CORVEDALE NEWS

THE CORVEDALE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



Celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 70 Years Reign, 1952 - 2022



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Community Contacts



SOUTH SHROPSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE

Due to Coronavirus we are unable to provide a normal service and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Ways to get advice

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

Telephone Advice:

Adviceline Shropshire:

0808 278 7894

Telephone advice is available Monday to Friday 10:00 to 16:00

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline:

0808 223 1133

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

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Cllr. Cecilia Motley
Councillor, Corvedale Division
Cabinet Member for Communities,
Place, Tourism and Transport;
Chairman, Rural Services Network;
Shropshire Council
01588 672 192

COVID-19 SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

If you are in need of help the following resources are available:

- Your local parish councillors
 - Shropshirelarder.org.uk
- Shropshire Council on 0345 6478 9028 or at www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus
 - Corvedale Helping Hands email corvedalehelpinghands@gmail.com

Church Contacts



Church of England

Rev'd John S Beesley St Michael's Rectory Munslow SY7 9EU tel: (01584) 841488 revjbeesley@gmail.com

Catholic Church

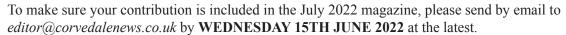
Canon Christopher Walsh St Peter's RC Church Henley Road, Ludlow SY8 1QZ tel: (01584) 872906 st.peters.ludlow@talktalk.net

Methodist Chapel

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

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Choral Concert Stanton Long Church

The Blue Hills Choir

presents

one hour programme of classical choral pieces

Saturday 18th June at 7:00pm

Tickets: £10 per head to include a glass of Pimms or wine (or non-alcoholic drink) and strawberries, served after the concert. Children under 16 free

All monies raised in aid of Stanton Long Church Tickets available on the door or from Gordon Grant gordon_grant1951@hotmail.com 01746 712 667 or 07817 023 742

> or Rona Markland rjmbrookfarm@hotmail.co.uk or 01746 712 233 or 07903 494 079

Corvedale Folk Club

at The Sun Inn, Corfton on Friday 17th June at 7.30pm

and on the 3rd Friday of each month thereafter

Free entry! Everyone welcome!

For further information contact lan on 01584 841 331







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:

June Wednesday 22nd

Friday 24th

Sunday 26th



Diddlebury Fun Dog Show

(Part of Diddlebury Church Fete)

Saturday 11th June @ 2.30pm

Diddlebury Village Hall & School Field

Classes (£1):

Best Six Legs

Loveliest Lady

Most Handsome Fella

Sausage Race

Best Young Handler

Best Trick

Dog Judge would most like to take home Golden Oldie 9+ years

Waggiest Tail

PLAY WITH CLAY





Let your imagination and creative inhibitions run wild!

Established ceramic artist/sculptor offering informal fun and friendly classes, in hand-building with clay to realise your creative ideas. Plenty of one to one tuition

Be creative whilst coming together with like-minded local people for a chat & a brew, use your imagination to create your own designs and ideas in clay!

Make a gift for a special occasion, for your home, your garden, or a present

7pm - 9pm, annually, term time only 2021/2022 course dates:

28 September - 19 October (4 weeks)

2 November - 14 December (7 weeks)

4 January - 15 February (7 weeks)

1 March - 5 April (6 weeks) 26 April - 24 May (5 weeks)

7 June - 19 July (7 weeks)

Cost £20 per weekly session, (payment for each term required at time of booking) includes materials and firing, subject to reasonable use. Limited spaces available (Maximum of 12 people)

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE OR BOOK YOUR PLACE?

For more information contact Halima or Martyn on 0781 705 3308 or email: info@halimacassell.com

The Old Station, Broome, Aston on Clun SY7 0NT

New Hope Gardens Daylilies The End of an Era for Daylily Missionary

After more than four decades of growing, selling and promoting his beloved daylilies in America and in Shropshire, Mark Zenick will be ending his missionary career in spreading the Daylily Gospel at the close of the 2022 season.

Having met and befriended a wealth of fellow gardeners over his 14 years as a Yank nurseryman in Shropshire, Mark remains hopeful that a younger daylily enthusiast will come forward to assume his mantle by offering his collection of more than 240 hybrid daylily varieties to passionate gardeners in the UK.

To celebrate his tenure as Daylily Missionary, Mark will be hosting at his Colebatch, Shropshire nursery an End of Era Sale on his potted daylilies and on daylily clumps in his nursery beds.

2022 Open Weekends will be Saturdays and Sundays, 12 noon to 5pm July 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 and 30/31

There will be a Farewell Concert at the nursery on July 31st from 3-5pm

Visists outside of the Open Weekends can be made by appointment 01588 630 750 or markwzenick@aol.com

Garden clubs are warmly invited to schedule no cost visits outside of the Open Weekends.







MUNSLOW PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION



Sunday 5th June
12pm until 4pm



Join our Jubilee Celebration, bring your picnic lunch and share the fun in the beautiful surroundings of Millichope Park.

2 PM - DOG SHOW

Four classes, entrance limited to two classes for dogs and their owners.

1. The dog showing its best obedience and trick.

- 2. Temptation Alley. Dog returning to owner despite temptations.3. Dog completing the highest jump.
 - 4. Dog most like it's owner.

3 PM - FANCY DRESS

Two classes, under 16's and over 16's.

3:30 PM - TUG-OF-WAR

All AFTERNOON

Six a side cricket
Petting ponies and a collection of hens to amuse everyone
Face painting
Tombola

Do visit the Jubilee Exhibtion, celebrating the seven amazing decades of Her Majesty's reign.

HEATH CHAPEL IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION -SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

Community Event

Everyone will be welcome

Marquee • Entertainment Free BBQ, Coffee & Tea

Bring a Share Plate, your own drinks and a chair!! Time TBC

Arts@StLaurence 2022

Gala Organ Concert to Celebrate





Thomas Trotter Organist with

The Academy of St Laurence

Present a programme of Royal music Saturday 4 June 4.00 pm

Tickets:£16 (under 16s free) from www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk



The Space at St Laurence, Ludlow





Fancy Dress Competition at 3pm

Fashion from 1950's to 2020's

Choose your favourite decade and join in the fun!

A prize awarded for the most stylish costumes





Prize: Sunday lunch for two at The Crown

Under 16's judge Carol Byng. Chair of Culmington Parish Council and winner with her Queen of Hearts fancy dress several years ago.

Prize - lunch for two between Wednesday and Saturday at The Swan, Aston Munslow



DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL SPONSOR

Queen's Platinum **JUBILEE CELEBRATION at**



DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL, CORVEDALE CoE SCHOOL & ST PETER'S CHURCH On SATURDAY 4th JUNE 2pm - 7pm



Competitions

- Children's Art Competition royal related theme paint a royal family member, a royal castle, corgis...etc. open to all children, prizes for best in each of the following categories;
 - Under 5's
 - 5–7 yr. olds
 - 8-11 yr. olds 12+ yr. olds
 - Artwork will be collected at Corvedale School for those children in attendance, for all others please have your "masterpieces" (with your names on) delivered to St Peter's Church on Friday 3rd June between $6-7 \mathrm{pm}$. Winners will be announced on the
- Diddlebury Parish Bake-off competition Fancy being Diddlebury's Bake-off champion? Please bring your bakes for judging along to St Peter's Church on Friday $3^{\rm rd}$ June between $6\text{--}7\mathrm{pm}$ in a labelled airtight container wherever possible. Prizes will be awarded for the two categories
 - O Children Under 16's
 - Adults Over 16's

Food & Drink

- Roast pork baps with stuffing & apple sauce will be
- provided
 Salads and vegetarian options available
- A selection of dairy and non-dairy Ice creams provided
- Tea & coffee and cakes from the bake-off
- Feel free to bring a plate to share with the community
- Fully stocked bar available for purchase at the village hall
 - *If you bring your own alcohol/drinks please take away your empties as there is limited space for recycling at the

Activities

- Children's "Disco" Bouncy Castle
- Children's sports activities
- Lawn skittles

- Optional fancy dress come dressed as a Royal



If you would like to volunteer with planning activities, decoration or if you can help out on the day please contact any member of the organising committee: Anil Rattu - 07595 055697 - Amie Watson- 07486 414742 - Rev'd John Beesley - 01584 841488 - Jonathan Brough - 01584 841630

Corvedale & District Autumn Show



The complete schedule for this year's show is now available to download at:

http://www.diddleburyparish.co.uk/corvedaleand-district-autumn-show

You will find us under the 'Community' tab in the banner at the top of the Parish Council's home page.

It is hoped that, Covid-19 infection rates permitting, it will be possible for the Corvedale & District Autumn Show to return on:

Saturday 3rd September 2022

CRAZY LADY COFFEE & CAKE

Four local nutty women have joined forces to host a weekly coffee morning

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Thursdays, 10.00am - 12.00noon

in

the Church Room, Diddlebury.

There will be a small charge for coffee, tea, and cake but laughter and chat are free!

The first coffee morning will be on

Thursday 9th June.

Please come and join us for a bit of a giggle. For more information phone Sue on 07874 810 562.

LOST IN MUSIC!

The Corvedale Choir is back performing!

Monday 18th July

7.00pm for drinks. Concert begins 7.30pm

at

St Peter's Church, Diddlebury

Raising funds for the Ukraine appeal and the Corvedale group of parishes.

Come and join us and get lost in music!

HOG ROAST

at

Culmington Village Hall at lunchtime on Sunday 7th August

Proceeds in aid of All Saints Church Culmington

CULMINGTON AND DISTRICT FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

Sunday 21st August at Culmington Village Hall

We're back!
New this year: grow the tallest sunflower the national flower of Ukraine

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 the end of May from: Culmington Village Hall, All Saints Church, Cyril Bason, Avril Enston - 01584 861 803, Judy McNally - 01584 861 403, and Janet Stuart - 01584 861 289

Wild about Westhope Summer Family Event June 26th 2pm -5pm

Wildflower discovery

Explore our amazing wildflower meadows

Charcoal making

Watch how charcoal is made from our woods.

Willow Workshop

Learn how to make a simple willow bird feeder

Build a Den

Explore the woods and build your own den

Mid Summer Woodland birdsong

Sights and sounds of Westhopes summer solitude

Butterfly Walk

Bring a camera and learn how to get up close and photograph.

Woodland café

join us around the camp fire and enjoy a hot drink and cake.

All donations will be used to purchase a wildlife camera

Parking at Westhope College SY7 9JL

Vacancies and Openings



Corvedale CE Primary School & Nursery

Diddlebury, Craven Arms, Shropshire. SY7 9DH

Tel: 01584 841630 or 01584 841598 email: admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk

WE HAVE PLACES AVAILABLE IN OUR **NURSERY FOR SEPTEMBER 2022**





Corvedale CE Primary School is a small village voluntary aided primary school situated in Diddlebury. A wonderful area of rural Shropshire, yet only 8 miles from Ludlow, Our Nursery is located within the main building based in spacious, well-equipped rooms.

A unique place for children to start on their learning adventure in a nurturing environment For more information contact us. 01584 841 630

> admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk



JOIN OUR TEAM

The Corvedale News is looking for at least one additional person to join our team of volunteers.

You would join us for two or three team meetings a year and share in the monthly tasks necessary to publish and distribute the magazine.

If you would like to join us, we would love to hear from you. Please email editor@corvedalenews.co.uk or phone 07968 027 757.

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

A casual vacancy for a councillor on Diddlebury Parish Council has arisen following the resignation on 29th April 2022 of Councillor Geoff Neden due to ill health.

Diddlebury Parish Council will know by the 26th of May whether or not an official election will need to be held to fill the vacancy. If an election is not required, then the vacancy will be filled by co-opting a new member to the parish council. We would particularly welcome a new councillor to represent the Middlehope and Westhope areas of the parish. Set out below is the criteria for eligibility to serve as a candidate.

If you are a British or Commonwealth citizen, citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a European Union citizen who has attained the age of 18 years and either:-

You are registered as a local government elector for the Parish of Diddlebury, or For at least 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the parish, or

Your main occupation has been in the Parish for the last 12 months, or

You have resided in the Parish or within three miles of its boundaries for at least 12 months

And are not disqualified from holding office by reason of any disqualification set out in the Local Government Act 1972, which include bankruptcy, county court orders, non-payment of council taxes, being found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices in election law.

> then you would be eligible to stand as a co-opted Councillor for Diddlebury Parish. For further details or to submit an application please contact the Clerk to the Council

> Mrs J de Rusett, 1 Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow, Herefordshire, SY8 2HG Tel: 01568 701880 email: diddleburypc@gmail.com

Applications should be made by letter, setting out your reasons for wanting to be a Diddlebury Parish councillor and ideally including a CV. Please provide your full address, telephone number and email address.

Closing date for applications: 13th June 2022

Interviews will be held on: Wednesday 15th June 2022, 7.00pm in Diddlebury Village Hall

What's on in the Dale - Dates for Your Diary

Please note that the deadline for all submissions to the Corvedale News is Wednesday 15th June.

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,		Coffee Morning	,	am-11.30am
-		Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	Afternoons
		Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
		Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10.00am
•		Corvedale Artists	Beambridge Club Room	10.00am
	Tues	Chair Yoga	Culmington Village Hall	10.004111
2nd	Thu	Westhope Clover Club	The Swan, Aston Munslow	12.30pm
2nd	Thu	Abdon Platinum Jubilee Party	Abdon Village Hall	2.00pm
3rd	Fri	Culmington Jubilee Celebration	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
4th	Sat	Heath Chapel Platinum Jubilee Celebration	Heath Chapel	TBC
4th	Sat	Diddlebury Platinum Jubilee Celebration	Diddlebury Village Hall	2.00pm
4th	Sat	Gala Organ Concert to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee	The Space at St Laurence, Ludlow	-
5th	Sun	Munslow Jubilee Celebration	Millichope Park	12.00noon
5th	Sun	Culmington Jubilee Celebrration	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
6th	Mon	Jubilee Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
8th	Wed	RSPB Walk	Wenlock Edge	TBC
8th	Wed	Munslow, Diddlebury & Westhope WI	Mynd Hardy Plants	7.00pm
9th	Thu	Coffee & Cake morning	Diddlebury Church Room	10.00am
9th	Thu	Craft Group	Diddlebury Church Room	2.00pm
9th	Thu	CPR / Defibrillator Training	Diddlebury Village Hall	6.00pm
9th	Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
9th	Thu	Hayton & District WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
9th	Thu	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
11th	Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
11th	Sat	Diddlebury Church Fete & Dog Show	Diddlebury Village Hall	2.30pm
16th	Thu	Culmington Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
17th	Fri	Corvedale Folk Club	The Sun Inn, Corfton	7.30pm
18th	Sat	Blue Hills Choir	Stanton Long Church	7.00pm
18th	Sat	Corvedale Garden Group - Wharf House	Newnham Bridge, Tenbury	10.00am
18th	Sat	The Tenby Duo	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	1.00pm
22nd	Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
23rd	Thu	Flicks in the Sticks - The Duke	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
24th	Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
24th	Fri	Westhope Bingo Night	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
24th	Fri	Culmington Village Hall Social Evening	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
25th	Sat	Coffee and Cake Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
25th	Sat	Raggy Wall-Hanging Workshop	Culmington Village Hall	10.00am
26th	Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
26th	Sun	Diddlebury Open Gardens	Diddlebury Village Hall	1.00pm
26th	Sun	Wild About Westhope	Westhope Village Hall	2.00pm
29th	Wed	Abdon Village Hall AGM	Abdon Village Hall	7.30pm
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Abdon Village Hall Events

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party

Thursday 2nd June

2.00pm to 6.00pm

FREE ENTRY, EVERYONE WELCOME! BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC AND DRINKS.

Two themes for those who wish to dress for the occasion: 1950s or Royal Ascot. Prize for the best decorated Jubilee hat. Live music from the 50s to the noughties with the Diamond Geezer. Children's games. Memory table. Raffle prizes to be won (£1 per raffle ticket strip).

UFO (Un Finished Objects) Craft Morning

Saturday 11th June

10.30am - 12.30pm

Bring along your unfinished projects. Join us and learn a new craft skill or teach your craft skills to someone else. Please supply your own materials. Please make a donation for refreshments.

Coffee & Cake Morning

Saturday 25th June

10.30am - 12.30pm

Come and join us, everyone welcome!

Abdon Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 29th June 7.30pm

All Abdon residents are welcome to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Village Hall Committee please email abdon.villagehall@gmail.com for details.

ABDON VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Contact Helen Audin: 01746 712 365 or abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

Or visit our website for the booking form and details: www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

Culmington Village Hall Activities & Events - June

Every Mon Coffee Morning, 10:00am - 11:30am.

Every Mon Bridge Club, afternoon.

Contact: Peter Whitehead, pst.whitehead@gmail.com

Chair Yoga For All Abilities Every Tues

Contact: Liz Curtis, 07734 358 001 or lizcurtisyoga@gmail.com

Fri 3rd **Jubilee Celebrations**

Pork/Beef Bap, Bar, Sing-Along, Complimentary Drink, Quiz, Lighting The Beacon

Contact Jo on 07872 109 936 or Janet on 01584 861 289

Sun 5th **Jubilee Celebrations**

> Free Picnic, Plenty of Kids Activities, Teddy Bear's Picnic, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Balloon Modelling, Hunt-The-Corgi, Bar & Cocktails.

Contact Jo on 07872 109 936 or Janet on 01584 861 289

Thurs 16th Lunch Club, 12:30pm for 1:00pm lunch.

Please book with Gwyn on 01584 861 666

Fri 24th Village Hall Social Evening

Come along for a chat and drink with friends and meet new people.

Can-Do-Crafts - Raggy Wall-Hanging Workshop, 10:00am - 12:30pm. Sat 25th

Contact Rosemary Jones on 01584 861 823 or 07837 609 229

RSPB Walks 2022

More information on both walks and talks can be found on the RSPB local group website.

Wednesday 8th June - Wenlock Edge Saturday 8th October - Powkesmore (Brown Clee)

Saturday 9th July - Catherton Common Sunday 16th October - Venus Pool - Mortimer Forest Sunday 13th November - Whixall Moss Sunday 11th September

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Get featured on the front cover of the Corvedale News.

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

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

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Diddlebury Village Hall

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall





FORTHCOMING EVENTS:











DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

will be hosting their Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party to be held at the Hall and the School field on SATURDAY 4th JUNE 2022 2.00-7.00pm

See separate News advertisement for details





SAINT PETER'S CHURCH, DIDDLEBURY

Return of the Church Fête and Dog Show! To be held at the Hall and School field on SATURDAY 11th JUNE 2022







Tai Chi

CLASSES AND GROUP MEETINGS

Classes: Thursdays, 10.00-11.00am

All participants must book in advance. Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014498/enidgill21@hotmail.com.

Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates

Classes: Fridays, 9.15-10.15am. Please contact Beverley on: 07967 814412/ beverleychumber@sky.com.

Book Group

Second Thursday of each month, 7.30pm. Please contact Cath Burley on: cathburley@hotmail.com.

Corvedale Choir

Blue Hills Choir

Mondays, 7.30pm

Tuesdays, 10.00am

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

Westhope Village Hall

May has been a busy month with our curry, comedy and promises auction on May 7th. A huge thank you to all those who donated promises for the auction and to those who bid for items, often exceeding the true value, for the purpose of raising funds for our much-needed new roof. We surpassed all expectations. It was a terrific effort by our small band of helpers, this was teamwork at its best and a big thank you goes out to all of you. We had a full house for the event which was an enormous success and enjoyed by all.

More events are planned for the Autumn including Country and Western evenings, and the Harvest Supper.

The weekly whist drives are increasing in numbers so please come along and join us, everyone is welcome.

Bingo Nights on the last Friday of the month are a fun evening with licensed bar and refreshments, the next one is on Friday 24th June, eyes down 7.30pm.

The Jubilee Celebrations for the parish are being held at Diddlebury Village Hall but we are having a special Jubilee whist drive on **Monday 6th June** at Westhope, **7.30pm** start.

Betty Manley

All enquiries contact Betty on 07860 447 397 or Amie on 07486 414 742. Our village hall is available to hire with a licensed bar and catering if required.



CORVEDALE TOTS

Every Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00noon - term time only.

Corvedale Tots is 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.

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YOGA with SUE PUGH

Every Thursday 9.30 -10.30am.

Sue is fully qualified and insured. To book a space contact Betty on 07860 447 397



MONTHLY BINGO

The next bingo night is **Friday 24th June**. Doors open at 7.00pm with eyes down at 7.30pm. The bar will be stocked and there is always great fun to be had.

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WHIST DRIVES

Whist drives are held weekly on a Monday night, all welcome. Start time 7:30pm.



WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

The first Thursday of the month. All enquiries to Kath Woodhouse 01584 841 254.



JUBILEE WHIST DRIVE

Monday 6th June, 7.30pm start.



COUNTRY AND WESTERN DANCE

With Double Duo. Saturday 8th October.



HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 22nd October.



COUNTRY AND WESTERN DANCE

With Johnny and Howell. Saturday 10th December.

Westhope Clover Club

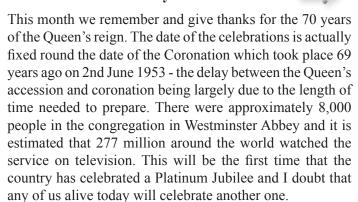


Just nine members attended the May meeting. Kath welcomed Mr Barrie Archer who gave a delightful talk with some lovely colourful slides on 'Underwater - A World Apart', this was very much enjoyed.

Our next meeting is our Platinum Jubilee celebration, a fish and chip dinner at The Swan, Aston Munslow on Thursday 2nd June, 12.30pm for 1.00pm. If anyone would like to wear red, white, or blue, please do.

Church News

Letter from the Rectory



Her Majesty's reign has been characterised by service to the people of this country and the Commonwealth and she has spoken often about the Christian faith which underpins this. As the people of God we are all of us called to lives of service as we look to the example of Jesus who talked about himself as one who came 'not to be served, but to serve'. What that service looks like inevitably depends on our situation, skills and opportunities. As we look at the world around us we see many examples of people who serve others in all sorts of ways, some of them are widely noticed but many working away quietly in the background. They are hardly noticed at all until something goes wrong.

In the past month or so we have been holding the annual meetings for the churches in the group. This is an opportunity to remember the huge amount of work and commitment by so many people which goes to ensure that the churches locally are here and able to serve their communities throughout the year, as they have done for the past thousand years. The church buildings stand as a visible reminder of the presence of God at the heart of our communities: they are used regularly by those of us who gather in them to worship, but also by many who pop in at quieter times to spend time with God, to enjoy the peace and quiet or to appreciate the architecture and the history. We gather in them to mark some of the important moments in our lives - the happy and the sad. As church communities we are there for the wider communities in which we are set, holding them in prayer and walking alongside people in times of need. You are always welcome to join us in worship or to pop in to the churches at another time - they are open every day.

Rev'd John Beesley

From the Registers



Weddings

April 30th Lisa Bloxham & Steven Price Diddlebury

Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury

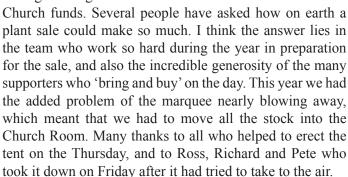


June 2022

5th Mrs Baynham 12th Mrs Baynham 19th Mrs Beazley 26th Mrs Beazley

St Peter's, Diddlebury

The annual **Plant Sale** was a great success, raising a magnificent total of £800 for



Our next big event is, of course, the **Fête and Dog Show**, which this year, like the Plant Sale, is taking place somewhat earlier, on **Saturday 11th June** at the **Village Hall** between **2.00pm and 4.00 pm**. All the usual attractions will be there, and some of the plants which were not ready for the Plant Sale will be offered on the plant stall. Details of the Dog Show are included elsewhere in this issue, so be sure to bring your best friends along for what is always an enjoyable (and at times hilarious) event. If you would like to help (e.g., in manning a stall) you will be welcomed with open arms! Just telephone Megan Speight on *841650*. Help erecting the marquee would also be most welcome. Hoping to see as many as possible of you on the day - and here's hoping for fine weather.

You don't have to be a lady - at least not to help clean Diddlebury church. Men are not excluded (I speak as one who wields a mean vacuum cleaner!). We are desperately short of people to assist with hoovering and dusting, so if you would like to give a hand, please get in touch with Megan on 841650.

Finally, a reminder that the **Craft Group** meets in the **Church Room** on the **second Thursday of the month** at **2.00pm**. All are welcome.

Martin Speight

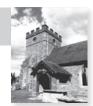
Jubilee Photo Feature

During the Jubilee weekend there will be events and gatherings throughout the Corvedale and we are hoping that you will provide us with photographs of these occasions.

If we get sufficient photos, our July magazine will be a 'special edition' that will feature a return of the kind of double page, centre spread that was so appreciated during lockdown.

When photographing children and young people, please make sure that you obtain the permission of a parent or guardian and please make sure that those giving permission understand that you intend to send the photograph to the Corvedale News for publication.

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



Read Easy Online Coaching

New online coaching service in Shropshire for people who struggle with reading

It is often taken for granted that we all learned to read and write at school. However, there are many local people who struggle with this essential life skill. Just imagine how your life would be if you couldn't read forms or letters, follow medicine instructions, or read a new recipe?

Free, confidential, one-to-one help

Read Easy Shropshire Hills matches up adults who want to learn to read with a trained reading coach and they work together through reading manuals, in private, at a time to suit them both. It's as easy as that and it's FREE!

What is important is that everyone can learn at their own pace without feeling rushed. There's no pressure or targets or exams to worry about and no reminders of what it was like at school.

Before the pandemic, all coaching sessions were held faceto-face in quiet locations such as cafes and libraries, but out of necessity we have had to find new ways to keep on coaching. Coaching online or via WhatsApp has been so successful and convenient for many reading pairs that, by working with other Read Easy groups, we can now offer the service to anyone in Shropshire during the day or after work.

It doesn't matter if a new reader hasn't got access to a computer or has never used one before. We can loan readers a tablet, set it up for them, and show them how to use it even if they have no computer or keyboard skills. However, online coaching is not for everyone and for some of our readers coaching by phone is a better option.

We will continue to offer face-to-face coaching to people who would prefer to meet in person if there is a suitable local venue.

Billy learns to read at 60

Billy who comes from South Shropshire struggled to learn to read as a child and never felt he was progressing at school. He has been meeting up with his coach Helen on Zoom for a year and has recently celebrated his 60th



birthday and receiving his second Read Easy certificate proving it is never too late to learn to read.

How to get in touch

Learning to read can literally be life changing. People grow enormously in confidence, self-esteem and independence as well as being able to navigate the world of the written word.

If you would like to find out more, or you know someone who would like to learn to read contact Amana Winchester on 07707 762 653 or email her at shcoordinator@readeasy.org.uk. For volunteering enquiries email Ros at shrecruiter@readeasy.org.uk

Message from Anna Turner, Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire

As we now prepare to celebrate the unprecedented Platinum Jubilee anniversary, events and initiatives have been taking place throughout the year, culminating in a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The idea is for neighbours, and friends, old and new, to get together and enjoy traditional old-fashioned fun.

In the United Kingdom, Lieutenancies are responsible for promoting the events of the Platinum Jubilee and it is very much hoped everyone in Shropshire will find a way of taking part in this unique celebration.

The four-day holiday will enable us to reflect on Her Majesty's seventy years of service and, also celebrate this remarkable milestone. You will not need to travel very far to enjoy these occasions and initiatives. The largescale events will be broadcast on television. Many of the other events will be organised by councils and other organisations based in the heart our local communities. I am looking forward to attending both national and local events over the long weekend.

National celebrations planned include:

Thursday 2nd June:

Trooping the Colour, Lighting of jubilee beacons

Friday 3rd June:

Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's cathedral

Saturday 4th June:

The Epsom Derby, Party at the Palace

Sunday 5th June:

The Big Jubilee Lunch, The Platinum Jubilee Pageant

I know there will also be many street parties, fetes, jubilee

lunches and concerts in the parks across Shropshire. However you plan to celebrate I wish you a happy jubilee bank holiday.

> Anna Turner. Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire



Corvedale Garden Group

Tranquillity Haven, Whitton, near Knighton.

On Saturday 21st May Valerie Brown proudly showed us around the Japanese Garden she and her husband had begun to create 17 years ago when they bought a new bungalow on a small cul-de-sac in the hills beyond Knighton. At that point, the small strip of garden ran on both sides of the brook with wide ranging views of Offa's Dyke and the hills beyond. Idyllic. The couple had a vision and have worked hard to bring it about. Val, now eighty-one, maintains the garden herself, after her husband's death and has raised hundreds of pounds for NGS and Macmillan with daytime, evening, and winter openings since 2019. The garden has featured in garden magazines and will shortly be filmed for television as it is a top runner in the best garden to visit in the UK awards.

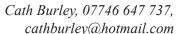
Today, it is a many layered garden crammed with a multitude of unusual plants, beautiful cornus (including cornus kousa satomi), azaleas, many types of bamboos and acers, all so textured and tactile you can't resist running your hands over them. These are layered with perennials and under planted with annuals which provide a dense tapestry of colour, texture, and scent. The key elements of a Japanese garden are there, hills, water, stones, cloud pruned trees, red bridges and carefully placed ponds and ornaments. Gated paths wind around the garden, crossing and recrossing the brook, with a Japanese tea house and other carefully placed arbours and seating areas where you can sit quietly and view the multitude of plants from different angles and listen to the water in the brook and the many ponds.

The sun came out for our visit so the twenty-five of us squeezed past each other on the narrow paths, as we passed

each other, exploring the garden, using each other's expertise to identify plants, trees, and shrubs with which we were unfamiliar. The garden made people smile and talk. So did the excellent cakes, as we sat to chat with each other afterwards.

If you fancy a day out over the border, Tranquillity Haven also opens on 18th June; 13th July, 17th August, 15th/16th October and 17th/18th December. Val is also open to requests on other days or times.

When we next meet on Saturday 18th June at 10am we will be heading for Wharf House at Newnham Bridge, Tenbury Wells. £8 per person includes admission and refreshments. See www. wharfhousegardener.blog for more information. Please let me know by the Friday before if you would like to join us.













Working with local communities to build a safer West Mercia

To ensure the voice of the public is at the heart of policing, I am encouraging you to share your views in my latest survey.

As part of my ongoing commitment to take feedback from communities and use it to shape decision making, I am seeking views well in advance of setting next year's budget. This survey will seek to understand

what your concerns are and whether you are happy with how visible and accessible West Mercia Police are.

The survey is open until Monday 11th July, and you can complete it by visiting www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk

John Campion, West Mercia PCC



Poetry Corner A poem for June.

Philip Larkin (9th August 1922 - 2nd December 1985). Larkin was an English poet, novelist, and librarian. In 1969 Larkin wrote a two-line satirical poem criticising the then British governments' defence policy, which still resonates today.

When the Russian tanks roll westward

When the Russian tanks roll westward, what defence for you and me? Colonel Sloman's Essex Rifles? The Light Horse of the L.S.E.?



Caring for God's Acre

Anglo-Saxon Churches in South Shropshire?

So here is a question: how many of our South Shropshire Churches are Anglo-Saxon? None! But - some of our current Norman churches have Anglo-Saxon remains within them. So this month here is a gallop through what remains of that period of history locally.

The Anglo-Saxon period of history is dated roughly from the 5th to the 11th century when the Norman Conquest and the arrival of William the Conqueror in 1066 started a change of life for everyone.

In the 5th century the people of our land were mainly pagan, but in the 6th St Augustine arrived from Rome, and in a very short time Christianity was firmly established. Most buildings at that time were wooden with a thatched roof: stone buildings belonged only to very wealthy people! The church would become the centre of the community not only for worship but for council meetings, court rooms, and social gatherings.

Slowly but surely the building of more permanent centres in villages began. The most common signs of them that we



can still see today are the herringbone walls, which were the commonest way of building walls at the time. The grandeur of later buildings had to wait for the arrival of William from sophisticated France! You will find this significant pattern in Stanton Lacy and Diddlebury, for example.

Another Anglo-Saxon giveaway is the remains of a stone cross. When missionaries first arrived in a settlement they would raise a wooden cross, usually later replaced by a stone cross as the locals converted to the new religion. The stone churches that came later respected the cross and built the church to include it in the site but not let the shadow of the new construction fall on it - so look to the south side of the building. Remains are common but vary: sometimes just the plinth at the bottom and occasionally a remnant of the stone upright as well. Few of the



decorative tops of these crosses remain so if you have one locally, cherish it! The Saxon habit of marking sacred space with a cross continued well into the Middle Ages, though the Reformation would see their defacement. That, though, is a different story!

Occasionally you may find paintings on the walls of a church and there are some in South Shropshire. With stone walls came the opportunity to paint pictures of biblical stories, as books and reading would have to wait for a few more centuries. Not all the paintings you spot will be old enough to qualify as Anglo-Saxon but some might and it is worth checking the church guide book. Sometimes it is words you will see: the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments are the most popular.

So this is a brief introduction to Anglo-Saxon church buildings. Check the pictures to see what things to look out for which will be more than a thousand years old. And check the Facebook page of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group as each week a county church is featured.

Anni Holden Calver, CfGA trustee & member of The Churchyard Task Team, Secretary of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group

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The Corvedale Kitchen

Watercress and Stilton Soup

Ingredients

300g watercress, washed and drained

3 shallots, chopped

2 garlic cloves, chopped

450g new season potatoes, peeled and diced

80g stilton cheese

50g butter

1.2 L chicken or vegetable stock

Grated nutmeg

Method

1. In a large saucepan, gently cook the shallots and garlic in the butter, stirring until softened for about five minutes without browning. Add the potatoes and stock and simmer for 15 minutes.

For the topping

1 tbsp olive oil

100g torn bread

causes of death.

stilton, crumbled

- 2. Meanwhile, in a frying pan, cook the bacon in the olive oil until it begins to crisp. Add the torn bread, cook until the bread is crisp and golden, then remove from pan.
- 3. Add the watercress, stilton, and grated nutmeg to the soup. Blend the mixture with a hand blender until smooth, then season with salt and freshly milled pepper.
- 4. Pour the soup into bowls and top with remaining stilton and crispy bacon bits. Serve with warm, crusty bread.

Beth Neden

Defibrillator for Diddlebury



Sally Angell-James with the new defibrillator at Diddlebury Village Hall

As some of you will know, for some time now Diddlebury Parish Council has been debating the need to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) for the village/parish. AEDs can cost anything up to £2,000.

The Parish Council working together with Diddlebury Village Hall committee successfully applied to the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust www.

hajmt.co.uk for a **free** defibrillator for Diddlebury. The defibrillator is now in place on the outside of Diddlebury Village Hall.

'Henry suffered a fatal cardiac arrest on his regular train journey home from Birmingham to Shrewsbury. He was only fifty-four. Henry's widow Sally set up this Trust in his name with the aim of buying as many AEDs as possible and identifying key locations and installing them across the West Midlands and beyond; in the centres of towns, villages, and rural communities — at sports grounds, schools, train stations, the village shop — wherever they might be needed. HAJMT wants to raise awareness of the importance of having an AED within a short distance of your community.'

We are extremely fortunate to have been granted this fantastic resource for Diddlebury. The AED is a vital asset for the local community and could potentially save lives. Our nearest hospitals are at least twenty-five miles away and current ambulance wait times a minimum of one hour.

rashers of streaky bacon, finely chopped

In return for our successful bid the Trust only asks that our community helps raise donations to support their very worthwhile work and so that they can continue to provide as many AEDs as possible to communities like ours.

Coronary heart disease remains one of the UK's leading

If you are able to make a donation, please visit Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust - www.hajmt.co.uk and follow the links. Alternatively, you can send a cheque made payable to the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust to me: Sara Thompson, Merry Brook, Mill Lane, Diddlebury, Shropshire SY7 9DJ.

In conjunction with the new defibrillator, we have arranged for a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) / defibrillator training course at **Diddlebury Village Hall** on **Thursday 9th June**, starting at **6.00pm**. The session is free and will last around two hours. It is worth noting that for every minute that someone is in cardiac arrest without receiving CPR and AED treatment, their chance of survival decreases by 10%.

Please let me know if you are able to attend by email: sara602@btinternet.com or phone: 01584841338.



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Corvedale Book Group

Himself by Jess Kidd

This month's book, *Himself* by Jess Kidd, is a genre-bending crime story set in County Mayo in the 1970s. It is Kidd's debut novel and was hailed by critics as 'dark and rollicking,' 'utterly unputdownable' and 'wonderfully entertaining.' Kidd was brought up in London as part of a large family from Mayo. Her heritage clearly provided the inspiration for this characterful and highly imaginative story.

Abandoned on the steps of an orphanage, Mahony, a lovable car thief and Dublin charmer, returns to the town of his birth after an anonymous message suggests that his mother was taken from him. With the suggestion of foul play involved, Mahony turns up to case the village, but his familiar looks and outsider ways cause a stir amongst the locals, who receive him with a mixture of awe (the women) and suspicion (the pious).

When Mahony meets anarchist and ancient actor Mrs. Cauley his identity is revealed, as is the extent of his mother's unpopularity as a young unmarried mother. Mrs. Cauley suspects murder. Together, this improbable duo concoct a slick plan to get the town talking, aided, and abetted by a cast of eccentric characters (living and dead). Their investigation summons the wrath of Father Quinn and the Widow Farelly, provokes letter bombs and poisoned scones, and culminates in a riotous production of Synge's greatest play, *Playboy of The Western World*. The themes of this play are echoed in the book and the use of Irish myth and folklore are used to good effect.

Himself is a simmering mixture - a blend of the natural and

the supernatural, folklore and mystery, along with a good dose of Irish humour. It is, in turn, thrilling and gentle, anarchic, and nostalgic, lyrical, and violent. The result: a blackly comic crime story in the tradition of the Irish trickster tale, with a twisted plot, small-town secrets, and a glimpse of an Ireland you've never seen before.

We liked the multitude of unusual characters and thought the presence of the many ghosts, also full of character, enhanced the story and provided some funny moments. The central relationship between Mahony and Mrs. Cauley was lovely and allowed us to see Mahony as a kind and thoughtful young man despite his dubious past, no doubt a result of a sad childhood. We thought the juxtaposition of violence and comedy worked and the prologue itself, describing a horrific murder, compelled you to read on. The relief provided by comic characters, odd happenings and entertaining language helped us to engage throughout, although not everyone thought the regular use of profanity was necessary. The way that rural Irish attitudes to the supernatural (at least in the 70s) was woven into the narrative was fascinating and the language itself took us into this small Irish community. One puzzle, out of the many presented in the novel, remained unsolved. We wondered why the one ghost who could have provided important clues to the mystery of her death never appeared to Mahony. But then it wouldn't have been much of a story...

The next book we are reading is *Red Dust Road* by Jackie Kay.

Elaine Gardner

Ludlow Dog Day - Sunday 24th July 2022



After a gap of two years, Ludlow Rotary Club's seventh annual Dog Day is back - but this year, with support from Church Stretton Rotary Club, it is planned to be bigger and better than ever!

Held in the beautiful grounds of Stokesay Court, situated approximately six miles north of Ludlow and just off the A49, the seventh Ludlow Dog Day is to take place on **Sunday 24th July.**

The day is all about fun for the whole family, particularly our furry friends. Dogs can take part in over *twenty competitions*, from the scruffiest mutt and the fastest sausage eater to the best in show. There are also *have-a-go* events such as dog agility, gun dog scurry and fun dog racing. And there are demonstrations galore throughout the day, including many past favourites along with new additions such as *Bob Hogg's Dog and Ducks* - a must see!

As well as the doggy events there are plenty of stalls to enjoy - whether selling dog and country related goods or pampering to human needs such as the food stalls, the popular tea tent, and the Hobsons bar.

As a result of the money this event has raised in the previous six years, we have been able to distribute over £120,000 to a range of charities and community organizations. This years' chosen charities are *Hope House Children's Hospices* (providing care and support to life-limited children, young people and their families from Shropshire, Cheshire, North and Mid Wales), *St Michael's Hospice, Hereford* (providing care for patients affected by a terminal illness and their families) and *Ludlow Rotary Cares* (which provides small grants to help local charities and organisations make a real difference in the community).

So do join us on **Sunday 24th July** to celebrate our furry friends and enjoy a wonderful day in a glorious setting, while supporting such important charities.

For more information, see www.ludlowdogday.org.uk or visit our Facebook page.

Barry Forrester

Corvedale Division Annual Report to Parishes 2021/22

It is a relief to be finally emerging from the Covid pandemic which has had such a disruptive effect on so many in our community over the last two years. Let us hope we can all withstand any future outbreaks and I hope everyone who is eligible is taking up the offer of another booster jab.

It has really been a strange year; first Covid and then the horrific events in Ukraine, together with unexpected fuel cost increases and climbing inflation. Shropshire Council is working hard to roll out the Government's Council Tax rebate programme of £150 to eligible households with approximately £10m rebated across 65,000 households throughout the county.

The Council has been supporting the Homes for Ukraine programme and we have set up a 'one stop shop' web page: Homes for Ukraine|Shropshire. To date 434 Ukrainian individuals are due to come to Shropshire with seventy-four individuals having already arrived. Our housing officers have been working to organise payments, DBS checks, property checks and safeguarding checks as well as seeking school places and GP practices through the CCG. Corvedale residents and parishes are opening their homes to Ukrainian guests as well. A hub to welcome Ukrainian nationals has been set up in Shrewsbury and Ludlow is also working to set up a similar reception centre.

We haven't had much luck with Government funding over the year. The local government financial settlement was disappointing as, having promised a three-year funding programme it reverted to a one-year rollover budget. The settlement still failed to recognise the huge burden that is placed on large rural authorities like ours by the demands of social care. Over the period of the Covid pandemic the number of children requiring our care has increased to over 600. Despite the government's introduction in April of the National Insurance surcharge to pay for health and social care we know that very little of the funding raised will be heading into local authority social care services. Once again this puts our finances under serious strain.

The first two rounds of the Levelling Up Fund did not help Shropshire either. We put in bids (strongly supported by our MPs) for three excellent projects, including one in Craven Arms. All of them were rejected. We then applied for the big public transport fund, the Bus Strategy Improvement Plan. We believed we had put in an excellent and imaginative application to enable us to run a truly county-wide public transport service and - along with all our neighbouring rural authority areas-were once again rejected. Since then, together with our Passenger Transport manager I had the opportunity of meeting the Transport Minister to explain our plans to her and she has strongly encouraged us to reapply in the next funding round which comes in July. Hopefully, we will be third time lucky.

Another government initiative which is likely to affect us is County Deals, whereby local authorities are encouraged to work closely together and potentially elect a mayor or governor to represent them, as in the city regions. We are unsure of the benefits of this in Shropshire as we are such a large county already, but we will certainly look at options for how to do this at maximum benefit to the county.

Closer to home one of my portfolio responsibilities is the Community Governance Review, involving the Town and Parish Councils reviewing their boundaries and considering the case either for merging with neighbouring parish councils or for straightening out anomalies in some of the boundaries. The other is a more official review by the Local Government Boundary Commission, asking us to make recommendations for changes to the Council's Divisional Boundaries. The timing on this is strictly controlled - we must start the review process in October 2022 to be completed and signed off by Parliament in 2023. No pressure there then! It means that we will have to stop work on the Governance Review to concentrate on the divisional boundaries but by then we should have a good idea of where the areas of difficulty lie. Nevertheless, it will take a lot of time in the ensuing months. I am very grateful to all the Corvedale parishes for looking so closely at this and coming up with some constructive suggestions for their own boundaries.

Corvedale parishes have been working hard on plans for traffic calming measures over the last year including getting VAS signs set up and considering calming measures to slow traffic speeds on our busy B roads, which are so often used as diversionary routes when the A49 is under repair/resurfacing etc. The Cabinet is meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the new Chief Constable later in May and I will take the opportunity to press the case for funding for traffic calming measures for the parishes since this is such a widespread problem.

On the subject of highways, I hope you have seen improvements in the work to reduce the pothole problem in the county. We now have a full complement of local traffic engineers and a new way of reporting problems - Fix My Street - is being rolled out which is a far speedier and more responsive tool than the My Shropshire app which was extremely slow. There are also more resources going into sorting out the many clogged and damaged road drains which cause localised flooding and damage to the roads and lanes.

Once again, this year the Corvedale has done an excellent job in mitigating flooding through the Flood Action Groups, and I am delighted to have been asked to act as the flood champion for the south of Shropshire. I have since recruited Dan Thomas, Member for Much Wenlock as another champion for the southeast of the county.

Corvedale Division Annual Report to Parishes 2021/22 Continued...

Finally, the new recycling wheelie bin with a purple top is being rolled out now in the south of the county. If you haven't already applied, there is still time to do so on the Council website. This bin will take all the bottles, plastic, tins etc. which currently go into the recycling boxes. The blue bag will still take newspapers and cardboard. You don't have to return your old recycling boxes. I'm going to use mine to grow tomatoes...

As ever, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have a problem with the Council services which I can help with.

Cllr Cecilia Motley

Corvedale Division Councillor, Shropshire Council Portfolio Holder Communities, Place, Culture Leisure Tourism & Transport

Diddlebury & Westhope WI

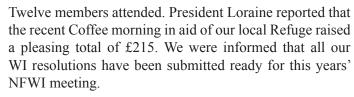
We had a very enjoyable meeting this month learning about what happens behind the camera with Judy Bunn and her 'Life behind the Movies'. Judy worked on the production side of film making and worked with some amazing actors. She apologised for all the 'name dropping,' but how could you not when you have worked with among many others Kirk Douglas, Barbra Streisand, and Sean Connery to name but a few. Even living for many months in Kirk Douglas's pool house in L.A. She also worked with Russell Crowe on Gladiator! A fascinating evening.



Next month we will meet at Mynd Hardy Plants, Diddlebury at 7.00pm on Wednesday 8th June. We will be able to walk round the gardens with a talk followed by refreshments. Hope to see you all there. This month's competition winner was Judy McNally, 2nd Mary Holland, 3rd Mary Hall.

Joy Williams and Jayne Disley

Munslow WI



Anne Donnelly updated us on arrangements for Munslow's Jubilee Celebrations which are to take place on Sunday 5th June

'Whitcliffe Common, Ludlow' was our talk for the evening by Daphne and Hilary two very keen volunteers. We were told that the common covers fifty-two acres and is managed by The Trustees of the Friends of Whitcliffe Common. In past times the common was used by local residents to graze livestock and to quarry stone for the construction of buildings such as Ludlow Castle. The common contains many interesting and historic features such as the riverside walk known as the Bread Walk named in the 1850's when

INSPIRING WOMEN it was laid by the unemployed who were paid in bread. Today the common is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty where people picnic, walk, run, and cycle. Volunteers are always welcome to help with the upkeep of the common which costs around £14,000 a year to maintain. Daphne and Hilary were warmly thanked by Sheila who knows the common and has fond memories of visits in the past. A range of beautifully turned wooden items made from wood grown on the common were on display and for sale.

Before the meeting ended, we were reminded that next month we will join Diddlebury and Westhope WI on a visit to Mynd Hardy Plants. We will meet there at 7.00pm (please note earlier start time).

For more information call me on 01584 841 251.

Jenny Rose

Hayton & District WI

At our meeting on Thursday 12th May 2022, Phyllis presided. Members were reminded of the planned Jubilee Celebrations and the Community Market to be held on Saturday 28th May; followed by a pudding tasting (the revenue from this is for the Ukraine appeal). It is hoped that members, having tasted the puddings, will then join a litter pick!

Members had enjoyed the bowling evening which had been well supported and a few members joined together for a coffee in place of the bluebell walk on Wednesday 11th May due to inclement weather.



The speakers for the evening, Tanis and Martin Jordan, were introduced by Phyllis. They provide a voluntary hedgehog rescue which all started when they lived in Essex and rescued two hedgehogs. They believed the hogs were both male and so were surprised when they both gave birth! They said that they have rescued approximately 3,000 hedgehogs.

Next meeting is on Thursday 9th June, when our speaker Richard Rallings will give a talk on 'Five Centuries of Women Gardeners'.

June Crossword - by Artemonas

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1)	Coin found in sediment	(4)	1)	Armed chaos usual during the night	(5)
3)	Alludes to in Monet's composition	(8)	2)	Endlessly dull floor covering	(3)
9)	Go in for some entertainment	(5)	4)	It snowed strange funds	(6)
10)	Lowest form of river vermin	(7)	5)	Mother's broken the flask	(7)
11)	Spoil Mary and Robin first	(3)	6)	Swamp one for whom revel is arranged	(9)
13)	Lawmen row round grass cutter	(4-5)	7)	Closed to a surgeon?	(7)
14)	Bird round lake with recoil	(6)	8)	Some choral work is spoken	(4)
16)	Go up for various dances?	(6)	12)	Bring in more troops to add strength	(9)
18)	Leaving is even wrong and rude	(9)	14)	Ornate female painter with drug inside	(7)
20)	The crowd are initially men of breeding	(3)	15)	Maintain prisoner is with nurse	(7)
22)	Nearest trouble can be serious	(7)	17)	Hear when it is strangely silent	(6)
23)	Cater badly for boxing	(5)	19)	Every teacher has it	(4)
25)	It's not hard arranging dig in Ely	(8)	21)	Depressing British disclosure	(5)
26)	Ineffectual for seven days we hear	(4)	24)	Trouble we are told with drink	(3)

ANSWERS TO MAY'S CROSSWORD:

ACROSS: 1) National; 7) Press; 8) Galvanise; 9) Awn; 10) Shin; 11) Brutal; 13) Indict; 14) Ardour; 17) Fallow; 18) Miss;

20) Ewe; 22) Eglantine; 23) Equal; 24) Prospect;

DOWN: 1) Negus; 2) Tallied; 3) Oval; 4) Apiary; 5) Penal; 6) Asunder; 7) Perturb; 12) Scalpel; 13) Integer; 15) Orifice;

16) Howler; 17) Femur; 19) Sweat; 21) Onus

Parish Councils

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at Diddlebury Village Hall

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr G Neden and Unitary Cllr Motley.

In Attendance: The Clerk and three members of the public.

Declarations Of Interest: None were made.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd March 2022 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.

In Matters Arising it was confirmed the Clerk has obtained warning signs for the two areas of Mill Lane with no pavement: they are with Cllr Pardoe who will frame and then affix them in Mill Lane. He will also get dog waste stickers for the public rubbish bins.

Reports: The Chairman reported he had attended a meeting addressed by John Campion, Police & Crime Commissioner, who advised there are 480 extra Police and various policing initiatives about speeding and county lines drug gangs. He has spent considerable time discussing the CIL monies due and car park resurfacing with Cllr Motley and Eddie West: he hopes there may be some positive action before much longer. He has liaised with the group organising the Jubilee Celebrations over DPC's role in the matter.

He has considered and discussed the latest Moors planning application with the Planning Officer. He has been involved with the siting and funding for the new defibrillator for Diddlebury.

Unitary Cllr Motley sent a written report. On the "levelling-up" issue SC is exploring options involving mutual projects with Powys Council. Parish Councils' responses to the Community Governance Review have been patchy. She urges DPC to discuss the matter with parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting. SC's bid for government funds of £98 million for public transport improvements failed - no money was granted, so SC is now having to subsidise Arriva on some services and routes. Whitchurch has been granted funding by SC for a swimming pool and fitness facility: no money is available for Shrewsbury's swimming pool. She warned parish councils to be aware of cyber attacks: SC currently receives around 525,000 a day from Russia/China.

Cllr Watson reported for Westhope Village Hall and said that two applications for grant aid had been submitted for the roof renewal, which needs at least £25,000. If grant applications are unsuccessful she will ask DPC to consider applying to the Parish Council Loan Board for funds.

FAG Report: Cllr Neden had been chasing the National Flood Forum for a date for the next MAM meeting, and he has updated the Flood Response Plan in a few details. Due to ill health he is resigning from the FAG and is seeking a volunteer to take over from him.

Planning Application: 22/01216/OUT - an outline application for two detached & one pair of semi-detached houses on land east of The Moors View, Diddlebury was considered. DPC was unable to support this application as it didn't meet planning policy criteria.

Highways: The damaged bridge in Bouldon had still not been repaired. Now the Tally Ho is open, traffic and parking has increased. Mr Keyland of Highways said he is still awaiting a quotation for the work. Recent pot-hole works in Mill Lane have created a large pothole in front of a private driveway.

Communications & Correspondence: Eighteen items were considered and responses discussed for four of them.

Finance Matters: Donations for the FAG and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations totalling £650 were approved. The Precept of £8655.00 and a further Neighbourhood Fund payment of £17,896.83 had been received. The Finance Report for April 2022 was considered and payments totalling £1,453.32 were authorised, following which DPC holds £39,985.79. The cash book/bank statement reconciliation was verified by Cllr O'Boyle.

The costs involved in installing the defibrillator in Diddlebury and the ongoing cost of maintenance of both that one and the one in Bouldon was discussed. It was agreed that they are community assets and thus DPC should finance the installation and upkeep costs.

AOB: No matters arose and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Next meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Annual General Meeting and then an ordinary business meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th May 2022 commencing 7.30pm in Diddlebury Village Hall

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

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Next Meeting: Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm at Beambridge Club Room

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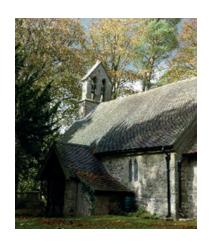
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SERVICES FOR JUNE 2022

	5th June Pentecost	12th June Trinity Sunday	19th June Trinity 1	26th June Trinity 2
Abdon		9:45 HC		6pm EP
Broadstone			8:30 HC	
Culmington	11:15 HC			8:30 HC
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS
Holdgate	8:30 HC			
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC
Tugford			9:45 HC	

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

Wednesday 1st June

7:30pm

Taizé Service at Abdon for 'Thy Kingdom Come'.