old alike to come along and enjoy being part of a group of women for the common good of our wider community.

Take a look at the WI website and see what it's like, it's not all just tea and cake, we can do a lot more! If you need any further information, please just get in touch with me.

Jane Cockburn  
pmc1989@btinternet.com

*Mobile Library Service*

We had hoped to restart our regular Mobile Library service, and allow borrowers back on board, from the end of June. However, this has been delayed by a month following the delay to lockdown easing and the rise in Covid cases in Shropshire. The service will carry on with Ready Reads until the end of July, the service schedule (with the usual Covid caveat) for the next couple of months is to the right.

Please note these dates may change if Government guidance changes.

Some stops may have changed their timings slightly so please check on the Mobile Library stops map on our website [www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/)

Mobile Library enquiries to: [libraries@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@shropshire.gov.uk)

Route	Ready Reads Only	Normal Service
2	13th July	10th August
3	14th July	11th August
4	15th July	12th August
5	16th July	13th August
8	19th July	2nd August
9	20th July	3rd August
10	21st July	4th August
11	22nd July	5th August
12	23rd July	6th August

*Animals and Their Young Quiz*

Here are the answers to the quiz on page 13.

Did you get them all right?

- |                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Calf              | 10. Calf      |
| 2. Kit               | 9. Piglet     |
| 3. Eaglet            | 8. Joey       |
| 4. Fry or Fingerling | 7. Eyas       |
| 5. Foal              | 6. Keet       |
| 15. Owllet           | 17. Infant    |
| 16. Calf             | 18. Hoglet    |
| 19. Elver            | 20. Hatchling |

*English Counties Quiz*

Here are the answers to the quiz on page 11.

Did you get them all right?

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Shropshire       | 10. Lincolnshire   |
| 2. Cornwall         | 9. North Yorkshire |
| 3. Northamptonshire | 8. Tyne and Wear   |
| 4. Somerset         | 7. Suffolk         |
| 5. Northumberland   | 6. Cumbria         |

## Corvedale Past and Present



### **'Everybody out, everybody out, just who does he think he is? Everybody out, everybody out...'**

Well, those of you of a certain age will be able to fill in the rest from the words of the comic song that did the rounds in 60s or 70s, all about unions and lightning strikes that were then very much order of the day.

Now then, we know everything that goes around comes around, but a lightning strike in 1163? Yes, it happened and on our doorstep, and it is a truly remarkable tale. What is more it was almost without precedent for that period: I understand that only a very few scattered places in France and Italy saw the same type of thing in 1100s and 1200s AD. The 'villeins' rose up and, in the context of the times, it was a very bold move indeed.

This little article is far too short to explain who the 'villeins' were, but the association with the modern word 'villain' is unfortunate. They comprised easily the biggest group in society and they were effectively serfs 'owned' by their lord, though they had some of the lord's land which they worked to keep themselves and families alive. They had no rights of leaving their own village and were true bondsmen. Their descendants were the rural poor, the copyhold tenants of later ages.

The Prior of Wenlock at the time, one Humbald, was the lord of a lot of the land that today we inhabit around the Brown Clee and in the Corvedale, and, to be brutally honest, you do have to wonder about his motives, and his, and his fellow-monks' tactics.

The villeins who lived under 'My Lord Prior' did have a lot to put up with. In a good year they might harvest 5 grains of wheat for every one sown in the ground. They might have had an ox to plough, a cow and a few sheep, and probably a vegetable patch around their dwellings. They might 'get by' till the man of the house died when the Prior would claim his best beast as death duty, which was called, a 'heriot'.

Wenlock, rather unusually, went further, much further – and claimed a 'terciar', a third of all of a man's possessions. So when poor old Richard of [Cold] Weston 'shuffled off this mortal', on The Feast of the Transition of St Milburga (23rd February) in 1379, the sharp-eyed court assessor, as well as going off with a third of all of his stuff, noticed a ploughshare and claimed a third of the metal for 'My Lord Prior'!

All this sort of thing, not surprisingly, got too much for the poor villeins

and in 1163 it all boiled over. The men in the fields threw down their ploughshares and presumably marched on The Priory, as reports of monks being 'hurt' appeared (what constituted being 'hurt' for a monk, one suspects, may have been somewhat different from the rest of the population!) Whatever really happened, we know that the Prior called in the local 'knights' to quell the disturbance. This was serious indeed: the knight was the tank of the day. Nevertheless, the disturbances seemed to go on for a few days before some sort of compromise was thrashed out.

Yet it was shocking. Such a thing was unheard of, and as far as I know did not occur again in England until the Peasants' Revolt over 200 years later when the disturbances were on a huge scale and threatened the whole structure of the country (the phrase of course came much later the peasants did not know they were revolting!).

To come back to 1163 – how do we know these remarkable events took place? When the dust had settled the monks of Wenlock wrote a letter to their Cluniac 'mother house' in France. '*We would rather die than give in to them*', was the sentiment the monks expressed when they had a little time to let their better side come to the fore. And the name of the French mother house? La Charité sur Loire. You may think that somewhat ironic: I, of course, could not possibly comment.

*Peter Cornah.*

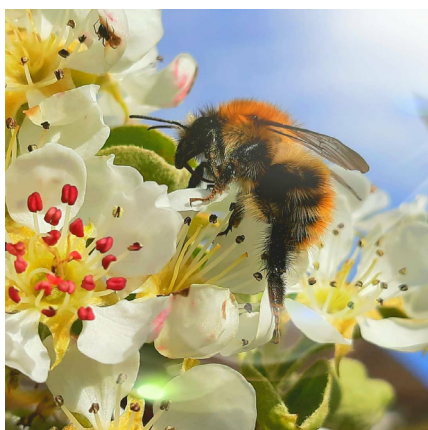
PS: It is of course '*Everybody out, everybody out, you can't treat a union man like this!*'

*Below: A scene from The Peasant Revolt of 1381*

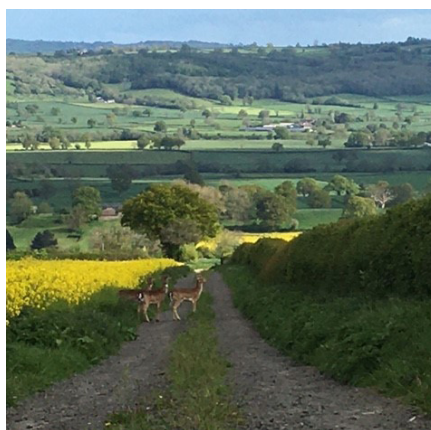




*Readers' Photos July's theme is Nature*



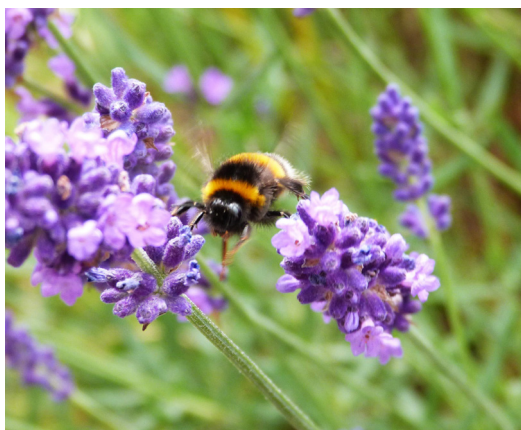
*Common Carder bee on pear blossom - Jill Wardle*



*Dale deer - Gwyn Edwards*



*Egret with catch - Geoff Neden*



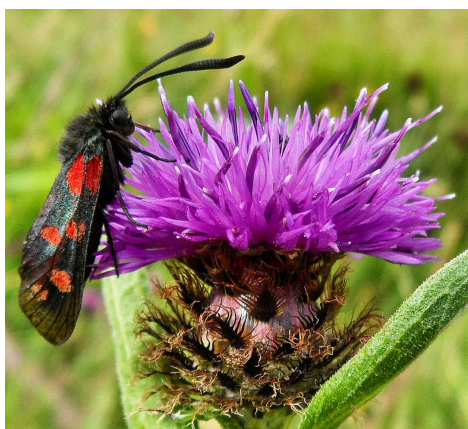
*Buff-Tailed Bumblebee - Ann Hutchins*



*Yellow Tailed Moth Caterpillar - Jenny Vine*



*- Jessica Roberts*



*Six Spot Burnet Moth - Jill Wardle*



*Newly fledged Great Tit - Gwyn Edwards*



*Orange Tip Butterfly - Jill Wardle*



**PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED**

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

**GARDENS**

The following theme will be **SUMMER IN THE CORVEDALE.**

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





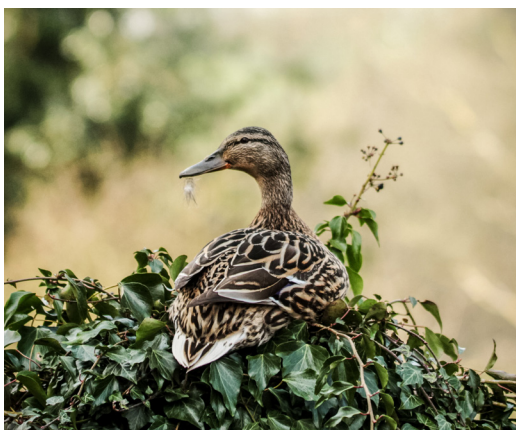
- Josh Anderson



*Sawfly larvae*  
- Don Cockman



*Hoverflies*  
- Don Cockman



- Jessica Roberts



*Muntjac enjoying a freshly turned veg bed*  
- Peter Simmons



*Mute swan at Stokesay*  
- Johanna Woodhouse



*Peacock Butterfly*  
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*Parish Councils***MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2021**

**Present:** Barbara Archer (Chair), Ed Povey, Val Fotheringham, David Marston, Chris Meeson, Antonia Bury, Nigel Dobson, Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council), plus 2 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies:** There were none.

**Reports:** The Chair and Cllr Motley delivered their annual reports.

A member of the public raised a question about the condition of roads in Shropshire.

**Annual Parish Council Meeting**

**Apologies for Absence:** None.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Election of Officers for 2021/22:** Barbara Archer was elected as Chair and Ed Povey as vice Chair. Mrs Archer was also elected as SALC representative.

**Co-Option:** Antonia Bury and Ed Povey were co-opted to join the Council.

**Minutes** of the Meeting held on 1st April 2021 were approved.

**Matters Arising:** Ed Povey had done further investigation into Facebook and felt there was a good case for the Parish Council going forward with this option. It will be discussed in June.

**Finance:** The 2020/2021 Finance report was considered and approved. The external auditor AGAR was also approved.

The following payments were approved: Clerk's Salary April £156.87, Clerk's expenses April £30.15, HMRC £39.00, K Adam (auditor) £100.00, TWM £4,824.65.

Ed Povey and Nigel Dobson will be new cheque signatories, replacing Buster Evans and Linda Charie.

**Planning:** The application for consent for a new dwelling at Aston Top, Bache Mill has been refused (**21/0983/FUL**).

**Highways:** The post for the VAS sign has still not been installed. The Highways Report is still under review by Shropshire Council.

**Other Matters:** The Chair had written to Doug Scarrett to thank him for his contributions to the Parish Council.

There has been a complaint about rubbish outside the Crown Garage and efforts would be made to contact the owner and ask for the area to be tidied, otherwise the issue could be referred to Shropshire Council.

The Chair had received a report from Mrs Anne Donnelly about the successful cleaning of God's Acre.

**Vacancy for Clerk:** The Chair, Cllr Povey and Cllr Dobson will form a committee to recruit a new Clerk, who will be expected to start on 1st July 2021.

**MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd June 2021**

**Present:** Barbara Archer (Chair), Val Fotheringham, Ed Povey, David Marston, Nigel Dobson, Chris Meeson, Graham Williams: Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council); Clive Leworthy (Clerk).

**Apologies for Absence:** Antonia Bury.

**Declarations of Interest:** There were none

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved.

There were no matters arising.

**Urgent Items for Discussion:** Ongoing works outside the Crown Garage.

**Co-Option:** Mr Graham Williams expressed an interest in becoming a councillor. Members unanimously approved his co-option, and Mr Williams joined the council.

**Reports:** The Chair had taken the relevant forms to the bank for updating the signatories. There would be a meeting of the South Shropshire ALC on 7th June. She and one other Member would attend.

**Cllr Motley** outlined her new role as Cabinet member for SC with responsibility for Communities, Tourism, Place. She outlined plans to try to rebalance services between rural areas/market towns and Shrewsbury. She would also be working on the Rural Strategy plan. In connection with the Boundary Review she would continue to encourage Corvedale councils to work together.

**Finance:** The accounting statement was approved. The following payments were also approved: Clerk's Salary £156.67, Clerks Expenses £7.65, HMRC £39.20, SALC £196.77.

**Highways:** The Clerk said the post for the VAS had still not been installed. Cllr Motley will be asked to chase Shropshire Council about the Highways report.

Following concerns expressed by residents it was agreed that the Chair and Clerk would arrange a meeting of representatives from the Corvedale councils about noise from motorbikes and speeding.

**Church Fete:** The Chair suggested that the PC may like to have a table at the upcoming Church fete. She felt this would help raise the profile of the PC and give residents the opportunity to raise issues with Councillors. It was agreed that this should be on the July agenda for agreeing details.

**Facebook:** It was agreed that the PC should set up their own Facebook page. This would be done by Ed Povey and the new Clerk.

**Clerk Vacancy:** The closing date for applications was 10th June and interviews would be held on 15th June.

The Chair thanked the outgoing Clerk for all his work over the past two years and Council presented him with a thank you card.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 1 July 2021**



**Parish Councils** *(continued)***DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL****Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Annual General Meeting, Annual Parish Meeting and ordinary business meeting all held on Wednesday 19th May 2021 at Diddlebury Village Hall**

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

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

**Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllr S Povall.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Cllr D Hedgley was nominated for and accepted the office of Chairman and Cllr Robert Povall was nominated for and accepted the role of Vice-Chairman for the year 2021/2022. The Chairman thanked former councillors Mervyn Thomas, Selina Thomas, Kath Worthington and Mike Woodhouse for their hard work and support over their years of service: Mervyn Thomas, it was noted, had been a councillor for over 40 years. The Chairman

then welcomed new councillors, Geoff Neden, Richard Morgan, Tim Pardoe and Anil Rattu to the parish council. Acceptance of Office forms were completed and DPI forms were distributed. Appointments were made to the various sub-committees, Mrs Sue Hackett was appointed as DPC's auditor for the year 2021/2022 and meeting dates up to May 2022 were approved.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Due to the on-going Covid-19 problems it was felt prudent that this year those giving reports to the APM would not read them out: paper copies were available at the meeting and all reports are on the website for the public to peruse. These comprise reports from the Chairman, Cllr Cecilia Motley, Diddlebury Village Hall

Committee, Westhope Village Hall Committee, the Parish Plan Steering Group, Ms S Thompson - website manager, Diddlebury Charities and the Flood Action Group. The Chairman briefly highlighted points in each report and thanked everyone for submitting their reports.

**ORDINARY BUSINESS MEETING**

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting of 28th April 2021 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman. Seven matters arising were dealt with.

**Reports:** The Chairman said the newly constituted council will review and revise DPC's Standing Orders and consider adopting an Unreasonably Persistent & Vexatious Complaints Procedure. DPC also needs to discuss exceptional sites for affordable homes in the parish and these matters will be Agenda items in the next few months.

**Unitary Cllr Motley** thanked everyone who had voted for her: she has now represented the Corvedale parishes since 2009. The Leader of SC lost his seat in the elections and the new Leader is, for the first time, a woman, Cllr Lezley Picton, who holds a rural seat north of Shrewsbury. Cllr Motley spoke warmly of the Leader's skills and interest in rural matters. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Motley back as DPC's representative and looked forward to continue working with her.

**Planning:** One application was considered - **21/00564/FUL** - application for conversion of Dutch Barn into storage and garage spaces for Barns A & B at Hales Barns, Diddlebury, including revised access arrangements, to include the formation of a new stretch of driveway (amended description).

DPC supported the application but with provisos that regard be paid to the Flood Action Group's concerns about potential

flooding risks and that the Pinstones Lane access to the site should be available for large vehicles and emergency vehicles as it is not felt they will be able to use the proposed sole access to the site.

**Communications and Correspondence:** Five items of correspondence were considered. Cllr Motley is to be approached about the report from Connecting Shropshire which indicates there will be no improvements in the foreseeable future for broadband delivery to the Corvedale.

**Audit for 2020/2021:** The Auditor's report for 2020/2021 was read and noted by the councillors. No adverse comments or recommendations had been made. Ms Thompson was thanked for displaying all relevant documents on DPC's website in an accessible form. Councillors then considered the 10 forms comprising the Annual Governance & Accountability Return and voted as necessary on the various sections requiring their specific approval.

**Finance:** The Finance Report for May 2021 was considered by members and cheques totalling £1,262.18 were approved. After their payment DPC holds £23,737.55 in its account. Cllr O'Boyle verified the bank statement/cash book reconciliation.

**Any Other Business:** Members were reminded that four places had been booked on a forthcoming Code of Conduct Zoom seminar.

**Next meetings: Wednesday 23rd June, commencing 7.30pm at Westhope Village Hall and Wednesday 28th July commencing at 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.**

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*Parish Councils (continued)***CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****Draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st June 2021 at Culmington Village Hall****Present:** Cllr Steele (Chair), Cllrs Pike, Alderson, Byng, Mear, Turley and Watts.**In Attendance:** Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO).**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Holland. Cllrs Mears and Motley joined the meeting at 8.15pm and 8.35pm respectively.**Declarations of Interest Relating to This Meeting:** Cllr Turley item 9.**Public Involvement Session:** (Agenda Items Only) No members of the public.**Minutes:** Resolved (Unanimous) that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11th May 2021 were a correct record and were signed by the chairman.**Matters Arising:** None.**Reports from Members:****Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council)** reported that she was now on the cabinet with a portfolio of Communities, Place, Tourism & Transport. She hoped to be able to rebuild the communications between SC and the parishes, improve the integration of the transport system including demand responsive transport and rebuild the tourist economy.**Cllr Byng (Flood Action Group)** - The resilience plan is being updated. There has been some confusion from Shropshire Council between the Parish Council and FAG.**Cllr Mear (Village Hall)** - There will be a sub-committee in two weeks' time. After a lot of work the hall is now ready to reopen with Yoga sessions starting in June. The Clerk was asked to investigate the location of the minutes of the old Village Hall at Seifton.**Cllr Byng (Emergency Representative)** - FAG have no insurance for emergency volunteers. The Council will consider if it will cover them with its insurance.**Correspondence:** *Gail Power, SALC, Code of Conduct Training* - a recording of the training will be made available to councillors.**Shropshire Mobile Library Dates** - The library has been visiting monthly and will let the council know when dates in July are set. The next visit is on 15th June. **Environment Agency, Laundry Works** - Infringement of the regulations can be reported to [www.gov.uk/report-an-environment-incident](http://www.gov.uk/report-an-environment-incident). Cllr Mear will forward the email from the Environment Agency to the Fire Service. **Stephen Grant, Safer Neighbourhood Team** - Both incidents have been recorded and when commitments allow the Safer Neighbourhood Team will attend. **Lorries Travelling Through Burley** - Signage requested from Shropshire Council.**Finance:** The Annual Accounts were approved and signed. The Internal Auditors Report was reviewed and noted. The Annual Governance Statement and Summary Accounting Statements were approved and signed. Confirmed Authority Exempt from Limited Assurance. The date for the Public Rights Period was set as 1st July - 11th August 2021 Payment authorised to: Insurance £363.83, SALC Affiliation Fee £192.43, Clover Club Donation £20 Proposed: Cllr Turley Seconded: Cllr Byng**Desilting of Seifton Brook on Seifton Lane:** A license had been received and an additional Ecologist report is required. A quote of £150 plus vat was accepted from an Ecologist. The contractor who had been willing to do the work has withdrawn due to the license restrictions. The council will request that Shropshire Council carry out the work this year and if it is deemed beneficial will consider raising the precept next year to provide the income to pay a contractor.**Contractor for the Environmental Maintenance Contract:** An acceptable tender has been received and the contract awarded to David Lewis.**Police and Crime Commissioner Survey:** Cllr Alderson agreed to complete the survey.**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting at 7.30pm Tuesday 6th July 2021*Heather Coonick, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Hopton Gate Cottage, Haytons Bent, Ludlow, SY8 2BE  
07817607355 • culmingtonpc@gmail.com • www.culmington.org***ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May at 7:30pm at Abdon Village Hall****Present:** Cllrs R Price, P Hartley, M Whalley, C Yarwood, G Trim. Cllr C Motley of Shropshire Council, W Richards (clerk), C Snow, L Durnall, 3 members of the public.**Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Cllr Yarwood proposed R Price as Chair, seconded by Cllr Hartley. No further nominations. Agreed. Cllr R Price proposed Cllr M Whalley as vice Chair, Cllr C Yarwood seconded. No further nominations. Agreed. Acceptance of Office and Disclosable Interest Forms were completed.**Apologies for Absence:** There were none.**Declarations of Interest:** There were none.**2020 AGM minutes** were read by the Chair and unanimously agreed as a correct record.**Finance, including appointment of signatories and Auditor:** The current balance was £4,870.71. It was unanimously agreed that H Audin should be the auditor and the signatories remain as R Price, W Richards and C Yarwood.**Appointment of Representatives, LJC, Defibrillator Checks:** LJC to be confirmed as existence uncertain. Defibrillator checks were to be carried out by Cllr Trim.**Review & Adoption of the Standing Orders:** Copies had been emailed to councillors in advance. They were approved unanimously.**GDPR: Appointment of Data Protection Officer:** W Richards was approved for this role.**Dates of Future Meetings:** August 12th, October 14th 2021. January 13th 2022. AGM May 12th 2022 at 7:30pm.**There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:48pm**

*Parish Councils (continued)***ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May at 7:30pm at Abdon Village Hall**

**Public Invited to Speak on Any Issues:** H Audin said highways are a concern and asked if the Parish Council could help. She has been reporting holes online but to no effect. Cllr Motley said 'My Shropshire' had been cancelled: the current website is called 'Fix my Street'. Drains must be dug out because otherwise the roads are being damaged. There has been a change of seats at the council so hopefully that will help. Money was removed from highways budget to support adult social care. Highways is the No 1 priority of new council. The way some current repairs are done is wasting time and money.

**Declaration of Interest:** None.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 18 March 2021 were read by Chair and unanimously agreed as a correct record.

**Matters Arising:** Cllrs Trim and Price were thanked for repairs to notice boards. Permission must initially be sought from the Caravan and Camping club for sites, after which they then seek permission from Shropshire Council planning department.

**Reports:** Cllr Motley said the Leader of the Shropshire Council had lost his seat. The new Leader is Lezley Picton.

**Finance** Balance £4,870.71.

**Highways; including funding distribution:** (already discussed under 'Public issues') H Audin suggested a petition to campaign for more repairs to be done. This was agreed: the Clerk will draft a petition and Cllrs will circulate it within their areas. Jayne Madeley (clerk of Ditton Priors) will be contacted about the state of road from Abdon to Ditton.

**Correspondence:** A resident reported that a kerb had been added at the Upper House driveway which prevents water entering the ditch from the road. Cllr Trim will investigate and respond to clerk. There had been an issue with the website but H Audin has rectified this. Notices are added to the website regularly. Cllr Price presented letter from Cobblers Dingle asking for the Parish Council's support in discussions with the Environment Agency. Currently the house is not considered to be at high risk of flooding. There was a general discussion about the role of the Parish Council in environmental issues. The Clerk will draft a letter to the Environmental Agency asking them to review the flooding status.

**Items of Consideration for the next meeting** (for dissemination of information only) Condition of roads, drains, Upper House ditch, Cobblers Dingle flood letter.

**Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on **Thurs 12th August 2021 at 7:30pm.**

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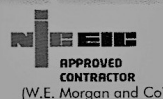
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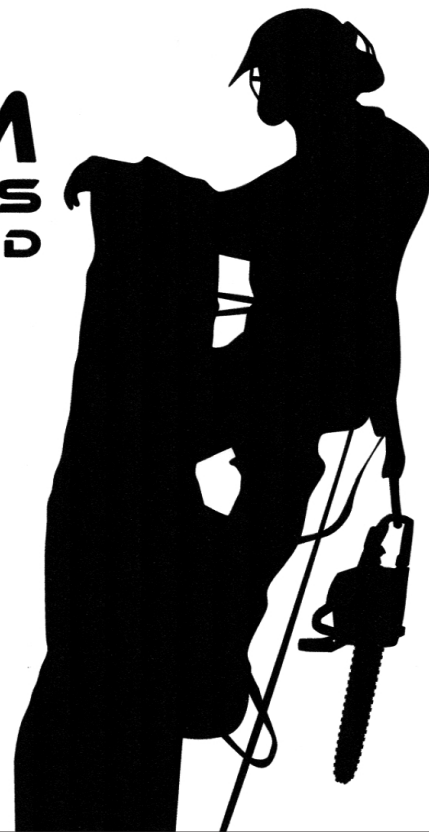
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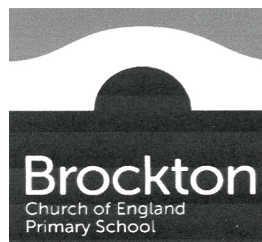
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<b><i>Clubs and Societies</i></b>			
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Corvedale Artists	Juliet Hole Ann Hankinson	01299 832603 01584 841460	
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Munslow Parish Council Clerk	Clive Leworthy	07528 164345	munslowpcclerk@gmail.com
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***Children's and Youth Organisations***

Corvedale Brownies	Catherine Crowther	861276	
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***Women's Institutes***

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<b>Abdon</b>			10:00am  Group Service of Holy Communion at Abdon	6.00pm EP
<b>Broadstone</b>				
<b>Culmington</b>	11:15 HC			8:30 HC (BCP)
<b>Diddlebury</b>	9:45 HC	6:00pm EP		11:15 FS
<b>Holdgate</b>		8:30 HC		
<b>Munslow</b>	6:00pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC
<b>Tugford</b>		9:45 HC		

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

**Please note that there are several changes to the ‘normal’ pattern this month!**

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

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