

# CORVEDALE NEWS

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*St Peter's Church, Stanton Lacy*

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- **Shropshire Council** on 0345 6478 9028 or at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)
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*What's on in the Dale - Dates for Your Diary*

Please note that the deadline for all submissions to the Corvedale News is Tuesday 15th March.

**March 2022**

Every	Mon	<b>Corvedale Choir</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every	Tues	<b>Blue Hills Choir</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	10.00am
Every	Tues	<b>Corvedale Artists</b>	Beambridge Club Room	10.00am
1st	Tue	<b>Culmington Parish Council Meeting</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7.00pm
3rd	Thu	<b>Clover Club</b>	Westhope Village Hall	TBC
3rd	Thu	<b>Munslow Parish Council Meeting</b>	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
5th	Sat	<b>Books, Biscuits and Coffee</b>	Diddlebury Church Room	10.00am - 2.00pm
7th	Mon	<b>Westhope Whist Drive</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
8th	Tue	<b>Munslow Jubilee Meeting</b>	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
8th	Tue	<b>RSPB Talk - Otters and Pine Martens</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
9th	Wed	<b>Underwater - A World Apart</b>	Beambridge Club Room	2.00pm
9th	Wed	<b>Diddlebury WI Meeting</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
10th	Thu	<b>Corvedale Book Group</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
10th	Thu	<b>Hayton &amp; District WI</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
10th	Thu	<b>Abdon &amp; Heath Parish Council Meeting</b>	Abdon Village Hall	7.30pm
12th	Sat	<b>Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning</b>	Abdon Village Hall	10.00am - 12.30pm
12th	Sat	<b>Vaughan Williams 150</b>	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	7.30pm
17th	Thu	<b>Flicks in the Sticks - The Courier</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
18th	Fri	<b>Corvedale Folk Club</b>	The Sun Inn, Corfton	8.15pm
19th	Sat	<b>Corvedale Garden Group</b>	Bury Court Gardens, Wigmore, HR6 9UP	10.00am
19th	Sat	<b>Di Xiao</b>	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	7.30pm
19th	Sat	<b>Westhope Supper Dance</b>	Westhope Village Hall	8.00pm
20th	Sun	<b>RSPB Walk</b>	Sowdley Wood	TBC
21st	Mon	<b>Westhope Whist Drive</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
23rd	Wed	<b>Corvedale Centre for Children AGM</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
23rd	Wed	<b>Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
23rd	Wed	<b>Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBC	9.30am
24th	Thu	<b>Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBC	9.30am
25th	Fri	<b>John Kirkpatrick</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
25th	Fri	<b>Westhope Bingo Night</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
26th	Sat	<b>Little Buttons Baby Market</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.30am - 12.30pm
26th	Sat	<b>Coffee and Cake Morning</b>	Abdon Village Hall	10.00am - 12.30pm
27th	Sun	<b>The Academy of St Laurence</b>	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	4.00pm
27th	Sun	<b>Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBC	9.30am

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## UNDERWATER - A WORLD APART

An illustrated talk giving an insight into the world under the sea by an experienced local scuba diver.

**At Beambridge Clubroom,**  
Millichope Estate Yard, SY7 9HD  
**on Wednesday 9th March 2022**  
at 2.00pm. Doors open at 1.45pm.

There will be light refreshments after the talk.  
All are welcome.

Free entry but any donations will be gratefully received and will be shared equally between the Midlands Air Ambulance and Munslow WI.

*This event is hosted by Munslow WI*

## 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*



*What's on in the Dale*

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Launch Event  
for  
**The Corvedale Festival**  
*International in Scope - Local in Feel*

The  
**Jarualda Quartet**

Mendelssohn ~ Quartet Op.44 No.2  
Vaughan Williams ~ Quartet No.1  
& Debussy ~ Quartet Op.10

Alex Postlethwaite & David Joyce ~ Violins  
Jane Park ~ Viola & Ruth Henley ~ Cello

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 ~ Diddlebury Village Hall  
6.00 pm Buffet ~ 7.30 pm Concert

Tickets £20 including Finger Buffet with Pay Bar  
available from

Aston Munslow Garage, or by Tel: 07745 825700,

Corvedale Festival 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
[www.corvedalefestival.org](http://www.corvedalefestival.org)

**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](mailto:info@halimacassell.com)

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



*Diddlebury*  
**OPEN GARDENS**

**Save the date**  
**Sunday 26 June 2022**

If you would like to open your garden please contact Sara on 07968 027 757 or at [sara602@btinternet.com](mailto:sara602@btinternet.com)  
More details to follow soon.

All proceeds to Diddlebury Village Hall  
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*What's on in the Dale***Little Buttons Baby Market**

Diddlebury Village Hall  
26th March  
Saturday  
9.30- 12.30pm

tables cost:  
£5.00 / table  
Entry to the event  
will be  
50p /adult  
(little buttons free)

If you are interested to sell your baby's old clothes, toys, books that you no longer need please get in touch to book a table.

Contact Domic  
tel:  
07530115789  
email: littlebuttonsmarket@yahoo.com  
facebook:  
Little Buttons Market

*An entertaining evening with*  
**John Kirkpatrick**

EFDSS Gold Badge Award for outstanding contribution to English Folk Music  
BBC Radio 2 - Musician of the Year 2010

**Culmington Village Hall**

**Friday, 25th March at 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £10 - Bar open from 6pm**

*for more info or to book tickets contact:*

**John or Yvonne - 01584 861802**

**Vaughan Williams 150**

To celebrate 150 years since the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams, the Edge Chamber Choir will be performing his Mass in G Minor on

**Saturday 12 March, 7.30pm,  
at St Laurence's, Ludlow.**

The concert will also contain gorgeous music by Stanford, Elgar, Finzi, Parry, Holst, Ravel and Joubert, composers who either influenced or were influenced by Vaughan Williams.

Tickets are £12 (under 16s free) and will be available on the door.

**DOG WALKER/DOG SITTER  
COVERING MUCH WENLOCK  
AND THE CORVEDALE**

I can provide daily walks or just check on your pets if you are out for the day

Please contact Sarah on **07976 067 636**

**Corvedale Centre for Children  
AGM**

Public are invited to attend

**Wednesday 23rd March 2022 - 7:30pm  
Diddlebury Village Hall Meeting Room**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of last AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chair's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Approval of amendments to Constitution:  
No longer a Childcare provider
7. Election of the committee: Including:  
Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
8. To approve a list of meeting dates for 2022/2023
9. A.O.B

This meeting will be followed by an Ordinary Business Meeting

Any queries: Please contact Chair:  
Wendy Richards: 07813 271 274



*What's on in the Dale*

## Spring Craft Fayre

at Craven Arms Community Centre

on Sunday 10th April 2022

10.00am until 3.00pm

Sales tables will include jewellery, paintings, knitted and embroidered items, honey and beeswax items, toys, soaps and lots more.

Tables are £12. Please ring to book yours.

Please ring for more details 01588 672 847

## Corvedale Folk Club RETURNS!

at The Sun Inn, Corfton

on Friday 18th March

at 8:15pm

and on the 3rd Friday of each month thereafter

Free entry! Everyone welcome!

For further information contact Ian on 01584 841 331



## CORVEDALE TOTS

For Bumps, Babies, Toddlers & Parents!

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10AM - 12PM  
(TERM TIME ONLY)

BABY AREA, TODDLER AREA, BALL PIT, PLANNED ACTIVITY  
AND SELECTION OF RIDE ON TOYS.  
HOT DRINK AND CAKE INCLUDED.



£2 PER FAMILY



WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL,  
WESTHOPE,  
CRAVEN ARMS,  
SY7 9JL

### Arts@St Laurence - March 2022

Further information: Recitals and Concerts—St Laurence ([stlaurences.org.uk](http://stlaurences.org.uk))



#### The Edge Chamber Choir

Saturday 12 March 7.30pm

#### Vaughan Williams 150

Mass in G minor and other pieces by Vaughan Williams, plus music by those he influenced or was influenced by, including Stanford, Parry, Elgar, Howells, Ravel and Holst.

Tickets: £12 (under 16s free) [www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk](http://www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk)



### DI XIAO

Saturday 19 March 7.30pm

#### Piano Recital

#### To Spring

TICKETS: £18 [www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk](http://www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk)



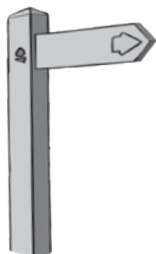
Inaugural concert

### The Academy of St Laurence

Sunday 27 March 4.00pm

Featuring Elgar's Serenade  
with works by Vivaldi, Purcell, Grieg and Bach

TICKETS: £15 (children under 16 free)  
[www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk](http://www.ludlowassemblyrooms.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:

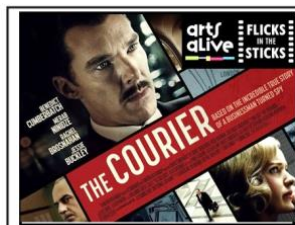
March	Wednesday 23rd	Friday 25th	Sunday 27th
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*Diddlebury Village Hall*[www.diddleburyvillagehall.org](http://www.diddleburyvillagehall.org)

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

**THE COURIER** 12A

Benedict Cumberbatch

7.45 pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Diddlebury Village Hall

Bar opens 7.15 pm

Tickets £5



in Diddlebury Village Hall

**THE NEST** 15A Thriller Starring  
Jude Law, Carrie Coon

7.45 pm Thursday

21<sup>st</sup> April

Diddlebury Village Hall

Bar opens 7.15 pm

Tickets £5

**WEST  
SIDE  
STORY**

Coming Soon

Diddlebury Village Hall

## SAVE THE DATE:



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**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL:** Concert by the JARUALDA QUARTET with pre-concert buffet. This is a launch event for a new Arts Festival to be held in the Corvedale between 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September. Full details in the separate Jarualda Quartet advertisement.

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE***Diddlebury***OPEN GARDENS****STOP PRESS!**

The Village Hall now holds a licence for streaming TV programmes such as sporting fixtures. Check the website and Facebook for forthcoming dates.  
(We also have a card machine for bar and ticket purchases, etc.)

## CLASSES AND GROUP MEETINGS

**Tai Chi**

Classes: Thursdays, 10.00-11.00am

All participants must book in advance. Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014498/[enidgill21@hotmail.com](mailto:enidgill21@hotmail.com).**Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates**Classes: Fridays, 9.15-10.15am. Please contact Beverley on: 07967 814412/ [beverleychumber@sky.com](mailto:beverleychumber@sky.com).**Book Group**Second Thursday of each month, 7.30pm. Please contact Cath Burley on: [cathburley@hotmail.com](mailto:cathburley@hotmail.com).**Corvedale Choir**

Mondays, 7.30pm

**Blue Hills Choir**

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*

January is a difficult month to predict the weather, but we went ahead and continued with our fortnightly whist drives, which were welcomed by all the regulars. We welcomed two additional players to our last whist drive and hopefully we can attract more in the coming months now that Covid restrictions are being eased. On the alternate Mondays we are proposing to have a couple of informal whist drives for people who would like to brush up on their whist skills and for anyone who would like to learn. If any of you know someone in that category and would like to take part, please let us know. Maybe a cup of tea and a piece of cake might help!

We had a very entertaining Cash Bingo evening on 28th January with several newcomers, let's hope we can build on that in the future. Refreshments of tea and biscuits and our very popular licensed bar.

A big thank to everyone for their contributions to the poppy appeal, we raised £69.04, which was very good for our small village.

A public meeting was held on 16th of February, and it was decided that for the Jubilee celebrations we would join a parish wide approach to mark this momentous occasion. Discussions are ongoing and we hope that everyone will join in with the celebrations. Date and venue to be announced in due course.

We still need more ideas for fundraising and ongoing events, it really is imperative that we either use the hall or lose the hall.

*Betty Manley*

**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.

**YOGA with SUE PUGH**

*Every Thursday, 9:15 - 10:15am and 10:30 - 11:30am.* There are now a few spaces available in each class. Sue is fully qualified and insured. To book a space contact Betty on 07860 447 397

**MONTHLY BINGO**

The next bingo night is **Friday 25th March**. 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.

**WHIST DRIVES**

Whist drives are up and running now, and are run fortnightly, all welcome. Start time 7:30pm. **March dates will be the 7th and 21st.**

**WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB**

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

**SUPPER DANCE**

**Saturday 19th March** with Country and Western and music through the ages. This promises to be a great evening so please come along and support us. Tickets £6 including supper. Licensed Bar. 8.00pm till late.

**WESTHOPE'S ROOF APPEAL**

Curry, Comedy and Promise Auction. **Saturday 7th May** 7.00pm till late.

**LICENSED BAR**

Look out in the next edition for the list of promises and more information.

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

Enquiries on hiring the hall are also welcome.

## Church News



## Letter from the Rectory

Lent this year begins on 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, which we will mark with a service at Munslow at 7.30pm. During Lent we remember the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, following his baptism, as he thought and prayed about his future ministry and how it might best be carried out. The gospels record how he was tempted – turning stones into bread (winning followers by offering free food), jumping off the highest point of the Temple (wowing the crowd with spectacular tricks) and worshipping the devil (the pursuit of evil). All of these temptations he resisted. The gospels go on to record the way his ministry was undertaken through teaching and healing, informing people and restoring God's creation to its intended wholeness.

All of this is, perhaps, important to remember as we look at the world around us; a world in which fake news and alternative facts are a part of life to an extent that many of us would never have imagined only a few years ago. As we are bombarded with the modern equivalent of the Roman 'bread and circuses' it can be difficult to focus on the things that are true and give meaning to life. Christians believe that as God's people we find truth through the life and teaching of Jesus and we try our best to live our lives putting what he taught into practice, whilst knowing that we won't always get it right. We cannot change the world doing this individually, but if enough people do it together all things are possible.

To help us focus on this season of Lent there will, once again, be services of Compline on Wednesday evenings – details elsewhere in the magazine. Each service lasts about half an hour and can be an opportunity for quiet reflection and time out from all that distracts us, so that we can focus on that which we think is important. If you've never been before you are welcome to come along. The words of the collect (the special prayer) for the Third Sunday before Lent spring to mind: *Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found.* Do join us as we journey through Lent.

Rev'd John Beesley

## St Peter's, Diddlebury

As we return to normality, the fund-raisers are beginning to look towards getting into action again. On **Saturday 5th March** there will be a morning of **Books, Biscuits and Coffee** in the **Church Room** from **10am until 2pm**. I understand that the ladies plan to have a range of different home-made biscuits on offer to go with the coffee, and there will also be a sale of books. So remember **'BBC'** on **March 5th** and be sure of an enjoyable and tasty event.

More news of events in next month's magazine.

Martin Speight

**STOP PRESS:** The annual **Plant Sale** will take place on **Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd April** in the churchyard. Full details next month.

## Food Bank

We have collection points for the Ludlow food bank at Culmington (just inside the church) and at Diddlebury (in the church porch). Items for the food bank can be left at the Rectory, too. 2021 was the busiest year yet for the food bank in Ludlow and the rising cost of living means that the need for their help is likely to increase - particularly in the school holidays when children are not having a meal at school. All contributions are gratefully received. Thank you.

Rev'd John Beesley

## Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



## March 2022

6th Mrs Hankinson\*

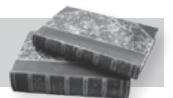
13th Mrs Hankinson\*

20th Mrs Clinton\*

27th Mrs Clinton\*

\*Brasses only

## From the Registers



## Funerals

10th February

Ruth Wathes

Culmington

## Abdon Village Hall Events

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee party at Abdon Village Hall Thursday 2nd June

More details to follow next time...

## UFO (Un Finished Objects) Craft Morning

Saturday 12th March

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 &amp; Cake Morning

Saturday 26th March

10.30am - 12.30pm

Come and join us, everyone welcome!

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Or visit our website for the village hall booking form and details: [www.abdonandheathparish.org](http://www.abdonandheathparish.org)



## The Corvedale Kitchen



### Chicken and Prawn Jambalaya

A jambalaya is a New Orleans dish containing the 'Holy Trinity' of onion, pepper and celery. It also usually, as here, includes 'the Pope' (garlic).

A great dish at any time of the year and all made in one saucepan!

#### Ingredients (Serves 4)

2 onions (chopped)	1 large chicken breast (cut into bite-sized pieces)
2 large garlic cloves (crushed)	250g basmati rice
1 green or red pepper (diced)	50g chorizo (chopped)
2-3 sticks of celery (diced)	400g tin chopped tomatoes
2 tbsp oil	1 chicken stock cube
1 bay leaf	500ml boiling water
½ tsp cayenne pepper	25g flat-leaved parsley
200g cooked king prawns - thawed	1 lemon
½ tsp Tabasco	

#### Method

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan and stir in the onion and garlic. Cook for 5 minutes, then stir in the diced pepper, celery and bay leaf. Season with salt, pepper and cayenne. Cook for 10 minutes.
2. Mix prawns with Tabasco. Stir the chicken pieces into the vegetables and once cooked add chorizo, rice, tomatoes and stock. Bring to a simmer, reduce heat, stir, cover and cook for 20 minutes. Add the prawns, cover and cook for further 10 minutes.
3. Stir chopped parsley through the jambalaya, then serve with lemon.

Martin Jones

## Corvedale Book Group



### Life After Life by Kate Atkinson

*Life after Life* was Kate Atkinson's debut novel. It takes the story of Ursula Todd's life and constantly rewrites it with different modifications in each iteration. It builds on an idea we have all had at times. What would have happened if...? I had been born a princess and not a commoner, lived in a different family, or elsewhere in the world, had different parents or siblings, a different education or career, a different spouse or partner, children or not? What if something I did really changed the course of history?

Ursula is born on a snowy night on 11 February 1910 at Fox Corner, into a middle-class family. Her mother Sylvie loves babies and has other children, unlikeable Maurice, pragmatic Pamela, and later baby Teddy. Her husband Hugh, a banker, comes and goes on the train. The house is completed by Mrs. Glover, the cook, and Bridget, the maid of all work. The book is richly filled with other characters - neighbours, villagers, the doctor and midwife, Hugh's sister Izzy. Kate Atkinson writes well and describes her characters in depth. The chapters move between 1910 to the beginning and end of the first world war, 1930, then the Second World War, constantly alternating with Ursula's birth in different circumstances in 1910. Everyone has a story, and the stories differ, but all have common themes. Which is the real story, or the right story? How does one part of a story lead to another? If one thing hadn't happened to you, would other things not have followed? What is it that has made you who you really are?

Following the chronology was at times challenging. The detailed descriptions of the characters and the 'Englishness' of their lives in the country, mealtimes and picnics, the school room and childhood squabbles and illnesses were engaging. In one version of the story Ursula dies at birth, in another she lives, but then dies when she falls out of a window as a toddler. In yet another, she goes to Germany as a young woman, meets Eva Braun, and contemplates killing Hitler to prevent the personal and international consequences of WWII. It's a book packed with events. As Ursula moves through her lives, she appears to have premonitions at times and tries not to repeat the mistakes of earlier versions of herself.

The descriptions of the war are detailed and well researched. The impact of the war on the struggles of domestic life, the impact of the Blitz on London's buildings, the numbing reality of constant death, destruction and uncertainty on both individuals and the population are all evoked by Kate Atkinson's skillful use of language and her care for her readers. Despite the tragic things which occur, you are not overwhelmed.

The book provoked an interesting discussion about social history, the universality of Ursula's experiences, and our own. It is well worth a read.

Our next read is *Exit West* by Moisin Hamid, which we will discuss on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm.

Cath Burley

## Caring for God's Acre



### Something is happening near you!

I have an invitation for you this month, an offer you cannot refuse! Caring for God's Acre has a brand new project and it is coming to a churchyard near you now. 'Opening the Ark' is based in the South Shropshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and between now and next March is hoping to lure you into a local churchyard to enjoy yourselves whatever your age. It will help you to learn more about the amazing places that are our burial grounds and to take part in one of the many activities planned by the Opening the Ark Team in the 26 chosen places.

Just to whet your appetite here's a few facts about that land around our Shropshire churches. They have many yew trees locally that are more than 1,000 years old (and the odd one that is even older!). The white and yellow spots on gravestones are not made by messy birds; they are in fact lichens, many of which are only ever found in graveyards. Toadstools and mushrooms enjoy the environment too, undisturbed for hundreds of years, and many are home to a plethora of wildflowers.

Kirsty Stevens ([kirsty@cfga.org.uk](mailto:kirsty@cfga.org.uk)) is leading the project, ably assisted by Megan Gallant ([megan@cfga.org.uk](mailto:megan@cfga.org.uk)) and they are planning a programme of activities and events.

This will focus on nature-based volunteer involvement and participation, which they hope will help reverse the loss of habitats and species decline. This will include discovery days with environmental art, bug hunts, nature walks and activities. Children will be encouraged and entertained - and educated - with some schools already aboard this Ark. Conservation is also on the agenda with a chance to try a variety of skills, including learning to scythe with the Churchyard Task Team.

It is not all physical stuff, as you will get the opportunity to go on a nature walk, hear some great speakers at a series of talks, and the planned 'Hay Days' in June could give you some good ideas for your own garden; takeaway hay to help create your own meadow and a chance to just enjoy the peace that is a churchyard.

To find out more and keep informed go to the email address above or: [www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/opening-the-ark/](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/opening-the-ark/)

If on Facebook search for 'Opening the Ark'

Anni Holden Calver

CfGA trustee & member of The Churchyard Task Team  
Secretary of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group

## Ludlow Rotary Invites Grant Applications



'Ludlow Rotary Cares' is the name the Rotary Club of Ludlow has given to a scheme aimed at offering modest grants of up to £500 to charities and other organisations supporting community life in and around Ludlow.

Over the last 7 years Ludlow Rotary has been able to invest over £30,000 in 60 local community projects in this way. After a gap of 2 years when fundraising has been difficult due to Covid restrictions, the Club is delighted to be able to invest again in our community.

Local charities and other community organisations are therefore invited to apply for a grant.

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, 15 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 a grant will make.

Further information can be found on the website [www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk](http://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 **10th April 2022**.

Those shortlisted will be invited to an evening event at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall, SY8 4BZ on **24th 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 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: [lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk](mailto:lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk).

Barry Forrester, Ludlow Rotary Club

## RSPB Talks & Walks 2022



**TALKS** All talks start at 7.30pm in Culmington Village Hall. Membership for the year is £10. Entry on each evening will be £2 for Members and £4 for visitors. Refreshments included.

Tuesday 8th March	- Stuart Edmunds	- Otters and Pine Martens
Tuesday 12th April	- Martin George	- What does ringing teach us about birds?

### WALKS

Sunday 20th March	- Sowdley Wood/Clunton	Wednesday 8th June	- Wenlock Edge
Thursday 14th April	- Kinver Edge	Saturday 9th July	- Catherton Common
Monday 9th May	- The Wrekin		

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



*Diddlebury & Westhope WI***A lovely start in our new venue!**

We held our AGM meeting at our new venue of Culmington Village Hall on Wednesday 9th February. It was great to see those that could make it and it was especially lovely to welcome two new members, Amanda and Marian. We had quite a bit to discuss, I won't bore you with the details and confirmed everyone would be doing the same jobs for the next year at least. It was just lovely to meet up and have a good catch up and hear everyone's news. We enjoyed a great supper. We always have soup for our AGM and Sainsbury's 'homemade', didn't disappoint, the homemade bread, cheese scones, rock cakes and profiteroles were very good too.

We are looking forward to our next meeting on **Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm**. We are having a taster evening, please come along and see if you'd like to come more regularly. There is no commitment, to be honest there isn't ever any commitment, you can just come along to meetings if you fancy a particular speaker/event and pay a £1.00 guest fee. We'll be doing a bit of advertising around the villages over the next few weeks to invite you to join us on the 9th.

If you would like any further information, just get in touch. Look forward to maybe seeing some of you next month.

*Jane Cockburn, 01584 841 483, pmc1989@btinternet.com*

*Munslow WI*

A New Year and a fresh look to our WI. Lorraine welcomed members and guests and explained how, in the future, most business will be dealt with at committee meetings leaving more time for speakers, entertainment and most important of all tea, cake and chat!

This month we welcomed Harriet McInnes and a colleague who enlightened us on their work and dedication at our local Refuge. The Refuge is a safe place for women, children and occasionally men, who seek protection from abusive partners. The number of individuals and families needing this sort of protection is growing all the time. The main shelter houses ten families at a time and there is no limit to how long they can stay in the Refuge - some may only need a few hours, whilst others could be there

for several months. Those who arrive at the Refuge have often left their homes in a hurry so are in urgent need of essentials i.e., clothes, toiletries, food etc. The Refuge can supply these items but are extremely reliant on donations of bedding, towels and even toys for the children. It is our aim to raise funds for such a worthy project and donate some of these items. Harriet was warmly thanked by Lorraine.

In March, Mr. Barry Archer is coming to talk and show us slides on **Deep Sea Diving**. This is an open meeting beginning at *2.00pm on Wednesday 9th March at Beambridge Club Room*. For more information contact me on *01584 841 251*.

*Jenny Rose*

*Hayton & District WI*

Phyllis welcomed a smaller group than usual to our February meeting. Apologies for absence were taken and minutes of the last meeting read, approved, and signed; Vivienne de Haan then took a few minutes to ask for suggestions for our involvement in the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, together with the Village Hall committee and the Parish Council; she agreed to be the WI representative in a group to coordinate a Stanton Lacy Parish Celebration, and to keep us informed of any plans being proposed. Other business included plans for our own 75th anniversary in October/November, requests for contributions of cakes for the St Peter's Snowdrop weekend, highlights from the Federation newsletter and correspondence received.

Phyllis then introduced our speaker for the evening, Victoria Allen, together with her 2 assistants, Sandy, and Angie. As a well know local Funeral Director, we were interested to hear what her presentation entitled 'From Black to Green' would contain. She told us that she had been in the business for 28 years, setting up on her own some 16 years ago having first been introduced to the

profession by her grandfather who had provided the funds for her training with his legacy. She now handles over 200 ceremonies a year, not only locally - the furthest took her to Italy - and so was well qualified to give a real insight into this varied and often little spoken of career. In recent years there has been a general increase in 'green' funerals (hence 'Black to Green'). Victoria brought several examples of sustainable caskets made of willow, sea grass and bamboo which are used in these burials.

Phyllis thanked Victoria for a most interesting and not at all depressing insight into her life as a funeral director and answering the many questions that followed.

The next meeting will be on **March 10th** when Mike Jackson will give a talk with slides entitled '**The Fun Factory, how ATV became Central Television (and sobered up)**' and the competition, letter 'S'; for more information, please ring Phyllis on *01584 823 436*, visitors and new members are always welcome.

*Barbara Wright*

**Poetry Corner** *Some verses for March.*

If you have written any poems, or have any favourites you would like to have printed in future editions of the Corvedale News, please send them to:  
[editor@corvedalenews.com](mailto:editor@corvedalenews.com)

**Quintus Horatius Flaccus (65BC – 8BC)**

*Known in the English-speaking world as Horace, he was the leading Roman lyric poet during the time of Augustus (also known as Octavian). The rhetorician Quintilian regarded his Odes as just about the only Latin lyrics worth reading: 'He can be lofty sometimes, yet he is also full of charm and grace, versatile in his figures, and felicitously daring in his choice of words.'*

*Horace also crafted elegant hexameter verses (Satires and Epistles). The hexameters are amusing yet serious works, friendly in tone, leading the ancient satirist Persius to comment: 'as his friend laughs, Horace slyly puts his finger on his every fault; once let in, he plays about the heartstrings.' Over 2000 years old and still relevant. This poem is in the public domain*

**Book 1 Satire 2**

The guild of girl flute-players, the quacks who sell drugs,  
 The beggars, the jesters, the actresses, all of that tribe  
 Are sad: they grieve that the singer Tigellius has died:  
 He was so generous they say. But this fellow over here,  
 Afraid of being a spendthrift, grudges his poor friend  
 Whatever might stave off the pangs of hunger and cold.  
 And if you ask that man there why, in his greedy ingratitude,  
 He's squandering his father's and grandfather's noble estate  
 Buying up gourmet foodstuffs with money he's borrowed,  
 It's so as not to be thought a mean-spirited miser.  
 By some men that's praised and by others condemned.  
 While Fufidius, rich in land and the money he's lent,  
 Afraid of earning the name of a wastrel and spendthrift,  
 Charges sixty per cent per annum, docked in advance,  
 And presses you harder the nearer you are to ruin.  
 He gathers in debts from young men with harsh fathers  
 Kids who've just taken to wearing the toga: 'Great Jove'  
 All cry on hearing it, 'but surely he spends on himself  
 In line with his earnings? Well, you'd scarcely believe  
 How bad a friend he is to himself? That father who exiled  
 His son, whom Terence's play depicts as living so  
 Wretchedly, never tortured himself more than he does.

**Charlotte Mew (15th Nov 1869 - 24th Mar 1928)**

*Charlotte Mew was an English poet whose work spans the eras of Victorian poetry and Modernism. Her first poem was published in the Yellow Book (Oscar Wilde, Aubrey Beardsley). She was almost certainly chastely lesbian and dressed accordingly. She gained the patronage of several literary figures, notably Thomas Hardy, who called her the best woman poet of her day; Virginia Woolf, who said she was 'very good and interesting and quite unlike anyone else', and Siegfried Sassoon. Published by kind permission of the Carcanet Press*

**Sea Love**

Tide be runnin' the great world over:  
 'Twas only last June month I mind that we  
 Was thinkin' the toss and the call in the breast of the lover  
 So everlastin' as the sea.  
 Here's the same little fishes that sputter and swim,  
 Wi' the moon's old glim on the grey, wet sand;  
 An' him no more to me nor me to him  
 Than the wind goin' over my hand.

**Rainer Maria Rilke (4th Dec 1875 - 29th Dec 1926)**

*Rilke was an Austrian poet and novelist. He is widely recognized as one of the most lyrically intense German-language poets. He wrote both verse and highly lyrical prose. I include the first two stanzas of this poem as Ukraine is currently in the news. This poem is in the public domain*

**Charles the Twelfth of Sweden Rides in the Ukraine**

Kings in old legends seem  
 Like mountains rising in the evening light.  
 They blind all with their gleam,  
 Their loins encircled are by girdles bright,  
 Their robes are edged with bands  
 Of precious stones, the rarest earth affords.  
 With richly jewelled hands  
 They hold their slender, shining, naked swords.

A young king from the North did fare,  
 Defeated in the Ukraine.  
 He hated springtime and women's hair  
 And the sound of the harps' refrain.  
 Upon a steel grey horse he rode,  
 And like steel was his grey eyes' glance;  
 Never for woman had they glowed,  
 And to none had he lowered his lance.  
 Never a woman his colours claimed,  
 And none to kiss him would dare;  
 For at times, when his quick wrath flamed,  
 A moon of pearls he would tear  
 From a coil of wondrous hair.  
 When seized by melancholy mood  
 He wreaked his will of a maid as he would,  
 And the bridegroom, whose ring she wore, pursued  
 Through the glade and across the heath  
 With a hundred hounds for many a rood.

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## *The Story of Aston Hall*

### Part Two: The Smiths in Residence

In last month's article we saw that in 1606 the Aston estate effectively became separated from the Smith family's main holding in Warwickshire and forming what amounted to a younger son's estate. We know that Francis Smith III, the first to be termed 'of Aston', died in 1678, and was buried at Munslow, as his wife had been in 1669. Neither appears to have had a monument, although the family seems to have appropriated the chapel on the south side of the chancel in Munslow church (now the vestry) as their own private chapel. Here they could no doubt recite the rosary and read the Breviary while the rest of the congregation followed the service. It does seem rather odd that this takeover of part of the church by relative parvenus (and Catholics to boot!) appears to have been taken calmly by the Littletons, who were the leading family in the parish.

The appearance of the Smiths in the parish some time around 1660 neatly confirms the architectural evidence for the construction of the Hall in its present form at this date. The late Madge Moran, the acknowledged authority on Shropshire traditional buildings, dates the building to this time, but also mentions the incorporation of part of an earlier timber-framed structure. In 1678 Francis IV succeeded his father, but we know relatively little about him apart from the fact that he married Audrey Attwood. Her parents seem to have been minor gentry, but only appear in the parish registers when their burials were recorded. There is no record of the burial of either Francis or Anne in the Munslow registers, nor did Francis have a will proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

We know rather more about Francis V, who married Catherine Southcote, daughter of Sir George Southcote, knight and baronet, of Blyborough, Lincolnshire. Being Roman Catholics, they do not appear in the registers of baptism or marriage, but we do know that in addition to a son, Francis (VI), they had a daughter Catharine who was a nun, probably at Douai in what is now Belgium, and who died at the age of 17. Francis V was buried at

Munslow on 15th March 1721, and was followed by his wife on 30th September. She was the only Smith of Aston commemorated by a monument in Munslow church, which still survives in the vestry. It is a somewhat crude stone wall tablet, presumably of local workmanship. When David Parkes recorded the coat of arms in 1825, it was in rather better condition than it is today. There is another Smith monument of this decade at Kidlington, near Oxford. This is to Charles, second son of Francis Smith of Aston. What he was doing at Kidlington when he died is at present still a mystery.

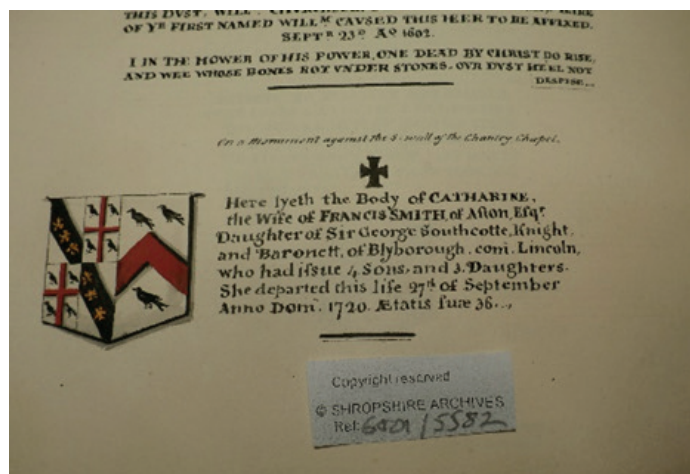
### A short but relevant digression

In order to understand some of the later developments, we must go back three generations. Francis III had an elder brother Charles, who had been born in 1602. He had inherited the Wootton estates and some other lands in Warwickshire from his father, and lands at Ashby Folville in Leicestershire from his mother. Like many Catholics, Charles was zealous in the royal cause during the Civil War, and his conduct in 1643 earned him the title of Baron Carington of Wootton, and four days later Viscount Carington of Barreforre in the Irish peerage. However, after the king's defeat, Carington's estates were confiscated by Parliament. He fled to France, where he stayed until his death in 1665 at the hands of his manservant. His son Francis, Second Viscount, succeeded to the title and the estates, and at Wootton in 1687 he rebuilt the old manor as a grand mansion. The Second Viscount died in 1701 without children, and the title passed to his brother Charles. The Third Viscount did not inherit the estates, because his brother had left them, with the exception of some properties in Stratford, to his wife and her heirs (the Smiths of Aston) – presumably because he knew that Charles, though married, had no heirs of his body. Charles died in 1706, and his titles died with him, as only direct descendants of the original recipient of the title could inherit it, thus ruling out

four male cousins who were alive at the time. Francis V of Aston was the heir to the whole of the family estates, but was prevented from obtaining them by the Dowager Countess's life interest, and she was to enjoy them for another 42 years.

To be concluded

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*Arms and inscription, Catherine Smith  
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*Smith grave at  
Kidlington, Oxfordshire  
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*The Corvedale News Team*

## Corvedale Garden Group

Finally, a new start for the Garden Group, after two years without being able to meet. Fifty enthusiastic people met in Diddlebury Village Hall to listen to Chris Evans, from Applewood Permaculture Centre at Orleton Common, explain how the principles of permaculture could underpin our work in our gardens. Permaculture as a term originated in the 1970s. It was defined by Bill Mollison as 'a philosophy of working with, rather than against, nature; of protracted and thoughtful observation rather than protracted and thoughtless labour; and of looking at plants and animals in all their functions, rather than treating any area as a single product system'. Lea Harrison elaborated on that definition stating, 'Permaculture is the conscious application of the principles of ecology to the design of sustainable (regenerative) human habitats'.

Chris encouraged us to think about the *context* of our gardening, Where we are now? in relation to *our vision*, *Where do we want to go?* and the *process, the steps we need in order to get there*. As food production, farming, fishing, and forestry have moved towards monoculture, the natural world has lost a great deal of protective diversity which enables the planet to regenerate itself from its own resources. The planetary consequences, in terms of famine, drought, global warming and flood have resulted, in part, from the move away from biodiversity and natural regeneration. Chris talked about restoring the interconnectedness of natural systems and optimising the use of natural resources (sunlight, rainfall, wind and

landscape, indigenous planting) with human capital - where people talk and share their engagement in the natural world to improve their health and well-being, as well as making small local steps to feed themselves and thus eventually to protect the planet.

The zones of interconnectedness begin with home and family, moving outwards from intensive production of small gardens to orchards and small livestock, main areas of farm crops, managed woodland, and pasture, finally to wilderness. In each of the zones, designs will be similar but unique to the person and their circumstances, all making the best use of available resources. If you put 'permaculture garden design plans' into your web browser, you will come across some amazingly beautiful and detailed diagrams which help to show how this might work.

Chris gave us many examples of local people, firms and systems applying these principles: on Wenlock Edge, the Clee, Picklescott and at Westons Cider. His talk generated many questions and a lot of talk.

We then enjoyed time to meet members old and new and to chat over coffee and excellent refreshments. With thanks to all those who helped with the refreshments and raffle, brought plants and seeds to swap, set up the room and cleared away.

Our next meeting is on **Saturday 19th March at 10.00 am at Bury Court Gardens** at Wigmore, HR6 9UP.

*Cath Burley*



## Parking on Pavements

Culmington village has very narrow lanes and is fortunate to have pavements so pedestrians can walk around the village. Car drivers parking on the pavements are causing difficulties for pedestrians, especially children, wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs. A bill is going through Parliament

at present to ban parking on pavements and verges, so it is likely to be only a matter of time before you get a ticket! In the meantime, please consider your neighbours and park on the road so you are not blocking the pavement or a neighbour's driveway.



## Time to get walking again!

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Shropshire [www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk) has hundreds of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web, but it is difficult

to find. Walking in Shropshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.'

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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## Landscapes Review

### Landscapes Review - opportunity to build on the success of AONBs & National Parks



As part of the Government's 25-year Plan for the Environment, an independent review of designated landscapes in England (National Parks and AONBs) was led by the journalist Julian Glover and published in 2019.

Since Julian's visit to the Shropshire Hills in February 2019, expectations have run high about this once in a generation opportunity to build on the success of AONBs and National Parks, by modernising their legal and operating framework and increasing their capacity.

The Government recently published its response to the Review and is taking forward many of the ambitious proposals to support AONBs and National Parks to deliver more for nature, climate, people, and places.

The Government's response is accompanied by a 12-week consultation to seek views on some of the major proposed actions, which include:

- legal changes to update the purposes of designated landscapes to include a greater focus on recovery of nature as well as improved health and wellbeing for all parts of society

- a strengthened role for protected landscape bodies to support the shift in agriculture to new policies and land management schemes
- a greater influence in planning decisions as statutory consultees

The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership has welcomed the Government's response but shares the concerns of the National Association for AONBs that more needs to be done on funding. The AONB Partnership is drafting a response to the consultation, and we encourage others to do the same.

It's an opportunity for people to shape how protected landscapes will deliver benefits for people and nature for years to come. The deadline to respond to the consultation is 9th April 2022. For more information, please go to the web address below.

[www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/our-work/aonb-family/glover-review-of-designated-landscapes](http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/our-work/aonb-family/glover-review-of-designated-landscapes)

## Diddlebury Parish Council Precept 2022-23

Following the council meeting on 26th January the precept for the next financial year was set at £8,655.00. This is an actual decrease of £11.88 on the previous year.

The council made a conscious decision to try and keep the precept the same after 3 years of increases, especially last year's £1,714.88 increase. Unlike last year we have not incurred extra costs such as the purchase of Smart Water Kits or a grant to Westhope Village Hall. By accessing our Neighbourhood Fund during the last financial year to pay for infrastructure work we have been able to reduce the amount used to top this up. We have also reduced costs by work on the local infrastructure being undertaken by councillors and local people volunteering their help. We are

always happy to accept such volunteering with painting, light repairs, and cleaning of assets.

We have however, increased the clerk's salary by £200.00 and allowed £1,350.00 for election expenses. We have included this year a contingency fund of £750.00 to cover any possible future unexpected expenses. We continue to financially support our village halls, local charities, and work such as the Flood Action Group.

A full copy of the precept can be found on DPC web site.

David Hedgley

Chair Diddlebury Parish Council

*Corvedale Past and Present***Wood-pasture - past, present, (and future?)**

Why bother to scratch around trying to discern the history of our landscape? After you've read this article you may well ask the same question! I think it's worth it for its own sake, but I would say that wouldn't I?

The traditional view was that our original British landscape, which appeared after the last Ice Age (you might use the term 'aboriginal') was in uninterrupted tree cover from coast to coast. If, however, you are a 'Vera' person, (the Dutch ecologist Franz Vera), you will be sceptical about this. Although people who study ancient pollen samples seem to come to diametrically opposed views, there are certain persuasive reasons why the 'closed canopy' explanation is not viable. Before Britain was drained in the 17th and, more especially, the 19th centuries, vast areas of lowland Britain were waterlogged or actually lakes and mires where trees do not grow. 'Closed canopy' also fails to take into account the grazing animals that would have appeared with the invasion of pioneer trees post glaciation. It is well known through the fossil record that huge herbivores such as the giant aurochs would have profoundly changed the nature of the vegetation. Vera and others believe that the processes of tree growth and vigorous herbivory would have led to a balance between animal and plants and 'mosaic wood-pasture'. The nearest we come to such a thing nowadays is what we call 'parkland', but there are big differences. Mosaics as well as trees and grazing lands would have had areas of scrub where new trees were developing in the shadow of fallen giants.

When the first Britons came along they would have had an effect on the delicate natural balance, but clearly wood-pasture worked to a degree for them. The Domesday Survey of 1086 records substantial percentages of 'silva pastilis', even though changes in delicate wood-pasture could quickly turn it to private woodland, grazing or tillage. Natural England have plotted what they believe are the remnants of ancient wood-pasture and 'parks' over the entire West Midlands. It turns out that Shropshire has comfortably the highest number of sites.

Reading this recently was no great surprise. Wood-pasture of course means some trees. Today trees are 'amenity', but in the past they were vital in the struggle to stay alive – they were working, living, things.

One of most important ways in which trees were worked was by pollarding, the practice over many

cycles of cutting them above the grazing line. They then became a source of wood and timber and 'leaf brose' for animals: 'green hews' and 'deer fall' are lovely recorded ancient names for this crop. Whilst many species of trees were pollarded – some surprising ones like holly are present locally – the great survivor to a hoary and venerable old age is the oak, and we have, locally, an astonishing number of these ancient indicators of wood-pasture and tree-management. Such oaks reduce the size of their crowns in veteran stages and become 'stag-headed', which is a natural adaption and does not indicate an undue burden of disease. Indeed, they are probably far more disease-resistant than 'standard' trees; perhaps a reason for their impressive longevity. It is a great experience to encounter one of these ancient giants if for no other reason than that they put our short lives into perspective. I also think there must be a deal of deep folk memory attached to these veteran trees, speaking of an ancient landscape and the all the generations that have been intimately connected with them. Certainly wood-pasture or parkland suggest ancient, solid, and unchanging. Often the best place to experience them is adjacent to grand country houses. In the 18th century both 'old' families and 'nouveau riche' alike fell over each other to place their houses firmly in this context.

So here is the central notion that wood-pasture was abundant here in the ancient past and leaves its mark very much up to our own day. So what of the future? An exciting development is that organisations (I think locally of the National Trust and Croft Castle) seem increasingly interested in the notion of wood-pasture, as a sensible way to use land which, we are told, if managed well, gives both a traditional crop and is ecologically extremely rich.

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PS: "ecology" is the study of the *oikos* - a Greek word meaning home. This is the very home of the natural world and nothing to do with insulating loft spaces!

PPS: someone will challenge me no doubt to show that we indeed do have a great number of local ancient pollards - but that is for another day.

*Eardisley Great Oak  
([herefordshirehistory.org.uk](http://herefordshirehistory.org.uk))  
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### ***Munslow's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations***

Our first meeting at Beambridge Clubroom agreed that we must celebrate and have lots of fun on such a special occasion. Mr and Mrs Frank Bury have kindly said that we can meet in Millichope Park, also they have a 'Raj tent', which will be available. Generously, Munslow Cricket Club will allow us to use their facilities. This is all very encouraging and there are many good ideas coming forward, but we welcome more ideas. Since the meeting other people have volunteered their help and support,

and hopefully, even more people will come to our next meeting. We want it to be a celebration that people of all ages can enjoy.

**Tuesday, 8th March at 7.30pm  
in Beambridge Clubroom**

Let's celebrate and have fun, fun, fun and more fun!  
The event will all take place over the June Bank Holiday

*Anne Donnelly*

### ***Diddlebury Parish Road Safety***

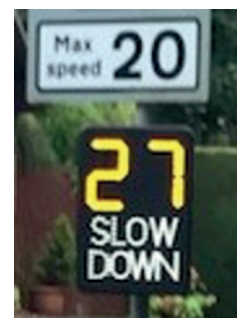
There is currently a police suspension on community group speed awareness activity along the B4368. Instead, the Diddlebury Speed indicator Device (SID) has been mounted on different signposts around Diddlebury village. Additionally, the police have supplied speed awareness stickers which can be affixed to wheelie bins.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that these measures are already impacting favourably on speeding. Although the B4368 remains a priority the SID will be mounted

in different locations throughout the parish.

If you are aware of a particular location where excess speeds are a concern, please email details to [diddleburyparishplan@gmail.com](mailto:diddleburyparishplan@gmail.com)

*Diddlebury Parish  
Plan Steering Group*



### ***Littering Makes a Mess and Costs Money***

Culmington Parish Council is very concerned about the litter, including dog mess, that is being left on or at the entrances to footpaths, particularly surrounding the village of Culmington. There is a waste bin near the telephone box that can be used for litter and bagged dog mess. The Parish Council has considered a bin near the entrance to the footpath, but to have this emptied will cost £200 per annum which will come from the precept and your Council

Tax bill. At the moment it hopes that a sign on the footpath and a reminder such as this will encourage people to do the right thing. Footpaths generally cross farmland and litter, including dog waste, can cause a health hazard for farm animals. If you do witness litter anywhere in the parish it can be reported to Shropshire Council via their website [shropshire.gov.uk/report/](http://shropshire.gov.uk/report/)

### ***Norman and Teresa Pearce to leave the Sun Inn***

The Sun Inn has been in continuous use as a pub since at least 1616. Three hundred and sixty eight years later, in 1984, Norman and Teresa Pearce took over the Sun, and now, almost 38 years later they are leaving.

Norman and Teresa came here from Hemel Hempstead where Norman had worked in the oil industry as a mechanic maintaining Shell's fleet of tankers. They soon made some changes at the Sun, adding the small restaurant in 1991. Later, Norman started the Corvedale Brewery, a tiny building at the back of the car park, and was soon selling a variety of his beers



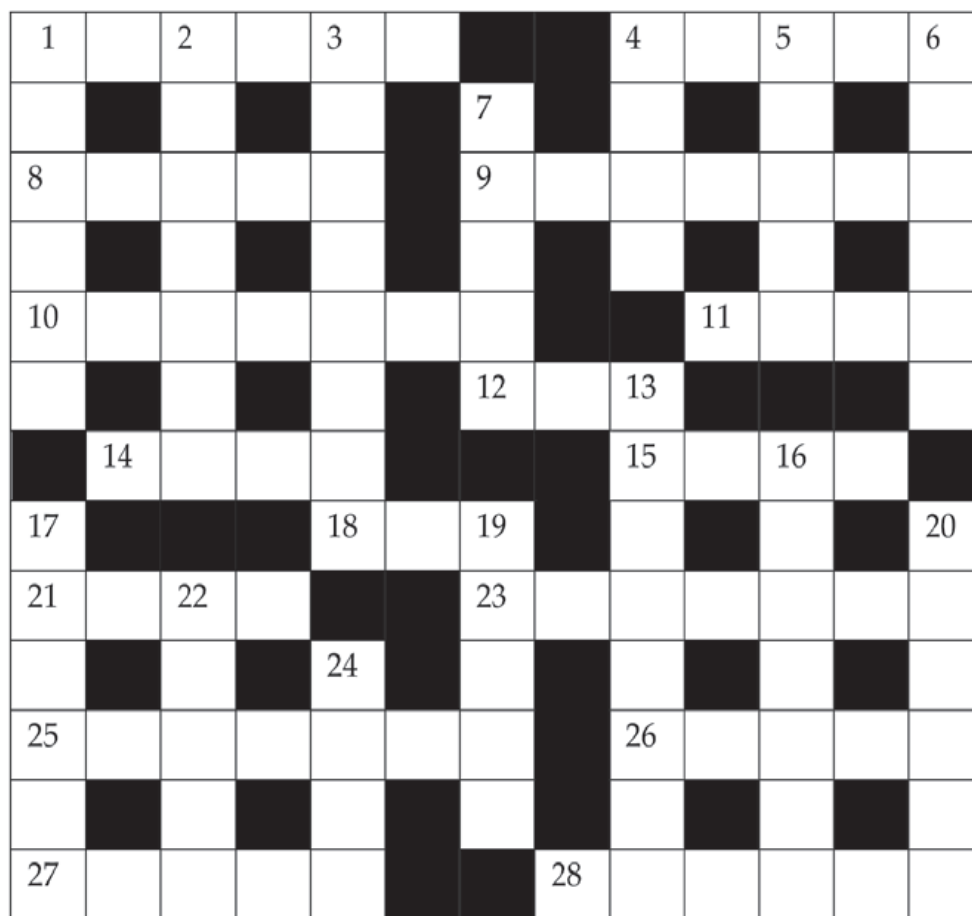
both in the Sun and in other pubs locally. This branch of the business expanded and he would deliver casks all over the West and North Midlands, although Norman's beers have been spotted as far away as Penzance and Inverness. They have won many prizes in national competitions.

Norman and Teresa have hosted a dominoes team and, in recent years, a twice-yearly quiz and carol singing at Christmas organised by Diddlebury church. They have also hosted groups such as the Flood Action Group. Many will remember the "Ale in the Dale" festivals which ran in 2012, 2013 and 2014 and raised a tidy sum for the Diddlebury Village Hall restoration. Somehow, in between all of this, Norman found time to become a parish councillor for a few years in the 1990s.

Norman and Teresa are not going far: they are buying a new house in Ludlow. We wish them both a long and happy retirement, and look forward to greeting Lee and Caroline who will take over the Sun.

*Martin Jones*



*March Crossword - by Artemonas***ACROSS**

- 1) An excellent view of the French landmark we hear (6)  
 4) Follows one they say in Paris (5)  
 8) Bend elbow under (5)  
 9) Listen for example to gossip (7)  
 10) Serious eastern disturbance (7)  
 11) Netting found in some shops (4)  
 12) Be back before Bonaparte's first retreat (3)  
 14) It takes a thousand to finish and repair (4)  
 15) Spots when Richard first has turn (5)  
 18) But I escaped from the snowman (3)  
 21) Make money from learning (4)  
 23) Naive in empty gallery (7)  
 25) Non-fire? well that's wrong (5)  
 26) Free for example back from the top (5)  
 27) Build around Crete (5)  
 28) Snare bad parent (6)

**DOWN**

- 1) Badge given to Mel on receiving the MBE (6)  
 (5) 2) Add to general disorder (7)  
 (5) 3) Wine, duly shaken would be hard to handle (8)  
 (7) 4) RIP. A sign of grief (4)  
 (7) 5) West and East recycled rubbish (5)  
 (4) 6) Royal Highness spreads myth about beating (6)  
 (3) 7) We are about to beat first chess player (5)  
 (4) 13) Fellow members rather there in barn (7)  
 (5) with an exception  
 (3) 16) Slim student in poster (7)  
 (4) 17) Cat-like on iron rail (6)  
 (7) 19) Claw found in Catalonia (5)  
 (7) 20) It peels back the rest (5)  
 (5) 22) Flier breaks arm (5)  
 (5) 24) Old King has it - courage that is (4)  
 (6)

**ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY'S CROSSWORD:**

**ACROSS:** 1) Baldest; 5) Cocoa; 8) Arena; 9) Anaemic; 10) Knavishly; 12) And; 13) Bagged; 14) Grades; 17) Lee; 18) Strenuous; 20) Interim; 21) Ghana; 23) Hedge; 24) Audible

**DOWN:** 1) Blank; 2) Lee; 3) Examine; 4) Trashy; 5) Crazy; 6) Come and go; 7) Arcades; 11) Augmented; 13) Bullish; 15) Reneged; 16) Crimea; 18) Serve; 19) Slave; 22) Alb

## Parish Councils

### DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 26th January 2022 at Diddlebury Village Hall**

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

**Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllrs R Morgan and A Watson. Unitary Cllr Motley also sent apologies.

**In attendance:** The Clerk and three members of the public.

**Declarations Of Interest:** None.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th November 2021 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman. Four matters arising were noted and discussed.

**Public Involvement:** Mrs K Worthington asked if the parish council could facilitate a joint Jubilee celebration event involving the school, church and both village halls. The Clerk will make enquiries.

**Reports:** *The Chairman* has had discussions about the EMO and has approved the Police Charter. He reported on repairs and renovations carried out by himself, Cllr Pardoe and Mr Perks to DPC's notice boards in Bouldon and Peaton. He had received queries about renovations to an old stable block at The Lodge, Delbury Hall, visited the site and discussed it with Mr Wrigley. As no change of use is envisaged it does not require planning permission at this stage. *Cllr Motley* was unable to attend the meeting but sent a detailed report by email in which she reported on numerous topics including Covid and discussions with John Bellis, the drainage manager. She explained changes to be made to drainage contracts; new regulations proposed by Defra which will affect burial grounds (which she hopes they are reconsidering); the roll-out of new recycling wheelie bins and the government's funding settlement. A three-year funding settlement had been promised but only a stop-gap one year settlement is being offered, 85% of which will be absorbed by social care. SC's Leader Lezley Picton has met with Philip Dunne MP and Cabinet Minister Michael Gove to protest about the settlement, and discussions are ongoing. She also urged parish councils to formulate views on parish council boundaries and related issues as required by the Community Governance Review. *Cllr Neden* gave the FAG report. He said the FAG's Flood Response Plan is complete and is being signed off by Shropshire Council. The multi-agency meeting with the NFF to discuss our Flood Action Plan was postponed and is being rescheduled for February or March. Arrangements have been made whereby flood alert emails from the depth gauge in Diddlebury will be automatically sent to relevant members. Several new members have been recruited. The question

of financing the renewal of the FAG's public liability insurance will be discussed with DPC. *Cllr Rattu* reported on Diddlebury Village Hall. Some 'Flicks in The Sticks' had had to be cancelled but many activities are now being held in the hall. The potholes in the car park have had temporary repairs. *Cllr O'Boyle* updated the council on the use of the Speed Indicator Device and also sought views on South Shropshire Climate Action's consultation on direct carbon emissions caused by transport.

**Planning Application:** *21/05500/VAR:* Application for the variation of Condition 2 and the removal of Condition 5 to planning permission 21/01606/FUL, involving re-purposing of outbuildings at Great Sutton Farm, Great Sutton. After careful consideration councillors voted to support this application.

**Highways/Environmental Matters:** The Chairman thanked Cllrs Rattu and Pardoe for filling potholes in DVH's car park. Any offers of voluntary work are welcome as it helps to keep the Parish Council's costs down.

**Communications & Correspondence:** 18 items of correspondence were considered and responded to as necessary.

**Finance:** The finance report for December 2021 and January 2022 was considered and cheques totalling £2,836.33 were authorised for payment, after payment of which DPC's funds stand at £16,951.10. The cheques authorised included a £2,000 grant to Westhope Village Hall Committee to enable them to purchase the freehold of Westhope Village Hall. DPC offers its thanks to Miss Anne Dyer of Westhope for her act of philanthropic generosity, which enabled this purchase to take place for the benefit of the Westhope community.

**2022 - 2023 Precept Budget:** Councillors set a Precept Budget for the financial year 2022/2023 in the sum of £8,655. A copy of the budget is on the DPC website and detailed in the Minutes of this meeting.

**Boundary Review:** Cllr R Povall was asked to set up a sub-committee to consider the issues flowing from the Community Governance Review.

**Grievance Procedure for Employees:** A draft Grievance Procedure was considered, which will be refined and further considered at the next meeting.

**AOB:** Councillors are now required to complete and file with SC a form listing registerable interests other than pecuniary one. The seven members present completed their ORI forms.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 23rd February 2022 commencing at 7.30pm in Diddlebury Village Hall**

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### CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.00pm at Culmington Village Hall**

**In Attendance:** Cllrs I Steele (Chair), A Pike, J Turley, C Byng, J Mear, M Holland, M Seabrook. Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council); H Coonick (Clerk/RFO); six members of the public.

**Apologies for Absence Received:** Cllrs I Alderson and J Watts.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mear (Planning: 21/05912/FUL), Cllrs Holland and Turley (Planning: 22/00106/FUL).

**Public Involvement Session:** Planning: 21/05912/FUL: a member of the public stated that this was now a smaller proposal. The applicants had taken note of comments and discussed the plans with neighbours. They appreciate the changes and now have no objections. Planning 22/00106/OUT - another member of the public has already lodged an objection and is concerned about the increased traffic on a single-track lane with no passing places which includes a working farm. The road floods and this development would exacerbate this issue. Other members of the public objected and were concerned by the increase in traffic, the flooding issues and building in 'Open Countryside', local amenity, access and a restrictive covenant.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed.

**Matters Arising:** None.

**Planning:** Application No *21/05912/FUL* (validated: 06/01/2022): The Old School, Culmington. Cllr Mear left the meeting for this item. Concerns have

been addressed and Council resolved to support the application.

Application No *22/00106/OUT* (validated: 20/01/2022) Proposed Dwelling to the North of Seifton Lane, Seifton. Cllrs Holland and Turley left the meeting for this item. Resolved to Object due to Open Market Housing in Open Countryside, Flooding issues and increase in traffic on Seifton Lane. A letter from Diddlebury Parish Council is to be forwarded alongside the reasons for objection to the Planning Authority.

**Finance:** payments authorised: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £75, Village Hall Hire Fee £150. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Alderson be authorised as Signatory for Banking.

**Reports:** *Cllr Motley* reported that Jane Disley (Flood Action Group) asked her to represent the FAGs in the south of the County on Shropshire Council. SC finances cannot sustain the losses at Acton Scott Working Farm. A public survey of ideas for the farm's future is under way on the Shropshire Council website. The government is moving towards more cycling infrastructure which is of concern in rural areas with narrow roads. Government funding for bus service improvements has been reduced and is oversubscribed: the outcome of the SC application is not yet known. *Cllr Mear* (Village Hall) reported that there would be a meeting regarding the plans for the Jubilee on 15th February. A pudding night is planned and coffee mornings are going well. *Cllr Byng* reported that there is a Flood Committee meeting soon. There was no news on drains being cleared more frequently. *Cllr Steele*

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reported that Council Leader Lezley Picton had attended a meeting of the South Shropshire Area Committee and the main discussion was on the potholes. He also reported on the Chairs' meeting with Tracy Dark (Planning Enforcement) where attendees reported concerns on the lack of feedback on reports to Planning Enforcement.

**Correspondence:** There had been no response from Sebastian Littlefair, Environment Officer regarding the Laundry Works.

Water Leak at Castle Barn Bank and correspondence with Lezley Picton: Highways have dug the ditch and the pipe under the track is now running freely.

There were no comments on the Shropshire Council Budget Plans.

**Parish Council Website and Planning Updates:** Cllr Motley will investigate the issue with the connection between the website and Shropshire Planning.

**Bin Near Village Hall For Dog Waste:** The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council will not move the bin to the entrance to the footpath near the Village Hall. If the Council receives enough reports of litter via the reporting portal another bin would be installed. If Culmington

Parish Council purchases a bin it would be charged £200 per annum for emptying. The Clerk will place a note in Ripples regarding the issue.

**Parish Boundary Review and Chairs and Clerks Meeting:** Cllr Steele reported that Diddlebury and Stanton Lacy Parish Councils are broadly in agreement with the changes to the Parish boundaries suggested by Culmington Parish Council. The parishioners have not yet been consulted regarding the changes.

**Parking on Pavements:** The Clerk will place a notice in Ripples.

**Potholes between the Green and the Church:** The Clerk will report to Shropshire Council.

**Road Closure and Informing Residents:** This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**Policing Charter:** The Council decided not to review the charter due to the lack of feedback from the police. The Neighbourhood Police Team will attend the next meeting.

**Items for the Next Meeting on 1st March 2022:** Jubilee Tree Planting and Plaque, informing residents of road closures, Policing Charter, Website and Planning Updates.

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**MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL****Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2022**

**Present:** Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Edward Povey, Antonia Bury, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, David Marston and Graham Williams. Also present: Cllr Motley (Unitary Councillor).

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Meeson.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Public Forum:** Eight members of the public were present. Changes to the Aston Hall planning application were welcomed. Concern remains over a number of aspects and discussion centred on these.

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2021:** Changes made: (a) Cllr Fotheringham was present (b) Item 8.3 was seconded by Cllr Meeson. Minutes were altered then approved and signed.

**Matters Arising:** None.

**Urgent Items:** None.

**Planning:** 21/05920/FUL (Validated: 05/01/2022) Aston Hall, Aston Munslow, (re-submission). The Council resolved to support this application with the following conditions: (a) the coppicing of the yew hedge screening the swimming pool should be to 150cms not 150mm as stated in the Proposal for Screening. Further tree planting be used as screening. (b) That noise levels emanating from the swimming pool plant room should be assessed in the gardens of neighbouring properties to prevent a detrimental effect upon the amenity of those properties.

22/00052/FUL (validated: 07/01/2022) Proposed dwelling SW of Munslow Farmhouse, Munslow. The council resolved to object to this application as Munslow is designated as 'open countryside' where new development is strictly controlled. The application does not meet any of the exceptions.

**Reports:** **Chair:** Cllr Archer reported she had attended the South Shropshire Area Local Committee and received information regarding cuts to Shropshire Council funding. The need for high spending on social care was noted. The Parish Council Chairs' meeting focused on the boundary review, budget, enforcement, fly tipping, road safety and police reporting. **Shropshire Council:** Cllr Motley reported Shropshire Council's disappointment with the Government's proposed Budget settlement and the levelling up proposals are not likely to benefit Shropshire. The Community Governance Review has been delayed but this is unlikely to result in significant changes locally. The unitary division boundaries will be a focus in October 2022. A survey looking at the future of the Acton Scott working farm has just been opened.

**Beambridge Village Hall:** Cllr Dobson reported that an estimate for electrical work has been accepted but has not started. The Village Hall committee meets in the week beginning 7th February 2022.

**Finance:** The notification of payment for the Shropshire Council elections team has been received and payment is due by May 2022.

**Highways:** Cllr Archer reported that the VAS at the north end of Aston Munslow is still not working. This was communicated to TWM. Apologies have been received and a replacement offered. A print-out of traffic speeds shows the continued high speed of vehicles. A request will be made for a copy of the anticipated South Shropshire highways report along the B4368 as soon as it is published. Cllr Archer reported that the work by the Environmental Maintenance Officer on the verge near the Swan has not yet happened. This item will be deferred until the March meeting. Cllr Dobson reported that a letter has been sent to all the parishes along the B4368 who attended the joint highway meeting. The revision to the Parish's Highway report is due to be completed and circulated to these parishes. Cllr Archer deferred discussion of parking at the War Memorial, Munslow to the next meeting.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence has been received from Cllr Gwilym Butler, Cabinet Lead for finance, with the opportunity for comments on the one-year settlement.

**Policing Charter:** The meeting with Supt. Bill has been deferred.

**Parish Boundaries Review:** This was deferred to the next meeting.

**Arrangements for Jubilee Weekend 3rd - 6th June 2022:** The Village Hall committee are to discuss ideas for the Jubilee on 10th February 2022. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

**Queen's Jubilee Canopy:** The plaque has been received and a tree will be collected for planting at the Deans in Munslow.

**Expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund:** This was deferred to the next meeting.

**Litter Bins at Car Park, Aston Munslow and Layby:** A litter bin for the Car Park will be purchased.

**Items for the Next Meeting:** (a) verge near the Swan (b) Joint Parishes highway proposals (c) parking at the war memorial, Munslow (d) responsibility for hedge cutting along the B4368 - the impact on traffic speed and road safety (e) meeting with Superintendent Bill and review of the Policing Charter (f) Parish Boundaries review (g) Jubilee weekend, 3rd - 6th June 2022 (h) expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd March 2022 at Beambridge Village Hall**

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*Parish Councils Continued...***ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL****Draft Minutes of a meeting held at Abdon Village Hall on Thursday 13th January 2022**

**Present:** Cllrs R. Price (chair), C Yarwood, M Whalley, P Hartley, G Trim and later Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council); W Richards (Clerk) plus 2 members of the public.

**Open Session:** Cllr Whalley said that most of the hedge and road works had been done and the contractor is satisfied. The ditch at Brookhouse has been cleared.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Whalley is the applicant for agenda item 8

**Apologies:** None.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the meeting held on 21 October 2021 were read by the Chair and unanimously agreed as correct.

**Matters Arising:** There were none.

**Finance:** The balance at the bank was £5,372.76. Clerk's wages for October, November and December of £152.00 were agreed.

**Budget and Precept:** A draft budget was presented and agreed. It was also agreed that the precept would remain at zero.

**Marquee Hire Charges 2022:** The charge was discussed: currently it is £65 if hirers erect the marquee. Cllr Trim was concerned that if the marquee were not erected by the council they could not check for damage. Many users, however, are local and known to be trustworthy. It was unanimously agreed not to change the current arrangements.

**Planning:** Application No: **21/05841/FUL** (validated 15 December 2021), Highcroft Cottage, Abdon, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9HX Proposal: Erection of single storey extension, following demolition of existing conservatory, and first floor extension to increase eaves height over existing kitchen (re-submission). Applicant: Mr Michael Whalley. Cllr Whalley said application was the same as previously but now had a

completed ecology report. The materials were discussed: members agreed unanimously to support the application.

**Correspondence:** Details of SALC training were forwarded to councillors. A new planning application was published on 10th January 2022 so an extra meeting will be required. The local walking and cycling infrastructure plan was forwarded to members. Cllr Trim was disappointed that there was nothing regarding rural areas. Cllr Motley explained the idea behind the plan. Cllr Price proposed that time trialling should not be allowed on rural roads due to the worry for participants' safety at high speeds and on narrow lanes. Cllr Motley suggests including SALC in the response. Chairs will meet on 27th January at 6.00pm on Teams; the Chair and vice-Chair will attend. South Shropshire Area Committee had a meeting in December: the Clerk will forward minutes to Cllrs. New recycling wheelie bins are now available: residents must apply (see website). There was a report of an alleged planning breach at Red Barn, Abdon, which was read by the Clerk. Cllr Trim requested a copy. It will be an item on next agenda.

**AOB:** Cllr Motley reported on the huge increase in social care costs. SCC is accumulating debt, which current stands at £50 million. Money will be taken from other budgets. She is keen to retain libraries and leisure centres. Cllr Motley is also concerned for sustainability of farming: will ELMs work? She would offer a meeting to gain information from farmers.

**Items for consideration for the next meeting:** (for dissemination of information only) Red Barn planning application, silo breach and boundary review.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:28.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 3rd February (later changed to Monday 31st January).

**ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL****Draft Minutes of a meeting held at Abdon Village Hall on Monday 31st January 2022**

**Present:** Cllr R Price (Chair), Cllrs G Trim, C Yarwood, M Whalley, P Hartley; Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council) and 14 members of public (later 15).

**Open Session:** The mechanism used for reporting breaches discussed.

**Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Trim re planning application **21/05913/FUL** - he is the applicant.

**Apologies For Absence:** None.

**Minutes** from the meeting held on 13th January 2022 were read by the Chair and unanimously agreed.

**Finance:** The balance was £5,372.76.

**Planning:** Application Reference **21/05913/FUL** (validated: 10th January 2022) The Red Barn, Abdon, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9HZ. Proposed erection of an agricultural barn for storage. Applicant: Mr Gary Trim.

Application Reference **22/00098/FUL** (validated: 10th January 2022) Land At Upper House Farm, Abdon, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9HZ. Proposed erection of an agricultural barn for storage. Applicant: Mr D Banks (c/o Agent), Public comments were made.

**Planning Breach:** **21/08129/ENF:** The 'silo' structure, The Red Barn, Abdon, SY7 9HZ. The Parish Council was updated during a closed meeting afterwards.

**Insurance Renewal Quotes:** The Zurich quote had not yet been received. Came and Company renewal is similar to last year: £218.

**Boundary Review:** Cllr Motley gave an overview. The Parish Council invited the public to identify any areas for consideration on the Parish map. None were given, and Councillors felt there were no obvious issues.

**Correspondence:** None.

**AOB:** Potholes remain terrible. The Clerk reminded residents to report them on the Shropshire Council website, and to search potholes.

**Items for consideration for the next meeting:** None.

**The public were thanked for attending and the open meeting closed. The closed meeting then started.**

**Application No 22/00098/FUL:** Councillors wondered why the proposed entrance faced away from house; possibly for security or the gradient of land. They noted that the applicant already has approval for a garage which hasn't yet been built so storage needs could already be met. A more suitable location would be within existing curtilage and on the other side of the hedge where it is would be closer to existing buildings and lower. It would be visible from footpaths, highways and on the hills. At a height of 4.285m it would be visible from the road. Materials were standard. Lighting would have to be kept to a minimum. The proposed access track was not included in application and would need to be permeable, and drainage needed to be considered. It was agreed to object to the application.

**Application No 21/05913/FUL:** Cllr Trim left the meeting. There was a high risk of light pollution with 6 no. rooflights, and the building would be visible from Abdon Burf, Clee Liberty, footpaths and highways. It was too high, and highly visible and prominent. The need for two floors was queried. The design was aesthetically not in keeping with agricultural buildings around and too large for the land area. There is already an existing garage and storage at the property. The fire doors, windows and solar panels would reflect light and be much too prominent. The two pedestrian doors at the same end of the design were questioned: they were too close together, suggesting intentions for future conversion. There were concerns with arrangements for drainage due to existing problems on site and on the highway below. It was too large for area of land, although the location was suitable as it was close to the existing curtilage. As it would be in the AONB lighting would need to be discreet. It was unanimously agreed to object to the application.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:57.

**Date of next meeting: Next meeting: Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7:30pm**

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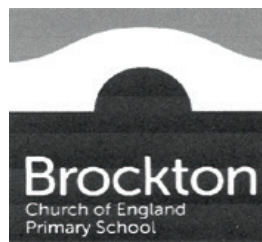
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Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS
Holdgate	8:30 HC			
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC
Tugford			9:45 HC	

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

**Compline:** Wednesdays in Lent at 7:30pm - 9th March at Abdon,  
23rd March at Culmington,  
6th April at Diddlebury,

16th March at Holdgate (bring a torch!),  
30th March at Tugford,  
13th April at Broadstone.

*If the Coronavirus situation locally changes, we may have to amend or cancel these services.*