

THE CORVEDALE NEWS

JULY 2024

The Corvedale's Community Magazine



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on Thursday 4th July.**

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Cllr. Cecilia Motley
Councillor, Corvedale Division

Cabinet Member for Health and Communities;
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Shropshire Council 01588 672 192



SUPPORT & RESOURCES

There is a wealth of information and resources available on the Shropshire Council website: **www.shropshire.gov.uk**

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LOCAL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

 **Mini Moos** 

Baby and toddler group

Every Monday
10-12 term time
£2.50 per family

Baby area
Toddler area
Ride ons
Craft activities
Song time
And lots more

 **Diddlebury Village Hall** 

*Find us on Facebook
Mini Moos baby and toddler group*



Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday
All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm
Start 7:15pm

£3 to include half time refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
SY7 9JL



 Enjoy singing?
Corvedale Choir

is looking for new members who love to sing

WHO? We are a mixed voice choir based in the Corvedale who began singing together in 2010. Our Musical Director is Ros Crouch, well known for her leadership of several choirs in the area

WHAT? We sing an eclectic mix of harmony songs with a supportive, friendly and fun group of local people

WHERE? Diddlebury Village Hall

WHY? Because we love singing with other people and because singing is good for physical and mental health

WHEN? Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm during term time.
We have 2 concerts a year: a charity fundraiser in the summer and a carol concert at Christmas

Interested? We would love to hear from you. There are no auditions, all songs are taught - an ability to follow music and a desire to sing is all that's required

Not sure if it's for you? You're welcome to come along and join us for a taster evening for free any Monday evening

HOW? If you would like further information please contact:
Avril Lines avril.fossilsinshropshire@gmail.com or 01584 861 339

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP


Corvedale Book Group welcomes new members! It costs less than £5 a month to cover room hire fees and Shropshire Library loan fees.

For the first six months of the year, we will be choosing books selected by group members. Then we will be discussing books selected from the annual library list.

Please contact cathburley@hotmail.com if you would like to join us.

Second Thursday of the month
7.30pm - 9pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.

Next Meeting: Thursday 11th July



CORVEDALE ARTISTS

meet every Tuesday
from 10.00 am until 1.00pm in
Beambridge Village Hall

Portrait Model and Still Life
provided at each session
with tuition, or bring your own artwork

£8.00 per session

A warm welcome awaits new members of all abilities so why not come along?

**For further information
telephone 01299 832608**



Corvedale Folk Club

**at The Seven Stars,
Broadstone
on Monday 22nd July
at 7.30pm**

All are welcome to perform or listen to and enjoy acoustic music, recitations and story-telling.


Meetings will be the
4th Monday of each month

For further information contact
Ian on 01584 841 331 or email
ianfotheringham@btinternet.com

RSPB Walks

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

WALKS
July 13th
Earls Hill - 10.30am



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.

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:
July: Wed 24th, Fri 26th, Sun 28th



ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?

Get the word out with the Corvedale News.
Contact the editor to include your poster in the next edition: editor@corvedalenews.co.uk

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

Culmington and District Flower and Produce Show

in Culmington Village Hall

SY8 2DA

Sun 18th Aug



Fruit & veg

Flowers & plants

Cookery & drink

Floral art

Arts & crafts

Children's classes

Eggs & herbs

Family class

Superb prizes in our sponsors' raffle!

Refreshments

Schedules/entry forms available from
Culmington Village Hall, All Saints Church, Cyril Bason,

Judy McNally 01584 861403,
and Janet Stuart 01584 861289

Bounce along to the Diddlebury Church Fete and Dog Show



2pm - 4pm

Saturday July 6th

in the Village Hall
and on the School Field



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Free! In Harmony Free!
Corvedale Choir Concert

Monday 8th July
Diddlebury Parish Church
7pm for a 7.30pm start

The Corvedale Choir meet every Monday night in term-time to share their joy of finding the harmony in the music and with each other.

This annual concert celebrates the fun they have had and the progress they have made under the tutelage of Ros Crouch their ever so patient leader.

An evening of friendship, harmony and a glass that cheers; escape with us from the current woes and discord.

It's a free entry but we welcome donations towards the food & drinks. Funds raised for Dementia UK & Corvedale Parishes Group.

**Blue Hills Choir
Summer Concert**
Saturday 6th July 2024, 3pm

St Mary the Virgin Church
Bromfield SY8 2GP

Following on from last year's very successful concerts, come and hear the Blue Hills Choir provide another entertaining programme of classical choral pieces.

Tickets are £10 per head to include a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage and snacks served after the concert.
Free entry to children under 16.

All monies raised are in aid of
St Mary the Virgin Church.

Tickets available at the door or from
gordon_grant1951@hotmail.com




Westhope College
Centre for arts and Crafts in beautiful
South Shropshire.

Open Day

Saturday, 20th July 2024
10am to 4pm

- City & Guilds courses showcase •
- Demonstrations of craft •
- Meet the tutor •
- Craft sale in aid of bursary fund •
- Wildflower meadow •

Refreshments • Free Admission • All welcome

Westhope SY7 9JL 01584 861293
Westhope.org.uk

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org What's App/call - 07396 730342 Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall.org

QUIZ NIGHT
Wednesday
4th September
 Bar Opens: 19:00
 Quiz Starts: 19:30
Booking essential
 Text/WhatsApp: 07396 730342
 Email: diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com

DVH is a light, bright, modern venue with large and small halls, dedicated bar, large fully equipped professional kitchen, excellent disabled access, a top-quality toilet block, on-site parking and full premises licence.

With a new AV sound system and hearing loop it offers flexible and affordable facilities for weddings, family events and celebrations. It is also ideal for conferences and business meetings, regular activity classes, parties and music events.

Check out our comprehensive website
www.diddleburyvillagehall.org
 Email: bookdvh@gmail.com
 Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall

HARVEST HOG ROAST



Saturday 12th October

SAVE THE DATE

	The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact cathburley@hotmail.com	Thursday July 11th 19:00
EAT @ DVH NIGHT	By popular demand...Atia and her family will be bringing you more of their delicious and authentic homemade Punjabi curries , onion bhajis, samosas and other delights. Bar Stefano will be serving draft beer, wines, beers and spirits – SAVE THE DATE!	Friday 13th September 17:30 – 21:00
	Celebrate the Harvest this year with our brand-new event - the Harvest Hog Roast This will be a ticketed event so don't miss out - SAVE THE DATE!	Saturday 12th October
	Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group £2.50 per Family See Facebook for more information:	Mondays 10.00 - 12.00 Term time
	The Corvedale Choir. Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	Mondays 19.30 - 21.30
	The Blue Hills Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00
	Zumba Contact Cat: zumbawithcat@outlook.com /07817 448832	Tuesdays 18.00
	Tai Chi Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250275 hello@goldenthreadscic.com	Thursdays 10.00 - 11.00
	Pilates with Tina Bookings only via pilateswithtina@outlook.com	Thursdays 18:00 – 19:00
	Physiotherapist-led Pilates. Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412	Fridays 9.15 - 10.15

CORVEDALE VILLAGE HALLS

CULMINGTON

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - JULY

Coffee Morning

Monday 1st and every following Monday, 10am - 11.30am
Cup of coffee or tea and biscuits for £1 with free refills. Join us for a natter. Everyone welcome.

Bridge Club

Monday 1st and every following Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm
Contact Peter Whitehead pst.whitehead@gmail.com

Fish Heads

Friday 5th July
Fish and chips at the village hall.

Lunch Club

Thursday 18th July 12:30pm for 1pm
A 2-course meal for £10 plus raffle and bar.
Please book in advance so we know numbers.
Contact Gwyn Edwards on 07891 904 501 or 01584 861 666
or Anne Rowlands on 01584 861 787.

PLANNING AHEAD

Culmington & District Flower & Produce Show

Sunday 18th August
Schedules available from Culmington Village Hall, All Saints Church and Cyril Bason in Craven Arms. Contact Janet Stuart 01584 861 298 or Judy McNally on 01584 861 403.

Bluebird Belles

Saturday 28th September
Back by popular demand!
Contact Jo Mear on 07872 109 936 or 01584 861 486.

Tractor Run

Sunday 13th October
Details to follow.

Jordan Brown

Saturday 26th October
Singer and acoustic guitarist, and dancing replaces Friday social night. Contact Jo Mear on 07872 109 936 or 01584 861 486.

ABDON

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - JULY

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

Saturday 13th July, 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Bring your 'crafty projects' - learn from each other and enjoy the chat as you, crochet, knit, sew, patchwork or do anything crafty! And of course, coffee and cake too! A warm welcome for everyone!

Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th July, 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Everyone is welcome to our warm and friendly get togethers - lively chat, coffee and, of course, cake!

Abdon Village Hall Bookings

Contact Margaret Buckingham: 01746 712 296
or abdon.villagehall@gmail.com Or visit our website for the booking form and details: www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

WESTHOPE

The June highlight was the centenary celebrations held at the hall on Sunday 12th June. What a fantastic day from start to finish. We welcomed friends and family from far and wide with several generations meeting up again after so many years. The village hall looked amazing having recently been decorated. Bunting and balloons added the finishing touches. We enjoyed music by rocking Ryder, horse racing, face painting for the children, bingo, and the amazing hog roast provided by Ian Tristram and the delicious ice cream from Helen's Hoof and Scoop trailer. Anne Dyer kindly unveiled a new centenary plaque and told us all some amazing stories from years gone by. A huge thank you to all those who worked tirelessly to make this celebration possible. Teamwork at its best!



The Community Lunch on 4th July has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the road being closed for resurfacing from 23rd June - 6th July. The next lunch will be 7th September. The road will be open from 5pm - 7am, so July whist drives will continue as usual on a Monday evening.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Race Night with Craven Arms Ladies 21st August.
- Jumble Sale 7th September.
- Harvest Supper 19th October.
- Concert with Newtown Male voice choir 23rd November.

The hall is available to hire with a licensed bar and catering if required.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Every Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10am - 11.30am
Every Mon	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
Every Mon	Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.15pm
Every Mon	Mini Moos - Baby & Toddler Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tue	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tue	Corvedale Artists	Munslow Village Hall	10am
Every Tue	Zumba	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Wed	Yoga	Westhope Village Hall	9.45am
Every Wed	Pub Night	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	8pm
Every Thu	Tai Chi	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Thu	Pilates Beginners/Intermediate Class	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Fri	Physiotherapist-led Pilates	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

JULY 2024

2nd	Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
3rd	Wed	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
4th	Thu	General Election		
6th	Sat	Diddlebury Church Fete & Dog Show	Diddlebury Village Hall	2pm
6th	Sat	Blue Hills Choir Summer Concert	St. Mary's, Bromfield	3pm
6th	Sat	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	Biddulph, Staffordshire	TBA
8th	Mon	Corvedale Choir Concert	St. Peter's Church, Diddlebury	7pm
9th	Tue	Planning Meeting for Munslow Fête	Munslow Church	TBA
10th	Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Meeting	East Wall	7pm
11th	Thu	Munslow Churchyard Clear-up	Munslow Church	6.30pm
11th	Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
11th	Thu	Hayton & District WI Meeting	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
13th	Sat	Un-finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	
13th	Sat	RSPB Walk	Earl's Hill	10.30am
15th	Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
18th	Thu	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
19th	Fri	Luke Combs	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
20th	Sat	Westhope College Open Day	Westhope College	10am
22nd	Mon	Corvedale Folk Club	The Seven Stars, Broadstone	7.30pm
24th	Wed	Diddlebury Parish council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
24th	Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
26th	Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
28th	Sun	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
28th	Sun	Ludlow Rotary Club Dog Day	Stokesay Court	10am
28th	Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & CLASSES:

Abdon Village Hall - 8, Culmington Village Hall - 8, Diddlebury Village Hall - 7, Westhope Village Hall - 8
The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 15th July

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

In July we remember several saints – amongst them, on 15th July, St Swithun, the 9th century bishop of Winchester, famous now in connection with the weather. He had asked to be buried simply, outside his cathedral, and this wish was granted when he died in 862. However, when a larger cathedral was built just over 100 years later, Swithun's remains were moved inside, despite dire warnings that moving his bones would cause terrible storms. Legend tells us that forty days of rain followed, and, after the year we have had so far, we certainly know what that looks like! As I write this it is difficult to believe that July is on its way: it has rained for much of the day and it's still surprisingly chilly. Only the fact that it stays light so late reminds us that we really are in the summer months.

Whatever the weather, however, summer is here, and we have a variety of events taking place in the churches over the next few months. **Saturday 6th July** sees the Fête and Dog Show at Diddlebury, whilst on **Monday 8th** the Corvedale Choir will be giving their concert in Diddlebury Church, where there will be a warm welcome, whatever the weather may be doing outside.

The fête and concert remind us of the importance of coming together, whether that be as a community or as groups of people who share the same interests and enthusiasms. Working together we can achieve so much more than we can individually, and, hopefully,

we can have fun on the way. Let's hope for some better weather so that the various events planned for the summer can go ahead without needing the wet-weather option. I'll hope to see you there...!

Rev'd John Beesley

MUNSLOW CHURCH

Last year we held several working parties at the church to do things like clearing vegetation from the churchyard wall and the French drain that runs around the church. For a while it looked great, but things have inevitably grown back, so we're doing it again – on **Thursday 11th July** from 6:30pm. If you'd like to join us, with trowel, secateurs, etc..., we'd love to have your help.

A date for your diary – **Munslow Church Fête** will be on **Saturday 10th August** from 2pm to 4pm. Weather permitting, we'll be in the grounds of Munslow House (the old Rectory): thanks to Mr and Mrs Kay for their hospitality again. We hope to have all the usual stalls, activities and refreshments. If you might be able to help with a stall or an activity we would be delighted to hear from you. Alternatively, you can help by providing plants, cakes / produce or items for sale. Whilst the proceeds from most of the stalls will go to the costs of running and maintaining Munslow Church, we would be very happy if you wanted to run a stall for another cause. Please let us know if you can help run a stall or help to set up / clear away on the day. There will be a planning meeting in the church on **Tuesday 9th July** – we'd

love to see you if you'd like to join us. Thank you!

Rev'd John Beesley (841 488)
and Barbara Bowers (841 348)

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH

Diddlebury Church Fête will be on **Saturday 6th July** at the Village Hall and (weather permitting) on the school field. We hope this year to have a variety of stalls and attractions: a bouncy castle, cream teas, plants and produce, books, crafts, the tombola, games, raffle and more. This year also sees the return of the Dog Show (if the weather allows), with a variety of categories for your dog to win. The proceeds from most of the stalls will go to the costs of running and maintaining Diddlebury Church, but we'd be very happy if you wanted to run a stall for another cause – just get in touch. We'd also be delighted to hear from you if you can help run a stall or help to set up / clear away on the day.

Thank you!

Rev'd John Beesley (841 488)

FLOWERS & BRASSES

JULY 2024

7th	Liz Jones	21st	Janet Yapp
14th	Liz Jones	28th	Janet Yapp

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDING

15th June, Holdgate,
Amy Cooper and Oliver Brown

FUNERAL

8th June, Diddlebury,
Sally Woodhouse

MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

THERE ARE TWO VACANCIES ON MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL AND WE ARE INVITING YOU TO STEP UP AND BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

WHAT DO COUNCILLORS DO?

Local councillors are the representatives of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood. Councillors make decisions on local services, collaborate with Shropshire Council and other bodies to identify local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community. In recent years Munslow Parish Council has purchased several Vehicle Activated Signs to try to reduce speeding through the parish and was successful in obtaining a defibrillator. The council is keen to increase the number of defibrillators in the parish and consider other projects of benefit to the community.

HOW COULD I CONTRIBUTE?

As a councillor representing your community, you will help to keep it a great place to live and work. Councillors

individually, can and should be very different in their skills base, experience and work status, all of which contribute to a good and balanced representation of the parish. The ability to take the initiative, be creative and have time to give to the role are all very important aspects of being a good councillor.

WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT?

You will need to attend ten parish council meetings a year with occasional additional meetings to look at urgent matters such as planning applications. You will need to set aside an additional few hours per month to read material before a meeting or attend training etc.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

For information please contact the Clerk, Heather Coonick on 07817 607 355 or email munslowpc@gmail.com

LUDLOW ROTARY CLUB DOG DAY 2024

At 10am on **Sunday 28th July** 2024 the gates of Stokesay Court will open for a fun-packed day for dogs and their owners and admirers at the start of another Ludlow Dog Day. For the event's tenth anniversary year, Ludlow Rotary Club will be welcoming back inspirational displays and helpful training tutorials which dog owners can try at home, as well as holding a wide range of fun dog competitions and activities.

Held in the beautiful grounds of Stokesay Court, situated approximately 6 miles north of Ludlow and just off the A49, the day is all about fun for the whole family, particularly our furry friends. Dogs can take part in over 21 competitions, from the scruffiest mutt and waggiest tail to the cutest puppy.

There are have-a-go events including dog agility, flyball, and hoopers, while gun dogs will be able to demonstrate their ability to retrieve...or not!

Demonstrations throughout the day include past favourites such as the Paws

for Thought Display Team and Bliss Gate Dog Obedience Team alongside All Positive Dog Services with hoopers, loose lead and learn a trick and scenting training.



As well as the doggy events, there will be plenty of stalls to enjoy whether selling dog and country related goods or pampering to human needs such as

the food stalls, the drinks bar, and the popular tea tent.

Money raised in past years has enabled Ludlow Rotary to distribute over £140,000 amongst a wide range of charities and community organisations. The club plans to use this year's event to support 'Ludlow Rotary Cares,' the club's community grants scheme, as well as other deserving causes.

For more information on this opportunity to enjoy a wonderful day in a glorious setting while supporting numerous community and charitable needs, see www.ludlowdogday.org.uk.

Barry Forrester
forrester.ludlow@gmail.com
07786 078 470



CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

THE MONTH OF JULY

So what am I going to write about for your July Magazine? My first idea was to see what the poets might have had to say about the seventh month. The answer was – nothing! Lots for May and June and August and even September, but not a verse could I find for July.

So what next for this month? Being a religious journalist, saints sprang to mind. St Swithun, I have written about before, leaving this earth in 862 and buried in Winchester Cathedral. And even today we worry if it rains on his feast day! Other noteworthy saints (or people we have heard of!) include St Mary Magdalene on the 22nd. Often depicted clutching a pot of ointment, her cult began with fervour in the 8th century. In England she was so popular that at least 187 ancient churches are dedicated to her (three in the Shropshire Churches Tourism Group have her name). The 25th is the feast day of St James, very famous today for his home in Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain, which is now a popular pilgrim destination. The following day is the feast of St Anne, the mother of Mary the mother of Jesus. Very few churches are dedicated to her – no idea why.

So what next for July? I started looking in some history books. We have on the bookshelves a very large and heavy book called *CHRONICLE of the 20th Century* (that's how it's written). All sorts of things happened in July, although most of the stories from all over the world are probably long forgotten. However, here are a few that might still resonate. In July 1901 Rudyard Kipling spoke out against the Boer War: 'We have 40 million reasons for our failure but not one

excuse'. He could be saying that today, I think. On a lighter note Picasso ventured into Cubism in 1907 and Baden-Powell started the Scout Movement with just twenty-one boys. Back to war: a young Serbian opened fire in Sarajevo; the first shots of World War I. In 1925 the Scopes 'Monkey' trial came to an end, with John Scopes' conviction for teaching evolution. It was a week after the publication of *Mein Kampf*! Eighty years ago the Allies were advancing after their June arrival in Normandy. In 1948 (the year George Orwell wrote '1984') the Olympics were taking place in London, an event we repeated in 2012. I got quite absorbed in all these happenings.

By the time you read this, you will probably have made up your mind about what you might do to get July 2024 off to a start. Yes, 4th July will be a big celebration in the USA as they celebrate their independence from Great Britain. Meanwhile, we will all be trotting off to the local school or village hall to cast our votes in the General Election. The election will be exciting for me as my son is a candidate (not locally, though), but it's a new experience for me, never mind whether he gets elected or not. What I want is peace and love but maybe that's the old hippie coming out. Do not forget to vote if you do not have a postal one. We owe it to all those who fought for our democracy, not least because I am writing this on the anniversary of D-Day.

Anni Holden Calver
Secretary of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group (SCTG)
Trustee of Caring for God's Acre
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CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP

EYTON HALL, EYTON UPON THE WEALD MOORS

The sun shone for our visit to Eyton Hall where Head Gardener Ann Holland, and the owner, Katherine Moynes, were so welcoming and informative about the garden which they have loved developing since 2017. It was a fascinating visit.

Potted History: Eyton Hall has a fascinating history, where its owners have participated in many eras of British history. A manor at Eyton was listed in the Domesday book (1087). It is situated northwest of Telford to the right of the Whitchurch road, in the area of the Weald Moors. The Eyton family, one of the earliest landed families in Shropshire, with their tenants, began to clear the Moors as early as 1232. Catherine Eyton founded the small Saint Catherine's church in 1336, to celebrate her husband Robert's safe return from the crusades. In 1579 Thomas Eyton constructed the Black Dyke, which separated Eyton from the parish of Preston. The family had to leave their home in the aftermath of the Civil War when Thomas Eyton had to pay £976 for supporting the monarchy. Eyton was captured in a surprise attack in 1644.

The current hall is a much-altered 18th century farmhouse, with a central house, two side wings and two further canted bow wings. This became the family home in 1816 when they moved to the country from Wellington. A galleried museum wing was created to house some of the

most extensive, private collections of TC Eyton, a distinguished naturalist, author, and a close friend of Charles Darwin. He published a History of the rarer British birds in 1836. He was also known as the father of Shropshire cricket. His cousin, Reverend Robert Eyton, was a noted historian who wrote the *Antiquities of Shropshire* (ref. www.wellingtonla21.org.uk). The history continues, but I need space to write about the garden

"TC Eyton had established extensive pleasure gardens with woodland walks and ponds, introduced notable specimen trees and imparked a substantial area to the south of the hall creating a deer park. An avenue of walnut trees originally lined the main drive to the hall."

- www.historichouses.org.

We met in the village hall car park and made our way to the extensive drive, in front of the Georgian house, to view the cypress trees in the centre, the long border outside the walled garden and the well pruned ancient wisteria. From there, Ann took us into the walled garden, which has been renovated with large double perennial beds, restored sunken garden, glass house, an elderly mulberry tree, many espaliered fruit trees and an internal colourful parterre. In addition to roses and beautiful peonies we were very struck by the black Dianthus 'Sooty',

a *Lochroma Andean Snow White*. There was also a pollarded *Paulonia* (Foxglove



tree), sister to a full size one in the woodland. From there we walked on to see the recently established pond, pretty with candelabra primula. Crossing the extensive south lawn and admiring the cows beyond the ha-ha, Ann pointed out the newly built folly at the end of the restored oxbow lake which she is currently planting for visitors next season. In the woods we admired huge swathes of foxgloves and woodland plants as the understorey to some magnificent trees. We had missed the annual February snowdrop walk but the swathes where they had been, looked extensive. Back to sit on the terrace for tea and mulberry Victoria sandwich, then the agonies of which plant to buy. This garden is open under the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust or see *The Gardens at Eyton Hall* on Facebook and Instagram.

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VISITS AND TALKS

All distances and times are from The Swan at Aston Munslow. New members welcome. 10am Starts

July 13th -

Pamela & Alistair Thompson

SW facing 3/4 acre garden looking out to Abberley Tower. Mixed flower borders, Shady woodland planting, lawns & seating, 'Shed of the Year' runner up.

Pear Tree Cottage,
Wichenford WR6 6YX
56 mins • 34 miles • £6 •
Partial Wheelchair Access.

August 10th - Katy Tanner

Historical garden on former Cluniac Priory Garden rooms, kitchen parterre, formal terraces, woodland walks, specimen trees, fernery, panoramic views.

Preen Manor, Church Preen, SL6 7LQ
22 mins • 10 miles • £12

September 14th -

Owen Towndrow

Private visit to late 15th C renowned gardens. Courtyard, Cloister & Vicar's Choral Garden, Dean's Garden & Bishop's Garden.

Cathedral Gardens Hereford HR1 2NG
48 mins • 33 miles • £7 • Refreshments available at cafe

October 12th - Mr & Mrs

William Corbett-Winder

5 acre traditional garden, stunning views wide herbaceous borders, box edged rose parterres, formal topiary, woodland garden.

Vaynor Park, Berriew
Welshpool, SY21 8QE
46 mins • 29 miles • £6

November 9th - Kevin Alviti

Unusual Fruit and Vegetables

An entertaining speaker with examples of produce.

Diddlebury Village Hall • 3 mins •
1.4 miles • £10

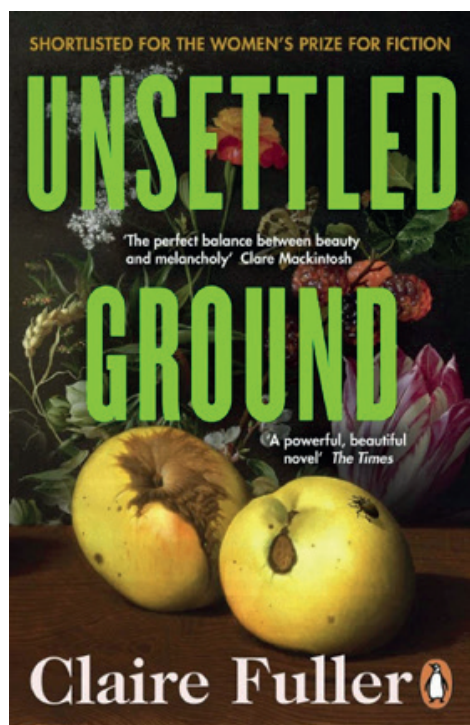
PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Don't forget that we still need photos for our cover page. Send us your photos, from landscapes to local goings-on. We are looking for pictures that capture the essence of living in the Corvedale and surrounding community.

Please send all photos to:
photos@corvedalenews.co.uk

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

UNSETTLED GROUND BY CLAIRE FULLER



In *Unsettled Ground*, Claire Fuller describes how middle-aged twins, Jeanie and Julius, have lived with their mother, Dot, in a run-down cottage in rural isolation since their father died in a farming accident when they were 12 years old, thirty-eight years previously. They lived hand to mouth, earning little money, growing vegetables in the garden, no television and with little contact with the outside modern world. Jeanie has a heart condition following a bout of rheumatic fever as a child. She had little schooling, was unable to leave home, and Julius had to stay to help care for her. Dot dies at the beginning of the book, and we learn the impact this has on the twins and how they struggle to cope with all that is expected of them subsequently, with particular insight into how Jeanie copes. They've been led to believe,

by Dot, that their father died because Spencer Rawson, the landowner, and their landlord, didn't fix the king pins on the tractor properly and believed he was the cause of their father's death.

They learn that they owe money. Mrs. Rawson tells Jeanie that they owe £2,000 in rent arrears. The twins had been told that the cottage was rent free as compensation for their father's death. Dot's funeral will cost a lot of money. Dot had borrowed from Stu, Dot's friend Bridget's husband and they owe the local market gardener for money advanced on the vegetables they supplied to him. Things go from bad to worse: they are evicted from their cottage and learn of many other things that their mother had lied about or hidden from them. Julius finds them a filthy, smelly caravan. She becomes homeless, while Julius has an affair with a local woman. Bridget, Dot's friend, attempts to help, and does help and advise Jeanie, but Jeanie is stubborn and proud, hates asking for help and sees Bridget as a nosy parker. Jeanie cannot read or write, which compounds her inability to cope in the modern world and its technology.

Most people thoroughly enjoyed the book and empathized with Jeanie's efforts to cope as her world falls apart with a sense of hopelessness as she reaches rock bottom. Even her beloved dog has disappeared. But she stubbornly carries on trying to survive amongst the chaos. There was much discussion of all the various issues raised in the story, not least about Dot and how and why she would do this to her children. Depressed following her husband's death? Anxiety about her own future and being left alone? Or was

she merely selfish? As with many other issues, the reader is left to speculate. There is much detail in the book and the various characters are fascinating as individuals. Whilst most were extremely moved by the twins' plight, there were moments of joy. One of their pleasures was to sing and make music, Julius on the fiddle and Jeanie on the guitar. They sang and played well, and this was recognised at Dot's 'wake' and gained them some respect from the community. Also apparent was, the twins' love for each other. Jeanie became angry when Julius let her down, but always forgave him and blamed herself. As for the 'secrets' that were kept from them, there are inevitably some between parents and children, but in *Unsettled Ground*, these are extreme. There is positive resolution at the end of the novel, and I particularly enjoyed Jeanie's journey as she grew and developed as a person. However, we do not really find out how she felt about her mother in retrospect having discovered how she misled them, and the biggest secret of all, that Jeanie did not, in fact, have a heart condition. *Unsettled Ground* is well worth a read. It is a powerful novel about betrayal and resilience, love, and survival.

Corvedale Book Group meets at Diddlebury Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We are a small, friendly group and new members are always welcome!

Our next book will be *In the Wars* by Dr Waheed Arian.

Jenny Vine

DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now a number of defibrillators around the parish: in Diddlebury on the left-hand side of the village hall; in Munslow at the entrance to the Old School House; in Bouldon outside New House Cottage; in Shipton on the front of the village hall; in Westhope on the front of the village hall; in Culmington on the front of the village hall. Another one is planned for Aston Munslow.

Please familiarise yourself with the location of your nearest defibrillator, as you never know when it might be needed in an emergency. Living as we do in very rural communities it can often be some time before the emergency services can reach us. Earlier this year a defibrillator was required but could not be located and unfortunately the patient did not survive.

Please don't delay, look today!

The Corvedale News Team



CORVEDALE PAST & PRESENT

BATHING THE BABY

Bath the baby, certainly, but don't forget the ancestors!

This month's ranting was sparked by a visit to the Celtic northwest of Britain, the remarkable island of Iona. Celtic and northern European culture, which so dominated the culture here and in other parts of West Britain, was animalistic, believing animals and plants had spirits, quite distinct from their bodies... let's call them 'souls'. *'Ask the beast and it will teach thee, and the birds of heaven and they will tell thee'* Job 12:7.



The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle believed that our bodies lived within our souls, massively different from what we may believe today and certainly what was believed in the Middle Ages. Then, the soul was assumed to reside inside the body, being released on death. Let's call Aristotle's idea the 'soul containing body'. Some believe today that soul moulds body: let's call that a 'soul shaping body'. A crazy idea? Well, hang on a bit.

René Descartes and his followers started a new trend in thought. In the Middle Ages people had never questioned that this was God's world and this idea extended towards nature, earth, sea and sky, and no doubt the whole cosmos.

R.D. begged to differ. His was the dream of a mechanical world governed by 'laws' of nature. It turns out that even before his time in the 17th century the mechanical view of the world had been creeping up on us. Yes, God had started the world off, but he was now resting on his laurels. Perhaps the rot set in with the clock. Previously, time had been measured in seasons and days and cycles and that sort of thing. What a shock to the system when it could be measured by some



monstrous clockwork thing, like the mediaeval clock in Wells Cathedral.

This mechanical view really hadn't changed much by the time that most of us were at school. We were told that matter was composed of atoms like billiard balls; the nucleus like a sun, the electrons like planets. Do you remember? This mechanistic assumption works well for technology and for the science that it has bent to its will, but not for people.

We look around us today, walk through countryside, town, and city. In an often troubled world we know the world (more or less) and we can control it, subjugate it: we just have to get nature to follow our rules.

I wonder how many of us continue to believe this stuff. The tragedy is that this suffocating narrow clockworkism has penetrated our societies, just like 'Blackpool' through a stick of rock.

Let's go back to the soul and body argument. We start our lives as a single cell, we multiply, differentiate, migrate, and within a few weeks form a recognisable being. As far as I know nobody, be they biochemist, zoologist, geneticist or even embryologist can explain this miracle. Would Aristotle be surprised? I wonder. Anyone who's held a new-born baby would know that their souls had mingled. This is not provable, this is not disprovable, but we know it. Bizarrely, it would probably seem eminently reasonable to a new generation of quantum physicists who have such a gift for explaining their astonishment and wonder to us ordinary mortals. It seems to open such possibilities to understand ourselves – it turns this new pure science into philosophy. It's currency is colossal, energetic, and resonant forces, universes and dimensions.

It is really only in the western world and in recent centuries that we have got stuck in cloying narrowness. Our ancestors worked, danced, sang and storified together: now we do it only by proxy through speakers and headphones and power tools. Yet our soul-forming bodies are still there.... a direct link to our ancestors.

If you are in touch with children under the age of 10, ask them: they understand and take for granted the universe before (dare to say it? I will) it gets educated out of them!

Today we seem to have thrown away the baby – but look how useful the bathwater is; couldn't do without it!

Peter Cornah
(villageadamandeve.uk)
With huge homage, especially,
to the work of Rupert Sheldrake.

NEW ADVERTISER ALERT

Foot Health Practitioner - Angie Lennox
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SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

As we are in the pre-election period at present, we have been advised by Shropshire Council's Head of Legal that we should not undertake activities which could be construed as influencing support (either positively or negatively) for any politician or political party. Under these circumstances I think it better not contribute the usual article this month. I hope to be able to contribute to the next edition.



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CORVEDALE & DISTRICT AUTUMN SHOW

SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE!

The schedule for the 2024 Corvedale Autumn Show is now available online on the Diddlebury parish website.

With around sixty categories, including sections for cooking, preserves, handicrafts, fruit and vegetables, flowers, and the countryside, there is plenty to tempt keen gardeners and cooks. There are also special categories for under 16s, including Lego, baking and handicrafts. The ever-popular 'Spud-in-a-Bucket' competition is also sure to be keenly contested.

The show is at Diddlebury Village Hall on **Saturday 7th September**, starting at 2pm. If you would like a copy of the schedule emailed to you, contact ross.stokes@icloud.com or see www.diddleburyparish.co.uk/events.

Ross Stokes

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to singing at Shrewsbury Abbey in support of Macmillan Cancer. One of the aims of the choir is to support charities and good causes through providing the basis of a fundraising event. Just recently, for example, following a joint concert at Wrekin College, we were able to raise over £500 for both the Midlands Air Ambulance and The Alzheimer's Society. On other occasions, funds have been raised to support a local church, festival event or village hall. If you have a community event or fundraiser coming up in the future, you may want to consider if we can support it. Our costs are modest, merely covering our professionals' fees: the rest of us come for nothing!

However, we also occasionally need to fundraise for ourselves, and with that in mind we are holding a coffee morning on **Saturday 17th August** in Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock, to include delicious homemade cakes at a price that you won't find elsewhere on the high street, so please come along to support us.

The choir takes its summer break from rehearsals after our next concert which is a joint event with Biddulph Male Voice Choir at 'their place!' on **Saturday 6th July**. This is a return concert, as we hosted the Staffordshire group last year. We reconvene at the William Brookes School on **Tuesday 13th August** from 7.20pm which would be a very good time for any potential new members to come along and give us a try. As always, you will be made very welcome.

We have a couple of autumn concerts lined up that you may wish to add to your diaries, before we run headlong into Christmas! They are as follows.

Saturday 28th September A joint concert with Bridgnorth Male Voice Choir in Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock.

Saturday 26th October A full concert at Church Stretton Methodist Chapel.

From all at the Male Voice Choir, we hope you enjoy the summer, and we also hope to see you at one of our events soon.

Dick Langford

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL TEAM

As you may already know, Diddlebury Village Hall has a brand-new sparkling, and larger committee, all fully engaged in bringing the community together and making the best use of the lovely hall which we are so fortunate to have. We are also committed to keeping it financially stable so that it is there for the next generation and beyond, and as part of this we have recently reviewed our letting rates, for the first time since the hall re-opened in 2017.

We have streamlined the rates so that they are much simpler. We have standardised the rates so that all users pay either the full rate or the local parishioner rate. Booking is by the full hour, for the whole time you need the hall including set up and clear away. You can book either the whole building, the main hall only or the small function room. In all cases use of the kitchen is included, but please note if you only hire one hall then the other may also be let out so that use of the kitchen is on a non-exclusive basis. We will still endeavour to support local non-profit making groups who provide a benefit to the local community.

Full details of the booking charges and all the facilities on offer, including the new sound system with hearing loop, can be found on our website www.diddleburyvillagehall.org.

Team DVH

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

HAYTON & DISTRICT WI



The meeting held on 13th June welcomed speaker for the evening, Graham Short, who came from Birmingham to tell everyone about his role as a celebrated Micro Artist. Graham's talk was entitled, *Hands of Genius* - and that is no understatement! As an engraver, Graham initially explained his *modus operandi* in terms of the time he works - between midnight and 5am in order to avoid vibration from passing traffic - the elements he takes (magnesium and potassium) plus beta blockers to lower his heart rate to twenty beats per minute and his use of a stethoscope to monitor his heart. All of these preparations are required to enable him to perform the very delicate job of engraving complex designs and texts on often exceedingly small items with exceptionally fine needles - between heartbeats! He also explained that every three months he attends a clinic and undertakes a course of Botox injections into his eyelids to ensure there is no distraction from eye nerves and muscles while he works.

Graham's presentation was littered with amusing tales about celebrities he has met and worked with during his career, such as Ronnie Barker who, for example, wanted to buy his paperclip with the head of Shakespeare engraved on disc within it; Neil Armstrong; Uri Geller; Stephen Fry; Kim Kardashian; the current national Poet Laureate Simon Armitage (2019 - 2029); Simon Rattle, former music director of the London Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Family during his thirty-year role as Chief Engraver for royal palaces and castles. To give other examples of Graham's amazing skill, he engraved a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II on a small disc in the eye of a needle and in 2023, he completed his 'signature piece' - the one he wants to be remembered for: his exquisite engraving of 'The Lord's Prayer' on a speck of gold inside the eye of a needle, which earned him international recognition as the world's leading micro-engraver. It really sounds impossible, but clearly is possible with the right preparation and his extraordinary skill!

Our competitions at the meeting were: 'the best flower from a member's garden' and 'the most interesting / unusual item beginning with the letter 'M.' The winners were: Annie Jones in 1st place for both competitions with her peach-leaved Bellflower and 'Mouse' - well done Annie! In 2nd place for the flower was Sue Parker with her pink rose and in 3rd place Joyce Randle with her peony. In 2nd place for the item was Eileen Pritchard with a mop and in 3rd place Jennette Arnold with a packet of Maltesers! Well done everyone!

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 11th July** at 7:30pm with speaker Claire Tatler, who will offer her talk *Gardening in Historic Places*: a look behind the scenes and the horticultural decisions made by professional gardeners. Using real life experiences, Claire will take us through the key drivers behind how professional gardeners make their decisions and the, often surprising and funny, compromises that have to be made!

As usual, we look forward to seeing our members, any visiting members from other branches and to welcoming members' guests, any prospective members and indeed anyone interested in hearing our speaker. Members and prospective members are welcomed free of charge; for anyone else an entrance fee of £5 would be much appreciated towards the cost of the evening's entertainment, with refreshments and biscuits to follow.

Meetings are held at Stanton Lacy Village Hall, Hayton's Bent, SY7 2AT. For further information about the WI in general and membership, contact Phyllis Steventon, Branch President, 01584 823 436 or Branch Secretary: hayton.district.wi@gmail.com or have a chat with them at the meeting.

Louise Gough

DIDDLEBURY, WESTHOPE & MUNSLOW WI

The administrative side of our meeting extended this month to include reports both from the Spring Council meeting, held at Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury, and the annual meeting of the WI at the Royal Albert Hall. Both meetings included inspiring speakers and were enjoyed by those who attended, adding an extra element to this month's meeting. Those who attended the craft meeting held at Joy's house also enjoyed cake and company as well as trying their hand at crocheting!

Katy Alston was then welcomed to our meeting to talk to us about illustrated map making. Having started her career as a painter/artist, Katy has increasingly worked as an illustrator and has been making maps for approximately twenty years. Her work can be seen locally in places like Ludlow Castle and Bill's Kitchen and Bishops Castle, and we had the pleasure of seeing her maps, cards, and illustrations first-hand as she brought along many examples for us to enjoy. She does a great deal of research before starting to make her maps and records what is important to the place, some of it humorously, which brings her maps to life. Our members and visitors thoroughly enjoyed both her talk and studying the variety of maps, many of areas local to us here, recording their history, bringing instant colour and personality to the place in question.

Refreshments made by Pat and Jacqui were then enjoyed before the meeting concluded. Our next meeting is entitled *Wall Flowers Seasonal Blooms* and will include a flower farm tour on **Wednesday 10th July** at 7pm at East Wall.

As always, if anyone would like to come along either as a visitor for the evening or join as a member you would be very welcome. Visitor fee is £2. Please do ring Joy Williams our secretary if you would like any further information on 01584 861 301.

Jayne Disley

WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



Westhope Clover Club had their annual outing to the Discovery Centre at Craven Arms on Thursday 6th June, to enjoy a cream scone tea party. Sixteen members were joined by Betty, Moira and Cathy from the Westhope community lunches, and we were able to thank them once again for the delightful lunches they produce three times a year.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our next meeting on 4th July, as the Westhope road is closed that day. There is no meeting in August, so hopefully we will all meet again in September. Wishing everyone a good, hot summer.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

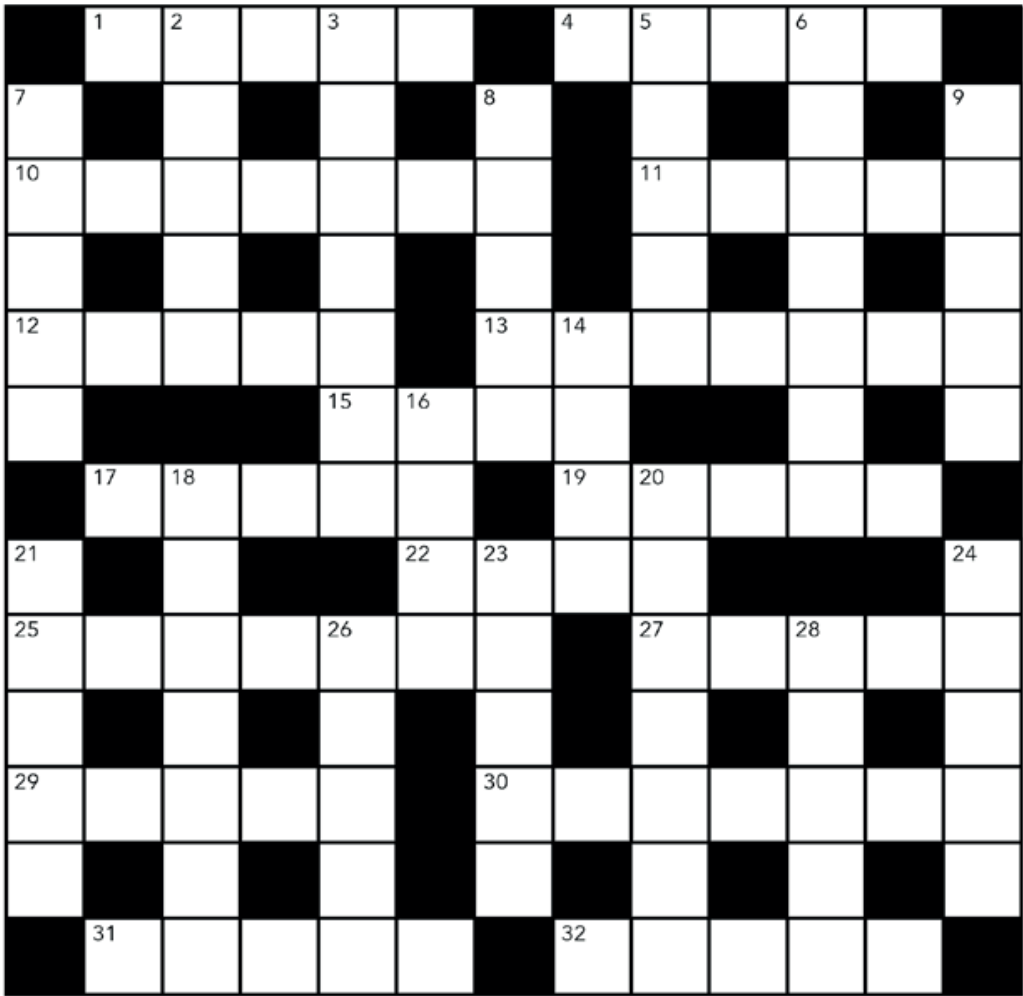
JULY CROSSWORD

BY ARTEMONAS

Answers to this month's crossword
can be found on page 24 in this
edition of the magazine.

ACROSS

- 1) Swim across with daughter included (5)
- 4) You said you'd handle the damage (5)
- 10) Before noon, steer around the ship (7)
- 11) Narrow part of the delta, perhaps (5)
- 12) We left five in the river to search for information (5)
- 13) Confused rector, putting Christmas first was right (7)
- 15) Cats and dogs return dance move (4)
- 17) Taste around Wyoming maybe? 5)
- 19) Came up with a flower (5)
- 22) Offer of bargains in Cheshire (4)
- 25) News of gunfire (7)
- 27) Tree having large span (5)
- 29) Joker first came late one winter's night (5)
- 30) Inspect from a short time in Devon river (7)
- 31) Allude to either way (5)
- 32) Small, not odd, number (5)



DOWN

- 2) One transaction at couldn't be better (5)
- 3) Trial involving Euro politician causes a storm (7)
- 5) The furthest route was confusing (5)
- 6) I say, that fast (7)
- 7) A whispered comment about a team (5)
- 8) The cost of Polish cereal (5)
- 9) The first girl called verity (5)
- 14) Gemstone from ring given to friend (4)
- 16) Try out some of the latest estimates (4)
- 18) The pool turns out to be excellent (3-4)
- 20) Let out or let out again? (7)
- 21) Deception taken at bridge (5)
- 23) Alien follows donkey for something of value (5)
- 24) Cast finished as one might say (5)
- 26) Stoves taken from a stranger (5)
- 28) Lift is installed in different era (5)

PIZZA NIGHT @DVH

A heartfelt thank you to all our supporters who turned out in huge numbers to our EAT@DVH Pizza Night!

The bar and hall were full of the community having fun and enjoying the delicious pizzas made by the incredible, hardworking and lovely *Pizza Girls*. The atmosphere all night was buzzing!

We were especially thrilled to see so many children and parents there and welcomed the new children's 'Beauty Parlour.' The beauty parlour was raising money for Corvedale School by doing nail painting, glitter transfers and 'tattoos.' There was a steady stream of 'clients' all evening raising just over £35 for school funds.

Our EAT@DVH evenings are run for the community to enjoy an evening out together which also raises much needed funds for our hall through the money we make at Stefano's Bar.

We start at 5:30pm so families can enjoy an evening out without it being a late night. The large early takeaway orders adversely affected this on Friday night. It also caused the *Pizza Girls* to run short of dough until a very kind neighbour travelled to their home to pick up dough for forty more people, plus another *Pizza Girl*!

Incidentally at the fabulous Fish Heads evening there were so many takeaway orders that they ran out of fish leaving many of those who had turned up to eat together without fish!

I'm sure you'll understand that things like this can't happen again. Therefore at our future EAT@DVH nights - those who come to eat at the hall will be served from 5:30pm onwards. Takeaways orders will be from 8:00 pm onwards.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for our next EAT@DVH on **Friday 13th September**, when we will be hosting another curry night.

Team DVH



From left to right: Lola Pardoe, Penny Southall, Rosie Southall, Mia Brisbane, Lottie Brisbane and Charlotte Norton.

SWEET POTATO AND BACON FRITTATA

Recipe from Ian Davies • Prep 15 mins • Serves 2

INGREDIENTS

- 1 sweet potato
- 1 red onion
- 50g smoked bacon
- 25g butter
- 3 large eggs
- chopped parsley
- handful cheddar cheese
- salt & pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. Peel the sweet potato and chop into very small dice.
 2. Finely dice the smoked bacon.
 3. Melt a thick slice (about 25g) of butter in a small, shallow-sided pan. Fry the bacon in the pan for a couple of minutes, then keeping the heat quite low, add the sweet potato and cook for 7-10 minutes, until golden.
 4. Preheat the grill. Peel and finely dice red onion, then add it to the potato and continue cooking until it has softened – about 3-4 minutes.
 5. Chop a handful of parsley and stir it in.
 6. Beat the eggs, lightly seasoned with salt and pepper, then pour over the potato and onion mixture. Once the egg starts to set add the grated cheddar. Then transfer to the grill to finish off cooking.
- Serve with a green salad.

MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024.

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Ed Povey, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, Chris Meeson, two members of the public and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Cllr Barbara Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council).

Notice convening the Meeting: In accordance with Statute, the notice convening the meeting had been duly published on the Council's notice boards and website.

Annual Reports: *Chair's Report* - Cllr Archer said: 'It has, once again, been a busy year for the council and I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who work both on the

council and behind the scenes. Thanks to Antonia Bury, who has served on our council for a number of years but is now stepping down from the post. Thank you to Cllr Motley and all our Councillors for their continuing help and support. Thanks to God's Acre, Richard Lane, and the Commonwealth Graves Commission for the upkeep of our closed churchyard. The Parish Council do get a grant from Shropshire Council for Environmental Maintenance, which we match. This enables us to contract Dave Lewis, our lengthsman, who clears ditches and cuts back undergrowth on our side roads. Also thank you to the footpath group who have given us money which will be spent on appropriate items relating to footpaths.

As you are aware we now have two mobile Vehicle Activated Signs for use in the parish and thanks to the Police and Crime Commissioner we have just been given another grant which will enable us to buy another sign. We continue to push Shropshire Council to reduce the speed of traffic along the B4368.

During the year we have dealt with a number of planning applications and maintained the defibrillator in Munslow.

We have two councillor vacancies advertised and we will co-opt if there is no election called. So, we look forward to some new members of the Parish Council. Please note that all your parish councillors are volunteers and we do consider seriously all that comes before us. We also remind you that each council meeting has a short public session at the start which you can come along to, just for interest or to bring concerns about something that is on the agenda that month. The agenda is always posted on the website and on our local notice boards. This is the final year before the election of all the Councillors in May 2025.'

Beambridge Village Hall Committee - Cllr Dobson reported that the committee needed new members and a new chair as Mr Alan Golden had moved away. The Council would like to thank him for his time on the committee.

Shropshire Council - Cllr Motley had sent her apologies.

Parish Council's work to reduce the speed of vehicles through the Parish: Cllr Povey said that the Shropshire Council report, instigated by the Parish Council, made proposals around buffer zones between the villages. There was still concern about the lack of speed restrictions in Beambridge and in the section of the B4368 near the Seven Stars pub. Due to Shropshire Council's budget restraints it was unlikely that the changes proposed by the report would be implemented in the near future, so any improvements were likely to be dependent upon the Parish Council.

Infrastructure Projects to include in the Place Plan: A defibrillator site in Aston Munslow: Cllr Archer will investigate possible sites.

Open Forum: Issues raised a. concerns about amendments to planning applications after they had been agreed and the Parish Council was not consulted on them b. support for another defibrillator c. satisfaction with the effects of the mobile Vehicle Activated Devices, but there was still concern about the speed of traffic when they were not present.

Next Meeting: Thursday 6th June 2024 at Munslow Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, Edward Povey and Chris Meeson.

In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Cllr Archer was elected as Chair, and Cllr Povey was elected as Vice Chair. Both signed the Acceptance of Office form.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2024 were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

General Power of Competence: It was agreed that the Council fulfilled the requirements to hold the General Power of Competence.

Resignation and Notice of Vacancies of Councillors: Vacancies had been advertised and Shropshire Council would notify the council if an election would be called. If there had been no request for an election by 13th May the council would be instructed to co-opt to fill the vacancies. The Clerk would then advertise vacancies and request anyone interested to contact her for more information.

Appointment of Representatives: Munslow Village Hall – Cllr Dobson (Cllr Dobson requested that the 'Beambridge Club Room' should now be referred to as Munslow Village Hall as this was the name used on the Charity Register). South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllrs Archer and Meeson.

Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Risk Assessment: The the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Risk Assessments were adopted and the new Financial Regulations would be considered at the next meeting.

Dates of the Ordinary Meetings for the forthcoming year: these would be: 6th June, 4th July, no meeting in August, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December, no meeting in January, 6th February 2025, 6th March, and 3rd April. The Annual Meetings would be on 8th May. They will all be at Munslow Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Items raised at the Annual Parish Meeting (including Infrastructure Projects for the Place Plan): a. Defibrillator (a site needed to be identified before entry to the plan) b. more Vehicle Activated Signs: the Council now had the funding for a further sign c. buffer zones between the present speed limits: this had been submitted to the Place Plan for inclusion but was not presently included in the plan. The Clerk would contact the Place Plan Officer to ensure that this was entered into the plan.

Highways: A grant has been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner which will be matched by funds from the Parish Council for further Vehicle Activated Signs. The decision on expenditure was deferred to the next meeting.

The council could confirm that it had spent the grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner in accordance with the grant conditions.

Planning: 24/01174/FUL - Erection of two storey extension following removal of existing single storey, conversion of attached barn with extended roof alterations to form car port, boundary alterations to create vehicular access and addition of ground mounted solar panels at Rowe Farm, Rowe Lane, Stanton Long, Much Wenlock, Shropshire: It was resolved to make the following representation to Shropshire Council Planning Portal: 'At the Munslow Parish Council meeting the 9th May 2024 the council decided that there was not enough information on the application on the position of the solar panels or their visibility from the footpath and the visual impact of the scheme as a whole particularly as this development is in the National Landscape (AONB) area.

Finance: The Annual Report and Asset Register was adopted. Mr Kevin Adams (internal auditor) stated that in his opinion the controls in place were sufficient for the Council's purposes during 2023-24.

The Annual Governance Statement was agreed and signed.

The Annual Accounting Statement recorded that during 2023-24 the council had received a precept of £5,633 and £2,206 other receipts. Expenditure on staff costs was £3,071 and other payments of £5,858 producing a carry forward into 2024-25 of £10,125. The fixed assets stood at £15,396 at cost value rather than replacement value. The Statement was approved and signed

The Council confirmed that it did not have income or expenditure in excess of £25,000 and met the qualifying criteria for an Exemption Certificate in 2023-24. An appropriate certificate was signed.

The dates for the Notice of Public Rights were agreed to be from 1st July to the 9th August 2024. The Exemption Certificate, Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, Analysis of Variances, bank reconciliation and the Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights would be published on the web. The following payments were authorised: H Coonick (Clerk) Stationery, domain name and defibrillator pads £114.33, K Adams (internal auditor) £100.00, D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Inv 503 £55.25, Shropshire Association of Local Councils affiliation fee £225.70. It was agreed to increase the hourly rate for the Environmental Maintenance contractor to £18.00.

Recycling Centres: Shropshire Council's proposal to close the recycling centre would be opposed.

Items for the next meeting: a. co-option of new councillors; b. review the financial regulations; c. consider the expenditure of the PCC grant; d. raise the issue of changes of conditions on planning applications.

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ABDON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT ABDON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024 AT ABDON VILLAGE HALL

Election of Chair and vice Chair: Cllr C Yarwood and Cllr B Lewis were unanimously elected as Chair and vice Chair respectively.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Whalley.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM were read by the Chair and unanimously agreed as being correct.

Finance: including Audit, appointment of signatories & Auditor: Gross Income: £6131. Gross expenditure £2955. Opening balance £5003. Closing balance £8179. Variance due to £5036.21 CIL funds. The Audit schedule was presented, discussed and resolved. The signatories currently are the Clerk, Chair and Cllr Price. All will continue. Mrs B Prime was unanimously agreed as auditor for 2025.

Appointment of Representatives etc: Defibrillator checks: Cllr Whalley; SALC representative: Cllr Lewis.

Standing Orders: It was agreed that no changes were required. The Clerk will circulate them via email. GDPR: Cllr Motley proposed obtaining a framework from SALC which the Clerk would action. It was agreed that the Clerk should continue in this role.

Dates of future meetings: These will continue to be on the second Thursday of the month, ie 8th August, 14th November, 9th January 2025, 8th May.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:54.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Present: Cllrs Price, Yarwood, Hartley, Lewis; Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council); Clerk: W. Richards and one member of the public.

Public Involvement: None.

Declarations Of Interest: None.

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2024 were read by the Chair and approved as being correct.

Reports from the Parish Council and Members: *The Village Hall* is looking at repairs and the urgent need for a mirror. *Cllr Motley's report:* Shropshire Council has a £62m deficit, primarily due to higher interest rates, social care costs (including 739 children in care), and the elderly, healthcare costs from Covid and greater demand for children's mental health care. The acute care system has been in special measures for seven years. 75% of the budget

is used for social care. Staff numbers are being reduced and they are moving out of Shirehall. They have funding in for Climate Change, the Environment and Transport which has been used for the Biochar plant. There are now 300 electric car chargers available and the Council is looking at village hall installations. The Local Enterprise Partnership has been rebranded as Shropshire Economic Partnership. Village halls can often use the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Rural Prosperity Fund. The removal of analogue phones is imminent. Housing in rural areas is very restricted as Open Countryside only allows single plot affordable housing, but there are proposals for affordable homes, where two or three houses may be built together in a settlement. Bungalows are needed to house the local elderly so they can remain in the area. Proposals have been made for schools to have Special Educational Needs departments rather than children having to travel to Shrewsbury.

Finance: Payment of the SALC membership fee of £148.41 and £40.00 for the Information Commissioner were agreed. The Marquee has six bookings so far for 2024 (£75 a time from March).

Clerk's wages: the rate will remain at £15/hour, one hour a week.

Highway Maintenance Grant: The Clerk has applied for £1500 which needs to be match funded. This can be used for more ditching works.

Highway Issues: There had been reports of operatives' poor use of tarmac, rudeness, and inconsiderate closures/blocking of access for businesses. The Clerk would send images to Andy Wilde and Andrew Keyland. The Masseys Bank drain was still blocked, and the road at Lower Earnstrey Farm was very rough. Some notice boards need renewal or maintenance; Thanks were given to Cllr Hartley for Holdgate.

Correspondence: There would be a six week consultation on proposals to introduce an annual subscription fee of £52 for collection of garden waste, which would end on 20th May. Road closures were listed on the website. The School Library service consultation was open. The Hospitals Transformation Programmes continues its roadshows: details of dates and venues would go on the website. The planning update for the proposed barn conversion adj. 4 Brookhampton, Holdgate was discussed.

Item for consideration at the next meeting: HMO

Date of next meeting: The next meeting would be on 8th August 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:57

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2024

Attendance: Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mr Ian Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Ms J Mear, and Mr J Turley; Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mrs M Holland, Mr I Steele, and Ms J Watts.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Byng (Planning).

Public Involvement: A member of the public asked about siting a static caravan in the garden of his home whilst he completed renovation works and erection of a shed to the rear of the property. Cllr Motley advised him to discuss both matters with Shropshire Council.

Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings held on 7th May 2024 were approved and signed.

Community Governance and Boundary Review: The Clerk had received a reply from Diddlebury Parish Council on 16th May stating that the email about Seifton Batch would be passed to Cllr Povall to respond. Nothing further had been received. The Clerk would write to Shropshire Council informing them of the proposed boundary changes except the unresolved boundary at Seifton Batch.

Reports from Members: *Shropshire Council* – Cllr Motley reported

that the Council Social Care department was being assessed by the Care Quality Commission. There was a meeting regarding the Community Governance Review the following week when she hoped to find out the timescale for changes to Parish Boundaries.

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Mear said the AGM had been held on the 14th May and, sadly, some people had stood down. They had, however, welcomed some new people onto the committee. The main focus for the year ahead would be the plans for the new storage and bar, and marketing and promotion. The Beefy Boys afternoon had been very successful with lots of families attending. There would be D-Day celebrations on 6th June when the beacon would be lit.

Flood Action Group – Cllr Byng reported that there had not been a recent meeting.

Highways: Shropshire Council had replaced the post for the Speed Indicator Device with a larger one and the Clerk had now ordered the new sign which would be installed towards the end of July.

Following a site visit by Cllr Turley, Cllr Steele, the Clerk and the contractor there had been further discussions on the effectiveness of desilting Seifton Brook. It was agreed not to desilt the brook this year. An open-ended licence for future desilting had been requested from Shropshire Council. The contractor would be informed that work would not be required this year and a payment of £100 for his assessment would be made.

Cllr Motley reported that repairs to the manhole cover on Seifton Lane were on Shropshire Council's list for repair but there was no set timescale. The Clerk would request an inspection report from Shropshire Council.

A parishioner had reported the poor surface on the entrance to the ford on Seifton Lane and had been advised to report it on Fix My Street.

The Rights of Way officer for Shropshire Council (SC) had informed the Clerk that there were several issues on the footpath and bridleway, some of which would be addressed by the SC. Further issues were the responsibility of the landowner. He planned to revisit the site in the near future. Works to be undertaken by SC had been delayed due to staffing issues.

Councillors considered an Affordable Housing Local Connection Criteria request and confirmed that the applicant fulfilled the criteria. The Clerk would write to the applicant stating that the Parish Council confirmed that they met the criteria for a Local Connection.

Planning: (Cllr Byng left the meeting) **24/01651/FUL** Removal of rendering to the south side of the church tower and re-render, repair and restore stonework and pointing; new rendering of north, west and east elevations of tower to match south side, All Saints

Church, Culmington, SY8 2DB. The application was supported.

Cllr Byng returned to the meeting.

Emergency Officer Role: Cllr Mear reported that the issue was on the agenda for the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee. She would report back to the next Council meeting.

Finance: The new Financial Regulations and Internal Controls were adopted.

Income of £3,234.22 from the Neighbourhood Fund was noted. The Clerk would check which property had attracted this payment.

The following payments were authorised: TWM Traffic Control £3938.59, H Coonick (Clerk) and HMRC (Salary April-June) 863.75, H Coonick (Clerk) Travel £14.85 and reimbursement for inks £30.97, D Lewis Inv 530 (Environmental Maintenance) £99.00, C. Barr (Desilting Consultation) £100.00.

Items for the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 2nd July 2024: Update on plans for the empty housing association property; Emergency Officer.

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOLLOWED BY A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, BOTH HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2024 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs D Hedgley - Chairman, R Povall, C Martyn, A Watson, A Rattu, R Morgan, T Pardoe, and S Povall.

Apologies: Cllr T O'Boyle.

In Attendance: The Clerk, Shropshire Councillor C Motley and one member of the public.

At the Annual Parish Meeting reports were received from the Chairman, Shropshire Cllr Motley, Cllr Martyn for the Flood Action Group, Cllr O'Boyle for the Louisa Powell Almshouse Charity, Cllr Martyn as Website Manager, Cllr S Povall for Diddlebury Village Hall and Mrs K Worthington for Westhope Village Hall.

Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman: At the parish council meeting which followed the Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr David Hedgley was appointed Chairman for 2024-2025 and Cllr Robert Povall was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2024-2025.

Appointment of Representatives for 2024 - 2025: The following were appointed to represent DPC: Louisa Powell Almshouse trust – Cllr O'Boyle, Tree Warden – Cllr S Povall, Diddlebury Flood Action Group – Cllr C Martyn, Diddlebury Village Hall – Cllr. S Povall, Manager of DPC's website – Cllr C Martyn, SALC South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr R Povall.

Declarations of Interest: None were made.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th April 2024 were approved by councillors and three items of Matters Arising were considered.

Reports: *The Chairman* said he had held further site meetings about the public playground in Diddlebury. The two picnic benches had arrived: one had been assembled by Cllr. Pardoe for the new playground and he and Mr Bartell had assembled and sited the second in Bouldon. He had completed the SC Empty Homes consultation and dealt with complaints about fireworks being let off after midnight in Diddlebury.

Shropshire Councillor Motley reported that the general election being called for 4th July had caused problems at SC as the staff were still in the throes of setting a budget and implementing the changes wrought by the Constituency Boundary Changes. She advised that 17,000 responses had been received to the consultation about the proposed closure of the recycling centre in Craven Arms: SC have still not taken a decision on the matter. She had discussed the proposed changes to the parish boundary between Culmington

and Diddlebury parishes. She felt the issues were best left to the Place Plan review.

Planning: An outline application for an open market house in Corfton (24/01809/OUT) had been received too late for inclusion in the May Agenda. An extension of time has been applied for to deal with it at the July parish council meeting.

Highways/Environmental Issues: The Chairman reported there had still been no action from Highways about the longstanding bridge problems in Bouldon.

Communications and Correspondence: Eleven items were considered and dealt with.

DPC's response to Shropshire's Local Plan Examination

Consultation: The Chairman would consider this matter: Cllr Motley felt it mostly applied to urban areas.

Public Access Playground In Diddlebury: A quotation for the surfacing works and an additional piece of play equipment totalling £13,115 plus VAT was approved.

Finance Matters: The Finance Report for May 2024 was considered and cheques totalling £4,446.30 were approved for payment, after which DPC held funds totalling £33,935.21. Cllr R Povall verified the reconciliation between DPC's cash book and HSBC bank statement 381.

Audit 2023 - 2024: The Audit Report prepared by Mrs J Griffiths dated 5th May 2024 was considered: she was satisfied that DPC's accounts were correct and no adverse comments were made as to its accounting procedures. The various Annual Governance Accountability Return documents had been examined by Mrs Griffiths and found to be correct. The parish council therefore voted its approval of the AGAR documents: they will now be open to public examination and would be available to view on DPC's website or on application to the Clerk. The Certificate of Exemption would be sent to PKF Littlejohn, the external auditors.

Any Other Business: The Chairman reported the recent death of Mrs Sally Woodhouse and sent the parish council's sympathies to Mike Woodhouse. Sally Woodhouse had been deeply involved in many aspects of Diddlebury life and the parish council was grateful for her service. She would be sorely missed by the community.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was closed at 9.10pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 24th July 2024, 7.15pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.

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Corvedale Google Group
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY 2024

	7TH JULY Trinity 6	14TH JULY Trinity 7	21ST JULY Trinity 8	28TH JULY Trinity 9	4TH AUGUST Trinity 10
ABDON		9:45 HC		6pm Songs of Praise	
BROADSTONE			8:30 HC		
CULMINGTON	11:15 HC		6pm EP	8:30am HC	11:15 HC
DIDDLEBURY	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	9:45 HC
HOLDGATE	8:30 HC				8:30 HC
MUNSLOW	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC	6pm EP
TUGFORD			9:45 HC		

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