

THE CORVEDALE NEWS

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The Corvedale's Community Magazine



A Host of Golden Daffodils, Millfield
Colin Pitcher

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WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE



RSPB Walks & Talks

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

WALKS

- **Soudley Wood**
Sunday 19th March, 9.30am

TALKS

- **Talk from Gary Slaytor**
Tuesday 14th March, 7.30pm
Diddlebury Village Hall

Corvedale Folk Club

at The Seven Stars, Shipton
on Monday 27th March
at 7.30pm

Dates of future events TBA

Free entry! Everyone welcome!

For further information contact
Ian on 01584 841 331



Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday

All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm
Start 7:30pm

£3 to include half time
refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
SY7 9JL



CORVEDALE TOTS

For Bumps, Babies, Toddlers & Parents!

MONDAYS 10AM-12PM
TERM TIME ONLY

BABY AREA, TODDLER AREA, BALL PIT, PLANNED ACTIVITY
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HOT DRINK AND CAKE INCLUDED.



£2.50 PER FAMILY



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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 CAKE WALK

22 or 10 mile walk or run
SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023

from
HOLDGATE CHURCH
nr Much Wenlock TF13 6LW

Full Details and route description on
LDWA.org.uk/marches

Entries **ONLINE ONLY** from 1st January 2023
at www.sientries.co.uk

Any offers of help by either baking or joining
the teams manning the refreshment stations
would be greatly appreciated. This is
Holdgate's main annual fundraiser.

Please contact Claire:
Claire.n.brentnall@gmail.com or 07837 361 196

Card craft Cottage Workshops

Come and spend a relaxing afternoon with friends at one of my card designing workshops in our beautiful cottage nestled in the South Shropshire countryside, where with my guidance you will learn various techniques for making your own cards, gift bags and tags, using my gorgeous selection of hand-carved wood blocks, stamps and stencils with paints, inks and embellishments. Novices especially welcome. Tea and home-made cakes during the session makes our afternoon even more appetising!

Total cost, to include all materials:
£30.00 per 3 hours (or group discounts)
E-vouchers available

Currently booking the following dates:

18th, 19th, 26th March
22nd, 23rd April
21st May, 18th June
2pm to 5pm each day.

Please phone Julia or email
to book: 07973 783 506
cardcraftcottage@hotmail.com



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 9th March 2023.



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ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SPRING GARDEN
OF DAFFODILS AT



SPARCHFORD COTTAGE, CULMINGTON, SY8 2DE

SUNDAY

19 MARCH 2023

2-5 pm

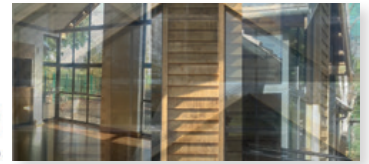
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DONATIONS IN AID OF CORVEDALE CHURCHES

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



WHAT'S ON at DVH?



Ticket to Paradise⁽¹⁵⁾

Comedy

Julia Roberts, George Clooney

7.45 pm Thursday 16th March

Diddlebury Village Hall

A man and his ex-wife race to Bali, Indonesia, to stop their daughter from marrying a seaweed farmer. As they desperately try to sabotage the wedding, the bickering duo soon find themselves rekindling old feelings that once made them happy together.



The Banshees of Inisherin⁽¹⁵⁾

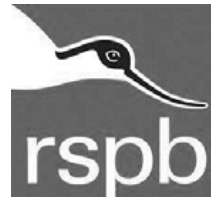
Colin Farrell & Brendan Gleeson

7.45 pm Thursday 20th April

Diddlebury Village Hall

Doors & Bar Open: 7.15 pm

Tickets: £5 (Card machine)



Tuesday 14th March, 7.30 pm

A talk by former RSPB shop manager Gary Slaytor about the use of bird-watching binoculars and the wildlife of Shawbury airfield.



© Yvonne Appleby

The Corvedale Festival with the Jarualda Quartet

On 3rd June the Quartet will hold a 'taster' session for the Festival which will be running from 15th-23rd September. A buffet supper will be provided from 6.00pm and the concert will begin at 7.30pm.

Further details to follow!

Looking for the perfect venue?



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

It offers flexible and affordable facilities for family celebrations and events, business meetings, regular activity classes, and social events.

Call 01584 841265

Email dvhallbookings@gmail.com

Facebook [@diddleburyvillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/diddleburyvillagehall)

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

	<p>The Corvedale Choir is a mixed-voice community choir whose members enjoy singing a wide variety of music together, whilst not taking themselves too seriously. Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information</p>	<p>Mondays 19.30-21.30</p>
	<p>The Blue Hills Choir meets weekly to sing classical music. All are welcome to join this friendly choir. Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information</p>	<p>Tuesdays 10.00-12.00</p>
	<p>Tai Chi - benefits include improving balance, lowering blood pressure, feeling calm and energised, and improving core strength. Contact Enid Gill: enidgill21@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Thursdays 10.00-11.00</p>
	<p>The Corvedale Book Group enjoy lively discussions of the books obtained from the Shropshire Library Service. Contact Cath Burley: cathburley@hotmail.com</p>	<p>2nd Thursday each month 19.30</p>
	<p>Physiotherapist-Led Pilates. Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412</p>	<p>Fridays 09.15-10.15</p>

If you'd like to run a regular activity or class in our warm and spacious hall, we'd love to hear from you.

ABDON VILLAGE HALL



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - MARCH

Meditation Group

Tuesday 7th, 7pm

Just turn up and give it a try. Free of charge, all welcome. Tea, biscuits, and a chat to end the evening. If you are new to meditation, please come at 6.45pm.

UFO (Un-Finished Objects) Craft Morning

Saturday 11th, 10.30am to 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.

Meditation Group

Tuesday 21st, 7pm

Just turn up and give it a try. Free of charge, all welcome. Tea, biscuits, and a chat to end the evening. If you are new to meditation, please come at 6.45pm.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Join us for coffee, cake and a chat. Everyone welcome!

Quiz Night

Friday 31st, 7.30pm.

Tickets £5 per person - need to be purchased in advance. A minimum of 24 people (to make 6 teams) is required. Light ploughman's, tea and coffee will be provided. Bring your own drinks. Tickets need to be purchased by Friday 25th so we can be certain of numbers. Tickets can be purchased in the following ways:

1. From the Village Hall at the Craft Mornings on 11th March
2. From the Village Hall at the Coffee Mornings on 25th March
3. In person from Margaret Buckingham or Penny Unitt
4. Online by bank transfer - please email abdon.villagehall@gmail.com for details

A future date for your diary:

Coronation Party

Sunday 7th May, 1pm to 5pm.

Free entry. Bring your own picnic. Music, games, best crown competition, raffle, cake, tea, and coffee.

Abdon Village Hall is a WARM WELCOME HUB. This is a place where people can gather in the winter to keep warm and receive a warm welcome. We will be holding 'Warm welcome hubs' at Abdon Village Hall on the second and last Saturdays of each month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and join us for coffee, cake, and a chat.

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

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL



The ongoing improvements to the hall are getting closer to completion. We are all looking forward to our new exterior doors being fitted very soon, including wider doors for disabled access. Our regular activities continue to be very popular with increased attendances.

A programme of events is currently being organised for the coming months. A date for your diary is **Sunday 7th May** when we will be celebrating the **King's Coronation**. More details in next month's magazine.

The **Clover Club** resumes on **March 2nd** at 2.30pm contact Kath Woodhouse 01584 841 254.

Don't forget our **Community Lunch** on **Thursday 6th April** 12.30pm for 1.00pm. Two course homemade lunch with tea/coffee for just £10 per person. To book your place contact Betty 07860 447 397

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our events.

Betty Manley



CORVEDALE TOTS

Mondays 10am - 12 noon. Term time only



YOGA with SUE PUGH

Now every Wednesday 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Sue is fully qualified and insured. We have a couple of spaces available please contact Betty on 07860 447 397



MONTHLY BINGO

Last Friday of each month, doors open 7pm. Eyes down 7.30 pm. Refreshments and licensed bar. **Next date: 31st March**



WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

Re-starts 2nd March with Bingo
All enquiries to Kath, 01584 841 254.



WHIST DRIVES

Every Monday at 7.30pm.
Very popular, all abilities welcome.



COMMUNITY LUNCH

New Venture starting on **Thursday 6th April**, 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

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.

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Culmington village hall will remain closed in March and April, and possibly beyond. Watch this space for further updates.

MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

(AKA BEAMBRIDGE CLUBROOM)

The village hall is continuing to hold its very popular warm hub coffee mornings into March. The dates and times of these are **Thursday 9th** and **Thursday 23rd March**, from 10.30am until 12 noon.

It has been great to have these morning get-togethers during this winter and has given us an opportunity to meet up and enjoy each other's company, a good coffee or tea and some lovely homemade cakes.

The village hall was also the venue for a very lively ceilidh in February. This was an event for a birthday party, and was extremely successful.

A reminder that the hall is available for your events and parties. Contacts for bookings can be found on the contacts page at the back of the magazine.

Lesley Dobson



CORVEDALE NEWS TREASURER

The current Treasurer is retiring shortly and so the Corvedale News team is looking for a new Treasurer, who would become part of our team.

THE TREASURER...

- receives subscription money from the local distributors of the magazine and pays it into the bank (Lloyds) where it has an internet account
- pays invoices (about a dozen each year)
- keeps simple financial records and prepares a receipts and payments account annually
- attends team meetings - three or four a year - and produces financial information as required
- liaises with other team members and distributors as necessary.

As most of the team business is conducted electronically the Treasurer needs to be reasonably computer literate and preferably familiar with simple spreadsheeting e.g., in Excel.

If you are interested in taking on this role please contact Martin Jones, lizandmartinj@gmail.com or on 01584 861 238.

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE



In need of some gentle but useful exercise, then why don't you join our happy and sociable band of volunteers in Munslow on

**Tuesday, 21st March
from 10.00am until 3.00pm**

for preparation of St Michael's Churchyard and the Burial Ground. We are looking forward to a succession of wildflowers, to follow the snowdrops that are already cheering our wintry days.

Every year we benefit from the practical and inspiring support of the God's Acre task team, but we do like the company of local willing helpers, as well.

Do bring a packed lunch and your own tools (if you prefer) but Alex, the team leader, always has plenty of gear with him. No doubt the scythes will be active and more than willing to give the novices among us some useful tips.

The time that you give will benefit us all, be it an hour or a full session. For more information, please contact anne7donnelly@gmail.com.

Anne Donnelly

WORKING IN ANTARCTICA



WI OPEN MEETING

On **Wednesday March 8th at 2.00pm** there will be an open meeting at Beambridge Village Hall organised by Munslow WI. Our speaker will be Dr Mark Clilverd, Senior Scientist - Space Weather and Atmosphere Science Team Cambridge. He will be telling us about what it is like working in Antarctica, how one travels there and many other interesting things. Refreshments will be offered after the talk.

There is no entrance fee, but a donation would be appreciated which will be shared between the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust and Munslow WI.

We look forward to seeing you.

Barbara Archer

NEW LOOK CORVEDALE NEWS

You asked, we listened. We have updated the look of your Corvedale News this month with a new, clearer and more modern font which we hope you will find easier to read. We have also included new graphics and an improved layout. All thanks to the brilliant team at Craven Design and Print. We are very pleased with the new style of the magazine and we hope you like it too, If you have any comments or suggestions we would love to hear from you. Please email editor@corvedalenews.co.uk.

The Corvedale News Team

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	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Corvedale Artists	Beambridge Club Room	10am
Every Tues	Chair Yoga	Culmington Village Hall	
Every Wed	Working at Home Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 2pm
Every Thur	Tai Chi	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Fri	Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

Please note: Culmington Village Hall is currently closed to most events due to a leak

MARCH 2023

2nd	Thu	Clover Club	Westhope Village Hall	2.30pm
2nd	Thu	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Beambridge Clubroom	7.30pm
7th	Tue	Meditation	Abdon Village Hall	7pm
7th	Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
8th	Wed	WI Talk - Working in Antarctica	Beambridge Clubroom	2pm - 5pm
9th	Thu	Warm Welcome Hub	Beambridge Clubroom	10.30am - 12noon
9th	Thu	Hayton & District WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
9th	Thu	Corvedale Book Club	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
11th	Sat	Corvedale Garden Group	The Vern, Marden	
11th	Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am - 12.30pm
14th	Tue	RSPB Talk by Gary Slaytor	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
16th	Thu	Flicks in the Sticks - Ticket to Paradise	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
18th	Sat	Card Craft Cottage Workshop	-	-
19th	Sun	Daffodil Day	Sparchford Cottage, Culmington	2pm - 5pm
19th	Sun	Card Craft Cottage Workshop	-	-
19th	Sun	RSPB Walk	Soudley Wood	9.30am
20th	Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline	-	-
21st	Tue	Caring for God;s Acre	Munslow	10am - 3pm
21st	Tue	Meditation	Abdon Village Hall	7pm
22nd	Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
23rd	Thu	Warm Welcome Hub	Beambridge Clubroom	10.30am - 12noon
25th	Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am - 12.30pm
26th	Sun	Card Craft Cottage Workshop	-	-
27th	Mon	Corvedale Folk Club	The Seven Stars, Broadstone	7.30pm
31st	Fri	Quiz Night	Abdon Village Hall	7.30pm

ACTIVITIES & CLASSES:

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The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 20th March 2023.

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY



March is a month dominated, in the church, by Lent, as we continue to remember the time Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism. The month contains several notable saints days too. The most famous is probably St David, the patron saint of Wales, who we remember on 1st March. A sixth century monk and bishop, David founded a monastery in the city which now bears his name. He lived a strict life of prayer and discipline and expected his monks to do the same, but he was also known for his kindness to the poor and the sick.

On 2nd March the church remembers St Chad, a seventh century priest and monk who became Bishop of Lichfield. Chad was known for his holiness and for his humility and the cathedral he founded is dedicated to him, along with the Virgin Mary. During the past year a new shrine has been built in the cathedral to commemorate St Chad and as a place for a focus of prayer, where people can find that their faith is renewed and where they may be strengthened before going out to spread the good news of Christ in the wider world. If you happen to be anywhere near Lichfield, do go to the cathedral and visit the shrine.

These saints remind us of aspects of the calling which is there for all Christians, helping us to think about sharing the good news which is the Christian message with all people, and about caring for those who are in various ways vulnerable or in need. Doing this effectively can be demanding and is not always easy, especially in the world of today. This is one of the reasons why we gather as Christian communities on a regular basis. We meet to worship, but also to be re-charged and to encourage one another as we seek to do God's will. Being a Christian need not be a solitary thing – you are welcome to join us whenever you like as, together, we follow God's call.

Rev'd John Beesley

CORVEDALE NEWS SUBSCRIPTIONS '23

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May we remind you that subscriptions are due annually in advance and should be paid in full by the end of March 2023, at the latest.

If you have not yet paid your subscription for 2022, please let your distributor have your outstanding money as soon as possible if you wish to continue receiving the Corvedale News.

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LUDLOW ROTARY CARES '23



'Ludlow Rotary Cares' is the name the Club has given to a scheme aimed at encouraging funding applications from charities and other organisations supporting community life in and around Ludlow which could benefit from a modest grant of up to £500.

Over the past 8 years the Rotary Club of Ludlow has been able to invest over £40,000 from funds it has raised in over eighty-five local community projects through this scheme. After two years when fundraising has been difficult due to Covid restrictions, the Club is delighted to be able to invest again in our community.

The Club intends to be very open minded about the types of activities it will support so long as the project or programme responds to a community need in, or within, fifteen miles of Ludlow and meets its criteria on the giving of grants. What the Club will need to understand is exactly what the money will be used for, who will benefit from it and how much difference it will make.

Further information can be found on the website www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk which includes details of the criteria that will be applied and a simple application form. Organisations which meet the criteria will need to get their applications in by **Monday 17th April 2023**. Those shortlisted will be invited to an evening event at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on **Tuesday 23rd May** at which they will be asked to explain their project for a few minutes to a small panel. There will also be an opportunity to meet other applicants as well as members of the Rotary Club. Cheques will be handed out very soon afterwards!

The Club is keen to hear from a wide range of organisations including those that have applied or have been awarded grants in the past. So, if you are involved, in or are aware of one which might benefit, do take a look at the website, and follow the link to download an application form. For further information please email Irc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk.

Barry Forrester, Ludlow Rotary Club

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

25th January	Norman Edward Thomas	Diddlebury
10th February	Elizabeth Anne Luntz	Culmington

Burial of Ashes

4th February	Douglas Lloyd	Westhope
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FLOWERS & BRASSES



March 2023

5th	Mrs Clinton*	12th	Mrs Clinton*
19th	Mrs Worthington*	26th	Mrs Worthington*

*Brasses only

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD BY TOSHIKAZU KAWAGUCHI



In Tokyo, in a back alley, a small basement, windowless, café has been serving coffee for over a hundred years. It also has a resident ghost. If you manage to sit on the chair at the back of the café when she vacates it to go the toilet, you can go back in time. However, there are several rules which are frequently reiterated. You cannot change the past. You cannot leave the chair. The person you are meeting in the past must have been in the café at the same time as you. You absolutely must be back before the coffee you are drinking gets cold. Or you will turn into a ghost.

The four interwoven stories in the book involve people who have always wondered, 'what would have happened if..?' The owner of the café is Nagare Tokita, her cousin, who manages the café with his wife Kei, ably helped by his cousin, a student waiter, Kazu. In addition to the ghost the café has several regulars. Fumiko Kiyokawa, a successful businesswoman, came to the café hoping that her lover, Gora Katada, an engineer, has invited her to meet him for a serious conversation. She is hoping he is going to propose marriage. She is bemused when he tells her he is going to work abroad for three years and leaves. Fumiko wants to go back in time to understand why things didn't turn out as she had hoped and encourages the waiter Kazu Tokita to help her do it.

Fusagi is one of the regulars. He sits at a table drinking coffee and reading a travel brochure. His wife, Kohtake, works long shifts as a nurse but often meets him there. He is beginning to develop dementia and is gradually forgetting the people around him. He would like to go back in time to give his wife a letter he has written. Another regular, Hirai, has left her ancestral home and abandoned her younger sister to help her parents in the family inn. Hirai runs her own successful bar in Tokyo. Her sister visits regularly to try to see Hirai, who avoids her thinking she will be called home, away from the life she has made for herself. Hirai comes to regret the lack of contact and returns to the past to try to understand more although she knows she will not be able to make amends. Kei decides that she would like to use the chair to go to the future rather than the past to re-solve an anxiety in her mind about her child.

Each of the stories begins with the scene being set, the characters described in detail and the rules repeated. The author, a playwright, is setting the stage. He cleverly pulls together the concerns of all the characters, their hopes, and fears, within the rules and rituals the café must follow.

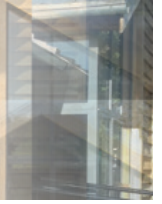
Members of the group initially found it a little difficult to adjust to the style and pace of the book. Nevertheless, we had a lengthy and enjoyable discussion. As the book progressed and the stories wove together, the form made a little more sense. It was memorable. We found it intriguing and thought provoking. The dilemmas it raised made us reflect on issues in our own lives and we discussed whether we would like to go back in time – and, if so, why? The book was a gentle read, humorous in parts and quite intriguing. It left more questions unanswered than it solved. There are other books in the same series, so perhaps one day we might read the sequel?

When we meet on **Thursday 9th March**, we will be discussing

a quite different style of book: *Bewilderment* by Richard Powers. This is the story of the relationship between a father and son, set within the context of the impact of climate change on the planet.

Cath Burley

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL ROUND-UP



FLICKS IN THE STICKS

Mrs Harris Goes To Paris was enjoyed by all at Flicks in the Sticks. It was a real 'feel good' movie. It was lovely to meet four ladies who had travelled all the way from Telford to see it! We hope to see you again! - keep a lookout on our Facebook page for What's On at DVH.

Kim Simm

KIM LOWINGS AND THE GREENWOOD

On 28th January, an audience of sixty-one people at Diddlebury Village Hall were present for a noteworthy performance by Kim Lowings and The Greenwood, ably supported by Andy & Nancy Ketchen and Sam Davies.

Kim and the band reeled off a mixture of traditional favourites such as Bold Riley, The Cuckoo, The Begging Song and Oh the Wind and Rain along with a great cover of Joni Mitchell's Carey and Goerje Holper's Away Ye Merry Lasses and her own song The Allotment - one of my favourites as it reflects my own upbringing too. Kim's wonderful voice combined with her playing of the mountain dulcimer and guitar (though not at the same time!) along with the accompaniment of dad Andy on guitars and bouzouki, Dave on double bass and Tim on percussion, blends into a mesmerising sound which the audience found compelling. It is little wonder that this group has become a favourite at clubs, festivals, and other venues across the country.

Andy and Nancy Ketchen introduced the first half with a mixture of traditional and self-penned songs to much appreciation from the audience, and local lad Sam Davies got the second half underway with his mastery of the guitar shining through, together with his blues style renditions. A recognition of the quality of the support acts was given to me by the band as we chatted during the clearing up operations.

Judging by the comments I have received since the performance I think a repeat will be on the cards before too long. In the meantime, I am looking to promote similar concerts at Diddlebury Village Hall a few times a year and look forward to your support across the Corvedale (and beyond!).

Ian Fotheringham



PARISH FLOOD ACTION GROUP

It has been several weeks so far in 2023 with little significant rain. But we should not be complacent, it was during the second half of February in 2020 when the last major flood event happened.

Any heavy rains create problems, from the volume of water struggling under the bridges, and in particular the Pye brook at Bouldon and the Diddle brook at the B4368 and in the village alongside Glebe Cottage. These choke points either are incapable of allowing the volume of water through them or become blocked by debris. The result is the backed-up water levels rise and then flood outwards into neighbouring properties.

Another area of high risk is at points where the watercourse turns causing the water to 'pile up' on one side as the water swerves round. Hopefully, the widening work done by the Malthouse in Diddlebury will encourage the water from the weir to flow away more efficiently.

The new building development at Bache Mill has significantly built up the immediate banks of the Diddle, restricting its ability to spread out. The effect of this on the previously flooded properties remains to be tested. Please let me know immediately of any issues relating to this.

Recently Sharon Constable and I attended an online conference hosted by CIRIA (Construction Industry Research and Information Association). An idea which came through was that whole communities should help, not just the ones which are liable to flooding. Volunteer roles which anyone in the community can help with are Water Walkers and Puddle Watchers.

A Water Walker is a person, possibly a dog walker, who regularly walks a stretch of water - a river, stream, or ditch. The person takes ownership for reporting any issues on their patch.

The Puddle Watcher is a person, who keeps an eye on things like blocked drains and gullies along a stretch of road. Again, all the volunteer needs to do is report to the Flood Action Group who will instigate the appropriate actions.

A Flood Helper, a person who can help a vulnerable person during a flood event, checking the person is okay. Does the person need any furniture moving / raising to limit the damage?

Remember our Flood Action Group covers not just the village of Diddlebury but the whole of the Parish. If anyone is interested in helping in any of these roles, please contact me at happy4clive@gmail.com

Lastly, please could you tell me a little more about your thoughts of interacting with the Diddlebury Flood Group by completing the survey at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XFQG92M

Clive Martyn, Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group



Diddlebury
February 2020

BROWN CLEE MEDICAL PRACTICE

MEETING OF THE PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP. FEB 7TH 2023

Many of you in the Corvedale are patients of Brown Clee Practice and use the surgery in Ditton. However you may not be aware of the current issues faced by the practice.

As a result of these issues about 40 people, including Dr Railton, attended the meeting on Tuesday to express their concern and support.

The issues were summarised by Tina Ranson, Chair of the PPG.

- Dr Railton intends to resign the Partnership as soon as practicable (this was initially going to be Christmas 2023, but there may be a little more flexibility in this now)
- Dr Railton will continue to work as a part time GP for 2 years after she has resigned from the Partnership.
- Dr Bassett intends to continue to serve for a maximum of another 5 years.
- Dr Jones will continue to work for a maximum of another 3 years.
- The Practice anticipates that it will be difficult to recruit suitable GPs who will be able to take on the Partnership for the longer term.
- In order to attract GPs they want to dispose of the Practice buildings (to relieve any subsequent Partners from the associated expenses and stresses). Ideally they would like some form of local or community ownership of the buildings to provide some guarantee of the continued provision of medical services in the area. The timescale for the change of ownership would be Autumn 2023.

It is intended to form a Steering Group to look at options for acquisition of the buildings. If you would like to be part of this Steering Group and contribute ideas, time and energy to this enterprise, please contact Tina Ranson at tina.ranson@outlook.com.

Rural medical practices are under considerable pressure at the moment and we have been informed that Highley Surgery is to close on 31st March. Brown Clee Medical Practice has consistently been rated one of the best in the country and we would urge you to support this effort, so we do not lose such an important local resource.

You can read the latest developments on Facebook by following the *Brown Clee Medical Practice - Patient Page* or if you would like to participate in the PPG, contact the Tina Ranson, Chair of the Patient Participation Group, at tina.ranson@outlook.com.

Bill Lewis



CORVEDALE SCHOOL



SHROPSHIRE WAY 80K FESTIVAL

It has been a busy few weeks with our sports teams taking part in several events. Our Y3s went to a multi-sports experience in Bridgnorth. Groups of all ages went to Ludlow for an indoor cricket event. Twenty-six children took part in cross-country races at Bedstone College. The highlight, though, has been the success of our netball team who have become South Shropshire league champions! Quite an achievement considering the size of our school. A special thanks to Wendy Richards and Jules Edwards who organise and coach the netball club every Tuesday after school.

The children have recently enjoyed a St Valentine's Day Breakfast and a school disco organised by the Supporters of Corvedale School (SOCS) team.

Our school council is made up of our house captains and house representatives. They meet three times a term to share any suggestions classes have to improve the school; to give their pupil voice on different themes (for example, safety around school, PE, and sport, learning feedback, etc.). In recent months, our house captains have planned and led some important assemblies. The main themes have been safety: safety at home and out on the street, safety on the internet and personal safety. The children did a marvellous job communicating what were sometimes difficult messages.

We are looking for tenders to renew our grounds maintenance contract. We are asking for local companies to quote for a 12-month service April '23 - March '24 to cut and maintain the school field. For further details please contact the school office.

The Baby and Toddler group, on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am - 11.30am, is extremely popular: £2 per family per session. Mums and Dads do come along for a coffee, cake, and natter while your little ones play.

For more information on what's going on and to keep up with the latest happenings / news at school, visit the school website - www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk or follow us on Facebook SOCS. The Nursery has its own pages and is on Twitter @CorvedaleSchool.

Jonathan Brough, Headteacher



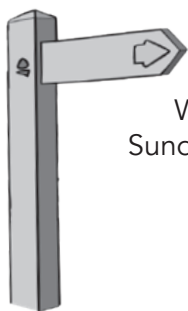
Now a regular feature in Shropshire's running and walking calendar, the SW80K Festival returns to its regular April slot in 2023.

On Saturday, April 1st, runners and walkers from across the UK and beyond will descend on the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre in Craven Arms to take part in one of five events - the mighty SW80K, The Mammoth, Half-Mammoth and Tusker's 10k. New for 2023 is How Welsh Dare you Go? in which runners travel on the Heart of Wales Line as far as they want into Wales, and then run back to the Centre. The jeopardy is that if you go too Welsh and don't return within 24 hours, you are out.

The festival offers stunning courses which showcase the rugged beauty of this fascinating area, taking in Iron-Age hillforts, jagged peaks, ancient woodlands, upland heath, and traditional market towns. Run as a fundraiser for Grow Cook Learn, the charity which has operated the Centre since 2014. The event is about supporting the charity's mission to connect people to the food, history, and landscape of the Shropshire Hills.

Grant Wilson, the Centre Manager and Event Organiser says 'We're super excited to be running the event again this year. We just love showing off our amazing hills and hearing all the positive comments from our runners and walkers who discover them for the first time. For me personally, it's all about the food - we serve Shropshire Fidget pies, our famous Bara Brith, and a local beef stew in a barn high in the hills. This all gives the event a real taste of Shropshire and is the reason why people return year after year. If you want to challenge yourself and help raise some money for our Centre, why not enter one of our events!'

If you would like to take part in any of the events, a link to the bookings page can be found on the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre website www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk



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:

MARCH: Wednesday 22nd, Friday 24th, Sunday 26th

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

HAYTON & DISTRICT WI



Romantic prose and poetry - with St Valentine's Day just around the corner - was the theme of retired Librarian Adrian Williams' talk to our February meeting at Stanton Lacy Village Hall. Once our short business session had finished, Adrian and his wife, Janet, shared the reading of material they had very skilfully researched and prepared - as Adrian said, '*taking romance in its widest sense, with some old, some new, some you will know and some fresh.*' He quoted an extract from the Shakespearean play, *Henry V*; another from one of Shakespeare's 154 sonnets - all written with no particular recipient in mind - and there was this amusing poem (not written by William Shakespeare!): '*Twas in a restaurant they met, Romeo and Juliet. He had no cash to pay the debt, so Romeo owed, while Julie ate.*'

Adrian went on to explain how Shakespeare is still at the heart of our language with many expressions, not necessarily romantic, still in use today: for example, when we say 'that's Greek to me' or something has 'vanished into thin air', someone hasn't 'budded an inch' or has become 'tongue tied', been 'a tower of strength', not 'slept a wink', 'insisted on fair play', or something's 'too much of a good thing', we will be quoting from Shakespeare. And there are many more! Janet then recited some poems, including one of the very funny poems by Pam Ayres, entitled *Yes, I'll Marry You, My Dear*, and the lovely *Us Two* from Christopher Robin.

They mentioned how many authors often included romance or romantic text in their novels, for example: Alexander McCall Smith, author of *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*; Colleen McCullough in her novel *The Thorn Birds*; Robert James Waller in *The Bridges of Madison County* and the WH Auden poem *Funeral Blues* used in the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. Adrian further quoted an extract from Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina* and recited May Wedderburn Cannan's very moving poem *The Armistice - In an Office in Paris*, about the love and tragedy of WW1. With far too many extracts to mention, towards the end of the talk Adrian read a poem which he said, '*says something about love,*' Janet narrated the short poem *So What Is Love?* and to finish, Adrian recited the poem *You're Never Too Old to Fall in Love!*

The evening was very enjoyable and entertaining, and gave me, for one, lots of ideas of material to read, re-read or review on the big (or small) screen! Thank you once more Adrian and Janet! The meeting concluded after refreshments and some time to socialise.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 9th March** at 7.30pm and will include a talk by Dr. Nigel Baker entitled *Paddling in the Past*. Come along, ladies, to Stanton Lacy Village Hall, Hayton's Bent SY8 2AT to find out what it's all about!

Club President - Phyllis Steventon - 01584 823436

Club Secretary - hayton.district.wi@gmail.com

Louise Gough

MUNSLOW WI

Ten members and two guests met in The Clubroom on a very cold but sunny afternoon.

We held a minute's silence in memory of past member Eileen Preece who had died recently. Eileen had been a valuable and talented member of Munslow WI: Sheila Williams spoke most highly of her. We send our condolences to her family.

We were given new printed programmes for the year ahead featuring some exciting events - a pizza evening, skittles, and country dancing. Some of our meetings will be joint events with Diddlebury and Westhope WI.

Lesley's talk on self defence was entertaining and useful. In the past she had gained a black belt in karate which she started with her children when they were young. Lesley gave us so many tips for staying safe. When you are out and about always appear confident, be aware of your surroundings and don't keep looking at your phone! Be careful at cash machines and take a stick when out walking. These were just a few of the many helpful hints we received. She also demonstrated how best to defend yourself if you should be unlucky enough to be approached.

The usual raffle was held followed by tea, coffee and cake provided by Anne and it resulted in an enjoyable afternoon.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors. We meet at Beambridge Clubroom on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. During the winter, our meetings begin at 2.00pm.

Jenny Rose

DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE WI

Culmington Village Hall, as many of you know, is closed at the moment. So, we had to think where we could hold our AGM and what we would eat and drink at it. We had the inspired idea of having a cheese and wine evening which Jayne Disley kindly offered to host in her kitchen. We had a great evening, and the business part of the meeting was far more convivial with some delicious cheese, canapes, and a lovely glass of wine to boot! We had a fair amount to discuss, and the usual election of officers took place. I have stepped down as Secretary now and Joy Williams has taken on the role. Mary Holland remains as President for this year. Jayne remains as Treasurer. The committee itself remains unchanged.

It is our 100th birthday this year: our WI was started in January 1923, and it is so lovely that in 2023 it is still going strong and, hopefully, will continue for many years to come. There are many ways to get involved with the WI. You can become a full member, come along as a guest whenever you like, or you can just be a supporter for a reduced fee. Come along and find out more about the WI in 2023.

Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with Munslow WI in Beambridge Clubroom on **Wednesday 8th March**. The meeting will be at 2.00pm and we will have a speaker talking about Antarctica.

Jane Cockburn

WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



The Clover Club restarts on March 2nd, 2.30pm at Westhope Village Hall. We will be playing Bingo, followed by tea and cake. Everyone welcome.

Kath Woodhouse

CORVEDALE PAST & PRESENT

GOING AGAINST THE GRAIN?

On the face of it, it is perhaps the craziest project that humankind has ever undertaken - the growing of grain. Anthropologists have long said that 'primitive' (the word seems less and less appropriate) hunter-gatherer peoples had (and have) large amounts of leisure time which they often devote to artistic, and what we might regard as philosophical, pursuits. In the early years of the western colonisation of Canada, French Jesuit missionaries, who were highly trained debaters, came across indigenous tribes. When they were able to communicate the Jesuits were dumbfounded when they realised that the best of the indigenous thinkers could run rings round them when it came to debating. Of course they could: those so-called primitives had spent their whole lives sitting in circles doing that very thing! They were apparently particularly excoriating in their criticism of French society which they found inharmonious, shallow, harsh, and cruel when it was in broad terms compared to their own. They noted how a large proportion of the lower order of French society spent huge amounts of time doing menial work in fields yet lived poorly. They no doubt compared the way the Europeans gained their nourishment with their own free-wheeling methods. They must have thought the whole system mad.

Grain was surely a case in point. It takes a great deal of land preparation and care during growing and is prone to disease. Harvesting required the mobilising of large numbers of people and, this done, the trouble really starts! Grain is entirely useless to human beings until it is ground into flour. This process takes a huge amount of manual work or quite sophisticated mechanical processes. All these factors can be seen in the remnants of the medieval world that are everywhere to be seen in South Shropshire. I have previously talked about the growing of grain in medieval open or common fields so here is an opportunity to talk about another aspect of the process; milling, and in particular, water milling.



*A highly 'dressed'
patterned millstone.*

The Romans knew all about watermills and they were used all over their empire along with other forms of water engineering, even in that ridiculously isolated province in the north-west: Britannia! It is thought that for a long time after organised imperial control waned the technology was lost or forgotten. During the middle and later parts of the Anglo-Saxon period (we should now call this the 'Early Middle Ages'), when political, urban and village life became ever more organised, the watermill made a comeback. This, with the revolution in ploughing techniques and development of open fields that also happened at this time, is natural. Had we walked around England in 700s we would probably have seen watermills being constructed in many places.

The growing and grinding of corn is one of the things that would not have radically changed after the momentous events of 1066 AD and subsequent years. However, one thing that did happen was that our new king, William I, commissioned a huge survey of his new English possessions in 1086, what became known as Domesday, 'Doom' just meaning 'judgement'.

Scholars have identified comfortably over 5,000 mills in England at the doom time. This sounds pretty impressive but here I want to give some thoughts as to why this may be a huge underestimate.

Multure was the right to exact a payment for the grinding of grain and this was payable to the person receiving the flour. Additionally, the milling time had to be apportioned: to the Lord of the Manor, whoever had built the mill and even the person who owned the land from which the water flowed to power the mill, or the person who owned the mill-pond. Then there was the whole business of transporting the millstones - which often came from completely different parts of the country. What a tangled web of interests to sort out, and this before the poor peasants, needing their grain ground, got a look in!

Of course, the miller was at the centre of this web, and he often must have been the first peasant-capitalist. No wonder he became a dubious figure at best. Geoffrey Chaucer certainly 'had his number'.

You can't help wondering if all this fraught mess might have been too much for the Domesday Commissioners who tended to under-report mills.

In our area mills were recorded at Tugford, Clee St. Margaret, Aston Munslow and Stanton Lacy, but it is almost inconceivable there would not have been a mill at Stoke St Milborough, for instance, where there were plentiful hill streams, open fields, and a relatively large population.

Peter Cornah

Afterthought 1: Next time I will try and say a bit more about grain and why it was perhaps a triumph which ultimately became a disaster and why those native Canadians would not have been surprised.

Afterthought 2: Most living things seem to have got larger since the Middle Ages. Not wheat, though: it is now known it could grow to six feet high in those days! It also had a massive root system and could absorb a huge variety of minerals. Its yield was relatively feeble but its goodness was mighty!

CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP



BEE STEPPINGSTONES, A TALK BY DEBBIE VIVERS

Our Garden Group year started very well with almost thirty people attending our first meeting. Debbie Vivers gave a colourful and lively talk about the many different varieties of bees. She described how to identify them and encouraged us to pledge our support to change things in our gardens to provide food and water 'steppingstones' for bees and other pollinators as they fly up and down the Corvedale. Debbie recounted how her interest in bees had dated back to her degree in zoology at Reading University when she worked with the hives there and subsequently became a beekeeper. In 2019, on a walk on the Long Mynd, she noticed an unusual bee struggling to find enough pollen and nectar to gather, due to the 'food gap' between the flowering of different plant species being made worse by climate change. The bilberry bumble bee she found is rare in the UK. It evolved in heathlands. It forages on the Long Mynd and Stiperstones in early spring and summer. Bilberry (or whinberry) flowers are essential as an easy nectar source; in turn they pollinate the bilberries to enable the development of late summer fruit. This area is at the southernmost tip of this bee's range in the UK. The bilberry bee does not like the increasingly hot summers, so may disappear locally in due course. Volunteers are helping to watch where the bees are spotted across the South Shropshire Hills and to create flower rich meadow areas near the heathland to help to fill the hunger gap between whinberries flowering and the later flowering heathers.

The bilberry bumblebee (*Bombus monticola*) has a large fiery orange-red tail, covering more than half its abdomen. It has yellow bands at the top and bottom of the thorax and is smaller and rounder than some other bee species. It is found near or on upland heath where heather and bilberries grow.

Debbie moved on to talk about key differences between bumblebees and honeybees.

BUMBLEBEES	HONEYBEES
Fat with long hairs	Slim with short hairs
One queen hibernates	Workers and queen overwinter
Collect nectar and pollen	Collect nectar and pollen
Nests have 50-400 bees	Nests have up to 50k bees
Most are wild	Most are managed by beekeepers
Minimum food storage	Large food stores

There are eighteen species of bumblebee in the UK, differentiated by the colours of their bottoms. They are grouped by tail colour: white, yellow, red, or ginger. Queen bees, worker bees and male bees are varied sizes with different markings. Looking carefully at their abdomen, thorax, wings, antennae, and pollen baskets can help too (see the very helpful leaflet 'What's that bumblebee?' by www.bumblebeeconservation.org). Bees prefer flowers that are blue, white, and yellow with single rather than double

flowers. Different bees have different length tongues so growing a variety of flowers helps. They tend not to like over bright and over bred flowers.

Debbie encouraged us to help by thinking about how we can have bee-friendly plants in our garden which flower every month of the year to provide nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinators. A lack of the right plants in the winter months, early spring and late May-early June can cause hunger gaps. Having water available in the garden is good too. Planting an area as an annual wildflower meadow would be beneficial. We were also encouraged to leave our gardens a little untidy over winter to provide hibernation sites. Bees prefer untouched areas on north facing slopes in leaf litter, log piles, hollow trees, under tree bark or in plant pots. Other bees like mouse holes on south facing slopes or long tangled grass, compost heaps and bird boxes. Some plants which we may know as weeds can be especially helpful as they flower early, for example the dandelion. Leaving lawns a bit longer in early spring, until more flowers are out, allows bees to forage on dandelions and daisies before they set seed.

The Royal Horticultural Society Magazine, 'The Garden' in January listed plants we could grow for each month of the year for 365 days of bees. How many of them do you grow?

January	Winter heather, aconite, hazel, clematis <i>cirrhosa</i> , <i>viburnum tinus</i>
February	<i>Salix caprea</i> (goat willow), snowdrops, naturalised species crocus, cherry plum tree
March	Lungwort (<i>pulmonaria</i>), primrose, flowering currant, dandelion, hellebores
April	Apple trees (<i>malus</i>), <i>aquilegia</i> , phacelia, bugle, wood spurge, <i>berberis</i> , cherry
May	<i>Campanula trachelium</i> , <i>ceanothus</i> , rosemary
June	Lambs' ears, alliums, thyme, cardoons, blackberries, foxgloves
July	Roses, lavender, marjoram, sea holly, <i>linaria</i>
August	Scabious, <i>echinops</i> , cat mint, fuchsia,
September	<i>Salvia 'Amistad'</i> , buddleja, dahlias – single flower, <i>ceratostigma</i>
October	Ivy, devil's bit scabious, perennial wallflower
November	Winter flowering honeysuckle, <i>sarcococca</i> , <i>fatsia japonica</i> , autumn crocus
December	<i>Mahonia japonica</i> , gorse, stinking hellebore

The 'Bee kind tool' on the Bumblebee Conservation Trust website gives many other suggestions to help us to make Corvedale 'Bee -ewe-ti-ful' this year.

On **Saturday 11th March** the Garden Group will be visiting The Vern Garden, Marden. This 5-acre garden was designed by Percy Cane for Roger de Quincey and will be a feast of spring flowers and trees with some unusual features. £15 per person includes refreshments. If you would like to join us, please let me know 10 days before hand.

Cath Burley, cathburley@hotmail.com

MARCH CROSSWORD

BY ARTEMONAS

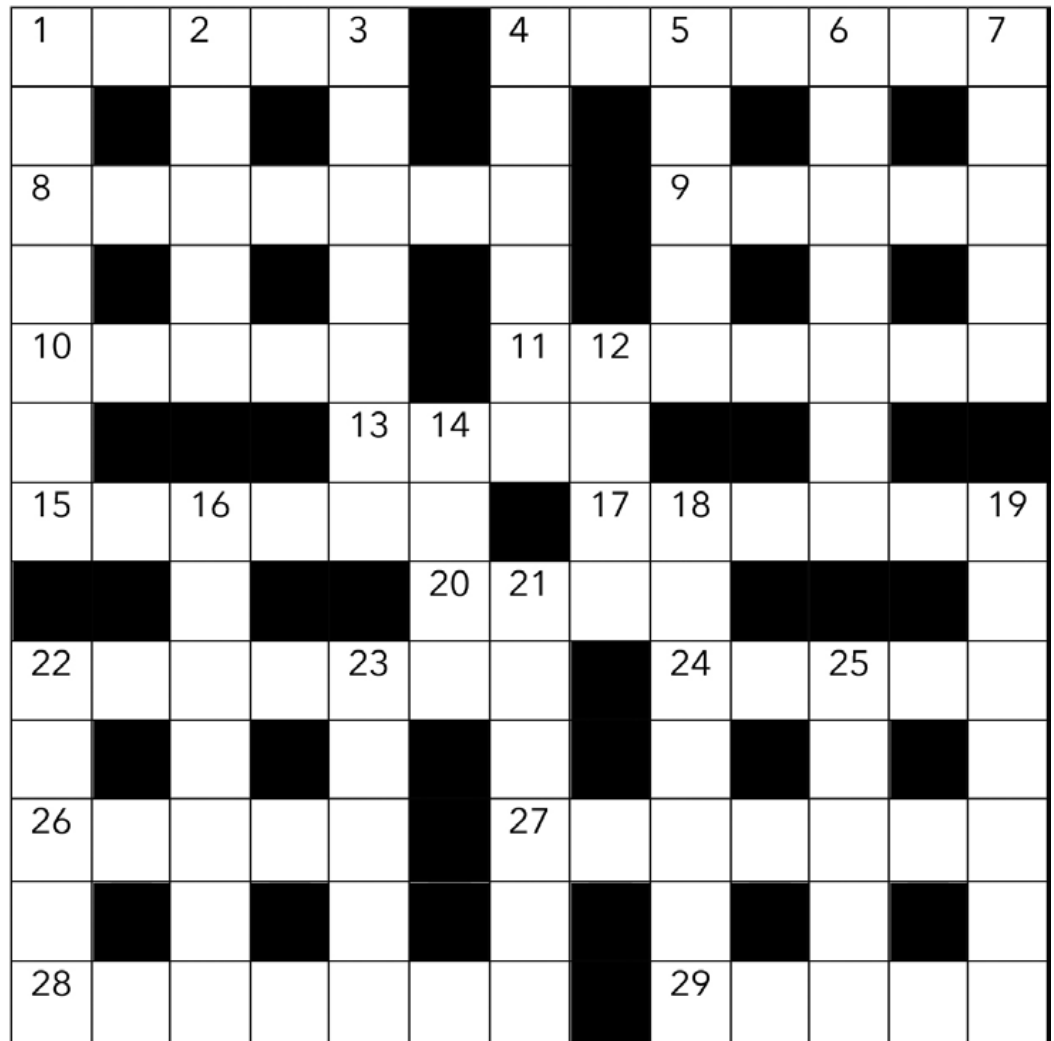
Answers to this month's crossword
can be found on page 20 in this
edition of the magazine.

ACROSS

- 1) Sailors get lots of credit points (5)
- 4) Weapon is in horrible slime (7)
- 8) Mist and ice confused in Hebrew (7)
- 9) It's clear detectives are after a bit of luck (5)
- 10) Essential oil from shredding a tart (5)
- 11) Building can de-ice if tidied (7)
- 13) Some refined Danes enjoy Viking myths (4)
- 15) In danger? Good to replace new weapon (6)
- 17) Stride about to be parched (6)
- 20) Helps soothe Vera's partner? (4)
- 22) Call once when you first look jaundiced (7)
- 24) Not needed like stewed pears (5)
- 26) Be left, that is, to contradict (5)
- 27) A place to rest gammon rib (7)
- 28) Bowling provides too many weapons(7)
- 29) Fed on gutted (John) Dory in Wales (5)

DOWN

- 1) Copper throws darts for sauce (7)
- 2) An old aunt they say met me on tour (5)
- 3) Release TV for nothing (3,4)
- 4) Ridiculed small boy after practise exams (6)



- 5) Hot dish eaten by psalmist (5)
- 6) Tend towards a slope (7)
- 7) It's partly been due to invest (5)
- 12) Father loves skirting (4)
- 14) Backward sketch (4)
- 16) Biblical sea-storm engulfs French Island (7)
- 18) Went on to add a grass edge (7)
- 19) Little Edward, carrying about 2 kilos, made a long journey (7)
- 21) Left former PM to mix with the unfinished Lancashire town (6)

- 22) Ring British lad backing lout (5)
- 23) Greek character takes part in home game (5)
- 25) A fool could be reserved (5)

MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2023 AT BEAMBRIDGE CLUBROOM

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Antonia Bury, Nigel Dobson, David Marston, Ed Povey, and Graham Williams. Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Fotheringham and Meeson.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Bury (item 12).

Public Forum: No members of the public were in attendance.

Presentation by Janet Cobb, Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (RSVP): Leaving the cuttings after cutting the verge encourage plants such as hogweed. The aim is to cut, collect and restore the verges allowing wild flowers to return and improve the habitat for insects. The clippings are being used in bio-digesters. Although the initial outlay is costlier the long term costs are reduced as the verges do not grow so high. In areas where it is important for road safety there are 1 metre cuts. Cllr Archer thanked Janet for the presentation.

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from those minutes not covered on the agenda: Cllr Archer reported that the Vicar will investigate Heritage at Risk regarding Broadstone Chapel after the quinquennial inspection.

Urgent Items for discussion at the discretion of the Chair: The Council had become aware of an issue regarding the boundary of Washwell Cottage. The Chair will inform local residents that if they wish to challenge a change of boundary they can do so by contacting the Land Registry.

Reports: Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley reported that she is now portfolio holder for Adult Social Care, Public Health, and Communities. Shropshire Council asked the Boundary Review Team to increase their divisions from 74 to 75. They will hear back in April. As the number of residents in the Corvedale division is lower than that required by the Boundary Review Team there may be changes to the division. This process must be complete by October this year.

Beambridge Club Room: Cllr Dobson reported that the fire alarms and a fire blanket have been purchased and the signs, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers are being reviewed. The back door has been replaced and potholes in the car park have been filled.

South Shropshire Area Committee: Cllr Meeson had sent a report. The accounts for the committee have been frozen but a new Finance Officer will be appointed and SALC is currently paying invoices on behalf of the committee. The Legal Topic Notice regarding Vehicle Activated Signs was discussed. There are training sessions in June on planning.

Planning: Update on Planning Application Chadstone Aston Munslow 22/05438/TCA: The Vice Chair, Cllr Povey, and the Clerk decided that it would not be necessary to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss this application.

Update on Planning Application, The Deans, Aston Munslow 22/05256/FUL: The Chair, Cllr Archer and the Clerk decided that it would not be necessary to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss this application.

Installation of a Defibrillator at The School House,

Munslow: Shropshire Council Historic Environment has agreed that the wall of the entrance to The Old School House in Munslow is acceptable as the site of the defibrillator. It was agreed to pay IDP solutions £200 + VAT for the installation of an electricity supply to the cabinet at The Old School House and apply for a cabinet and defibrillator to the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust. Fundraising for the trust could include a table top sale at the Club Room and an honesty box at openings of Millichope Park.

Review of Environmental Maintenance and New Tasks: The Clerk had reported to Shropshire Council several issues raised by the contractor regarding broken signs and blocked drains.

Beambridge Club Room Lease: The Council asked that Cllr Bury to stay for the discussion. The lease did not have the Parish Council as the Custodian Trustees. The lease will be returned to the Millichope Foundation and the Foundation would be asked why the previous arrangement had been changed. If necessary, the Council should become a member of Shropshire Community Resource who are able to advise on Village Hall legal arrangements.

Jubilee Replacement Oak Tree: The replacement has now been planted.

Plans For The Coronation: Cllr Bury intends to make Millichope Park available for the Coronation. The Clerk will contact Diddlebury and Abdon Parish Councils to find out what activities they are planning and invite them to a joint event at Millichope.

Highways: The replacement VAS at Aston Munslow has now been installed. The previously agreed amount did not include the VAT. It was agreed to pay Westcotec £5280.00 which includes VAT.

Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS): The NALC Legal Topic Notice was considered. A grant of £1005 from the Police and Crime Commissioner has been received. It was agreed to purchase a mobile vehicle activated sign from ElanCity for £2,726.51 including VAT. The Council will ask for new posts for the mobile VAS at East Munslow and Hungerford Layby.

The Traffic Engineer has informed the Clerk that the B4368 Traffic Calming Report is now complete and he is discussing potential funding for the proposals with Shropshire Council.

Finance: The Clerk reported that the bank account holds £20,334.17. Holdings for the Neighbourhood Fund, Environmental Maintenance Fund, Traffic Calming and the reserves leave an underspend of £3,819.08. The report and expenditure against the budget were accepted and Cllr Povey signed the bank reconciliation.

The Following Payments Were Approved: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Invoices 271 and 275 – £238.00, IDP Solutions (defibrillator electricity supply), Westcotec (Replacement VAS) £5,380 including VAT and ElanCity (mobile Vehicle Activated Sign) £2,726.51 for 2023-2024.

It was agreed to appoint Kevin Adams as the Internal Auditor for 2023-2024.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd March 2023 at Beambridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2023 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr R Povall - Vice-Chairman, Cllrs A Watson, T O'Boyle, A Rattu, C Martyn, R Morgan.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs D Hedgley, S Povall and T Pardoe.

In attendance: The Clerk, Unitary Cllr Cecilia Motley and seven members of the public.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd November 2022 were approved by councillors.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

Reports:

There was no **Chairman's Report** but Cllr R Povall said he and Cllr Martyn had made a site visit to the old milking parlour featuring in planning application 22/05525/FUL, along with the applicant.

Cllr Motley advised DPC to take no further steps with its boundaries review as it was possible the Divisional Boundaries Review might result in parish boundaries in the Corvedale being adjusted.

The government's financial settlement was better than anticipated; Social Services are actively tackling the hospital bed-blocking situation. There have been a lot of thefts from farmyards, and other Shropshire parishes are setting up footpath groups to work with farmers and landowners to make footpath diversions which avoid farmyards. She urged DPC to join such an initiative.

Cllr Rattu requested that footpaths be made more dog-friendly and that the FP21 by the school be re-instated: it has been ploughed up to the boundary.

Flood Action Group: Cllr Martyn said he had reported various blocked drains and potholes to Fix My Street.

Westhope Village Hall: Cllr Watson is still in negotiations with Airband, exploring the possibility of a free Broadband connection for the hall.

Diddlebury Village Hall: Cllr Rattu said bookings for DVH were good, although the Rugby Six-Nations event was poorly attended. Neither hall has anything planned yet for the Coronation.

Planning Applications:

22/05525/FUL was an application for the conversion and extension of a derelict milking parlour into one dwelling, with the installation of a package treatment plant, on land

to the north of the B4368. Due to difficulties interpreting the nature of the application, the issue of whether it was in Bache Mill or Diddlebury, and in the face of numerous objections, the applicant withdrew the application in order to seek pre-planning advice.

22/02425/FUL was an application for a house to be built in the garden of The Tithe Barn, Diddlebury. DPC had supported the application in June 2022 but SC had refused permission. It was now going to appeal (under reference **23/03104/REF**) and DPC had to decide whether or not to submit any views to the Planning Inspector. The matter was debated. Due to the provisions of Standing Order 7 the application could not be re-considered at this meeting; furthermore, the Tithe Barn is currently up for sale. It was agreed that DPC would take no further action in relation to the appeal.

Highways/Environmental Issues: Cllr Watson said the recent re-surfacing works to the B4368, which had caused huge inconvenience to both residents of the Corvedale and all traffic, were already breaking up at the verges and pot holes were appearing. Cllr Rattu agreed the work appeared to be shoddy. Cllr Motley advised DPC to contact Mr Andy Wilde at Highways to ascertain whether the works were guaranteed and what he proposed doing about the matter.

Communications And Correspondence: Sixteen items were considered and dealt with.

Finance Report for December 2022/January 2023: Cheques totalling £3,580.50 were approved for payment. DPC held a balance of £21,246.98 following payment of the approved cheques. Cllr O'Boyle approved the Clerk's reconciliation between HSBC bank statements and DPC's cash book.

202-24 Precept Budget: Councillors considered DPC's 2023/2024 Precept Budget and a budget of £6,660 was approved, which is £1,995 less than for the 2022/2023 financial year. A copy of the Precept Budget for 2023/2024 is available to view on DPC's website.

Any Other Business: The Clerk reminded everyone that at the March meeting donations would be considered, so any groups or organisations seeking a modest donation should apply to DPC before the March meeting, which will be on 22nd March 2023.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 22nd February 2023, 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2023

Attendance: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mrs C Byng, Mrs M Holland, Ms J Mear, Mr M Seabrook.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Alderson, Turley and Watts.

Declarations of Interest Relating to This Meeting: Cllr Steele (Item under Correspondence).

Public Involvement: No members of the public were in attendance.

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 were approved and signed by the chair.

Matters Arising: None.

Planning: 22/05636/FUL Claypits, 27 Vernolds Common, SY7 9LP: conversion of workshop first floor and extension to provide holiday let accommodation.

23/00369/TCA Culmington House, Culmington, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2DB: fell 1no multi-stem Leylandii within Culmington Conservation Area.

It was agreed to support both of these applications.

Correspondence: Anonymous letter about bonfires: Cllr Steele left the meeting during this item due to a conflict of interest. Bonfires are not an issue that the Parish Council has responsibility for. Concerns regarding bonfires should be reported to the Environment Agency.

Community Governance and Boundary Review: Consideration of Potential Changes to Parish Boundaries at Sparchford, Elsie, Vernold's Common, The Pheasantry and Seifton. Stanton Lacy had responded to say they would defer this to the next meeting as advised by Cllr Motley as the changes to division boundaries may affect the parish boundaries. Discussion will be deferred to the next meeting.

Application for funding for a second vehicle activated sign and powers to purchase: The clerk will meet with the Shropshire Traffic Engineer to look at a site for the new sign. By the next meeting it is hoped that the powers to purchase the sign will have been clarified.

Update on Parking at the Laundry Works: The Clerk is in discussions with the Shropshire Traffic Engineer looking at options.

Update on Black Poplar near Development Site: The response from Shropshire Council Planning's Tree Officer

stated that they were not in a position to take action. The Clerk will forward the drainage plans for the development to Cllr Seabrook.

Update on Environment Agency and Fire Service visit to Laundry Works: A joint visit occurred on 3rd February and a report should be available from the Environment Agency Officer by the next meeting. The Fire Officer had no concerns.

Update on Flooding on the B4365: The Clerk has reported this issue (and the blocked drains in the village) to Shropshire Highways.

Reports from Members:

Cllr Motley reported that Social Care's finances are very difficult. They are trying to improve the discharges from hospitals. She paid tribute to the officers in the Social Care teams. There is a new Veterans Centre at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital in Oswestry.

Cllr Mear reported that the village hall is still closed for most meetings. The Insurance Assessors have found more damage than was initially thought.

Cllr Byng reported that there had not been a recent meeting of the Flood Action Committee but a multi-agency meeting was being held on 9th February.

Cllr Steele reported that he attended the zoom meeting of the South Shropshire Area Committee. There was considerable discussion about the Fresh Water Mussels in the river Clun, which is very important ecologically.

Finance: The bank account held £8,338.42 as at 28th December 2022. The forecast of expenditure for the rest of the financial year is £1,012.35. Cllr Steele signed the bank reconciliation.

Payments were authorised to D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Invoices 268 and 276 totalling £153.00.

Internal Auditor for 2023-2024: Mrs Disley was approved as internal auditor. She will not require a fee.

Complaints Policy, Data Protection and Privacy Policy and Delegation Policy: Timescales for responses will be added to the Complaints Policy. With this amendment the policies were adopted.

Items For The Next Meeting: Community Governance and Boundary Review.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023, at 7.00pm

Heather Coonick, Clerk/RFO

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CONTACTS FOR LOCAL SERVICES

LOCAL SERVICES & EMERGENCIES

Electricity Problems/Power Cuts
Western Power, 0800 6783 105

Water Supply Problems
Severn Trent Water, 0800 783 4444

County Flood Management
Shropshire Council, 0345 678 9006,
flood@shropshire.gov.uk

Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group
Clive Martyn, 01584 841346,
happy4clive@gmail.com

Ludlow Minor Injuries Unit
Community Hospital, 01584 874297

Shropdoc (out of hours service)
Doctors Co-operative, 111

Station Drive Doctors' Surgery
01584 872461

Portcullis Doctors' Surgery
01584 872939

Craven Arms Medical Practice
01588 672309

Police (non-emergency)
PC 2693 Grant, 07773 054602,
stephen.grant@westmerci.pnn.
police.uk

Voluntary Car Scheme - 9am - noon
Craven Arms Good Neighbours,
01588 673732

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Corvedale Brownies
www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter'

Corvedale School, Playgroup and Nursery
Jonathan Brough, 01584 841630,
admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Diddlebury & Westhope WI
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Munslow WI
Jenny Rose, 01584 841251,
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Diddlebury Parish Council Clerk
Mrs Jean de Rusett, 01547 519282,
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Munslow Parish Council Clerk
Heather Coonick, 07817 607355,
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Diddlebury Parish Website
www.diddleburyparish.co.uk

Corvedale Google Group
This is a free service and issues purely local information such as road closures, flood warnings and so on to its members on an occasional basis. It also alerts members to new items appearing on the DPC website. If you would like to join this service, send an email to Martin Jones, martinggc@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL/CLUB ROOM BOOKINGS

Abdon Village Hall
Helen Audin, 01746 712365,
www.abdonandheathparish.org,
abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

Beambridge Club Room
Frances Sutton, 01584 841654
Peter Turner, pturner767@msn.com

Culmington Village Hall
Jeff Williams, 01584 861849,
culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com

Diddlebury Village Hall
Sally Woodhouse, 01584 841265,
sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk,
www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Diddlebury Church Room
Jan Kennedy, 01584 841372,
jan_kennedy@icloud.com

Westhope Village Hall
Betty Manley, 07860 447397,
mbm3049@icloud.com

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Abdon Wildlife Group
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milesleach712@gmail.com

Blue Hills Choir
Ros Crouch, 01584 841053,
ros.crouch@gmail.com

Corvedale Artists
Juliet Hole, 01299 832603
Ann Hankinson, 01584 841460

Corvedale Book Group
Cath Burley,
cathburley@hotmail.com

Corvedale Choir
Ros Crouch, 01584 841053,
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Corvedale & District Autumn Show
John Woodhouse, 07980 207253

Corvedale Folk Club
Ian Fotheringham, 01584 841331

Corvedale Garden Group
Cath Burley,
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Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group
Jenny Vine, 01584 841596,
jvcedarwood@hotmail.co.uk

Community Environmental Group
Rebecca Bull,
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Diddlebury Dancing Group
Sally Woodhouse,
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Wednesday Badminton
Val Fotheringham, 01584 841331

Westhope Clover Club
Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841254

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



THE CORVEDALE GROUP OF PARISHES

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2023

	5TH MARCH Lent 2	12TH MARCH Lent 3	19TH MARCH Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	26TH MARCH Lent 5
ABDON		9:45 HC		6pm EP
BROADSTONE			8:30 HC	
CULMINGTON	11:15 HC		6pm EP	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

Wednesdays in Lent – Compline and Address at 7:30pm: 1st March at Culmington, 8th March at Holdgate, 15th March at Munslow, 22nd March at Tugford, 29th March at Diddlebury, 5th April at Broadstone.