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LOCAL ELECTIONS

are being held on

THURSDAY 1ST MAY

to select a new councillor
for the Corvedale.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING
YOUR PHOTO ID TO VOTE!**



SUPPORT & RESOURCES

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

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More useful contacts can be found on page 31

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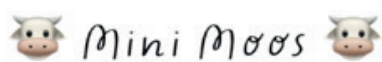
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Tel: (01743) 874923
circuitoffice2803@gmail.com

More useful contacts can be found on page 31

LOCAL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



Mini Moos

Baby and toddler group

Every Monday
10-12 term time
£2.50 per family

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

Diddlebury Village Hall

Find us on Facebook
Mini Moos baby and toddler group



Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday
All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm
Start 7:15pm

£3 to include half time
refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
SY7 9JL



ENJOY SINGING?

CORVEDALE CHOIR is looking to recruit
new members who love to sing.

WHO?

We are a mixed voice community choir based
in the Corvedale. Our Musical Director is Ros
Crouch. All songs are taught - an ability to follow
music and a desire to sing is all that's required.

WHEN and WHERE?

Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm at
Diddlebury Village Hall during school term times

WHAT?

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

We have an annual summer concert and support a
carol service in church at Christmas time. And we
raise money for good causes at the same time.

INTERESTED? For further information contact
Avril Lines avril.fossilsinshropshire@gmail.com
Or 01584 861 339

Or join us any Monday evening for a taster.

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

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

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

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

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

Next Meeting: Thursday 8th May



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 832 603

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 contact Katharine Wale
on 07866 408 897 or
katharinewale59@gmail.com
to confirm work location.

If any local walkers in the Corvedale notice
any stiles or steps in poor condition,
please report back to Katharine.

Wednesday 21st May
Friday 23rd May
Sunday 25th May

RSPB Events

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



WALKS

Sunday 25th May, 10am
Wyre Forest

Saturday 21st June, 10am
Clee Hill

TALKS will resume in the autumn on the first
Wednesday of each month at our new venue of
Wistanstow village hall. The first meeting will
be on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?

Contact the editor to include your poster
in the next edition:
corvedalenewseditor@gmail.com

Culmington Lunch Club

Meet new friends
Catch up with old friends
whilst you enjoy a delicious,
freshly-cooked, 2-course meal



All
for just
£12

Bar

Every third Thursday
of the month
12.30pm for 1pm

Culmington Village Hall

To book your place contact:

Gwyn Edwards on 01584 861666 or 07891 904504

DIDDLEBURY OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

Volunteers Wanted

Can you spare a little time to help
your community?

Car park attendants wanted at
Diddlebury Village Hall on
Open Gardens afternoon

Shifts between 12 - 6 pm

Come and be part of our team.

ALSO

Donations of cakes for afternoon
teas would be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

Contact 07937 730 342

diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2025

1st	Thu	Local Elections	Various locations	
1st	Thu	Westhope Clover Club Meeting	The Discovery Centre	12noon
2nd	Fri	Pub, Burger and Band Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
3rd	Sat	Big Breakfast	Munslow Village Hall	9-11am
7th	Wed	<i>How the Human Body is Put Together</i>	Stoke St Milborough	2-3pm
8th	Thu	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Visit	Glyn's Garden, Church Stretton	
8th	Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
8th	Thu	Hayton & District WI Meeting	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
8th	Thu	Beacon Lighting Event	Culmington Village Hall	8pm
9th	Fri	VE Day Celebrations	Westhope Village Hall	7pm
10th	Sat	Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
10th	Sat	Corvedale Garden Group Visit	Walcot Hall	10am
10th	Sat	Spring Flower Festival	Munslow Church	2-4pm
10th	Sat	VE Day Street Party	Diddlebury Village Hall	3-5pm
10th	Sat	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	Roddington Village Hall	
11th	Sun	Bach Concert	St Peter's Church, Diddlebury	3pm
13th	Tue	Culmington Parish Council Annual Meetings	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
14th	Wed	Munslow WI Visit	Denwen College	
14th	Wed	Munslow Parish Council Annual Meetings	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
14th	Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Annual Meetings	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
14th	Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
15th	Thu	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
16th	Fri	Diddlebury Church Annual Plant Sale	Church Rooms	10am-4pm
17th	Sat	Diddlebury Church Annual Plant Sale	Church Rooms	10am-1pm
17th	Sat	Dirty Rockin Scoundrels	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
18th	Sun	The Beefy Boys	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
19th	Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
20th	Tue	Culmington Village Hall AGM	Culmington Village Hall	7.15pm
21st	Wed	Munslow Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Meeting @ Munslow Church	7.30pm
21st	Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
23rd	Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
24th	Sat	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock	
25th	Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
25th	Sun	RSPB Walk	Wyre Forest	10am
26th	Mon	Ludlow Rotary Duck Race	Ludlow	
27th	Tue	Diddlebury Church Annual Meetings	Church Rooms, Diddlebury	7.30pm
31st	Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm

JUNE 2025

4th	Wed	Community Lunch	Westhope Village Hall	
4th	Wed	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
5th	Thu	Messy Church	St Peter's, Diddlebury	3.20pm
12th	Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
15th	Sun	Bach Concert	All Saints Church, Culmington	3pm
16th	Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
19th	Thu	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
21st	Sat	RSPB Walk	Clee Hill	10am
22nd	Sun	Afternoon Tea, with the Bluebird Belles	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
25th	Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
27th	Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
29th	Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
29th	Sun	Diddlebury Open Gardens	Various gardens	12noon-6pm

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Every Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10am-11.30am
Every Mon	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
Every Mon	Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.15pm
Every Mon	Mini Moos - Baby & Toddler Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Corvedale Artists	Munslow Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Zumba	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Weds	Yoga	Westhope Village Hall	9.45-10.45am
Every Weds	Yoga	Culmington Village Hall	6pm
Every Weds	Line Dancing	Onibury Village Hall	7pm & 8pm
Every Weds	Pub Night	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	8pm
Every Thur	Tai Chi	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Thur	Pilates Beginners/Intermediate Class	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Fri	Physiotherapist-led Pilates	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

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The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 19th May

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

VE Day Curry Night - Westhope Village Hall
with DJ and Music from the 1940s



Friday 9th May 7pm till late

Food will be served between 7 and 8.30pm

£12 per person, ticket only

Licenced cash bar and raffle

Optional fancy dress / period costume

Tickets: call 07860 447 397

Vegetarian option available. Please state food preference when booking

Diddlebury Open Gardens Day



Sunday 29th June
12pm to 6pm

10 or more varied, interesting &
beautiful gardens to visit

Plant Sale

Teas & home-made cakes

Art exhibition by Val Alexander RBSA

Tickets – £7.50 or £6 in advance

For more information contact

07936 730342

diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com

Diddlebury Village Hall & The Corvedale School Assoc.

Invite All of Our Community



to our joint VE DAY celebration

STREET PARTY

On the school field

SATURDAY 10 MAY

From 3 – 5 pm

B.Y.O picnic food & drinks

Tea and coffee available

Family Fun & Games

ADULTS - Dress like it's 1945
(optional)

Prizes for the best costumes

Pub, Burger & Band Night

@ Diddlebury Village Hall

Friday 2nd May



Opens at 18:00

Serving draft beer, wines and spirits



Serving delicious gourmet
Wagyu Beef burgers to

PUB NIGHT customers only
from 18:00

Takeaways may be available after 19:30



ROCKFALL

a popular local 5 piece covers band will be

Playing from 19:30 – 22:00

Free admission for our Pub Night Customers

diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com | 07936 730342

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

Corvedale Concerts
presents

J.S. BACH

Suites for Solo Cello

Ruth Henley • Cello

May 11th St. Peter's Church, Diddlebury • Suites 3 & 4

June 15th All Saints Church, Culmington • Suites 5 & 6

All concerts start at 8.00 pm followed by refreshments

Tickets £10

Available in advance from TicketSource
www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-concerts

or, subject to availability, on the door

All proceeds to support the Corvedale Parishes

£10 THE DIRTY ROCKIN SCOUNDRELS

Saturday 17th May

**STANTON LACY
VILLAGE HALL**

SY8 2AT



Contact Anita for ticket info:

07970 710401

Bar & Food Available

Doors

7:30pm



thedirtyrockinscoundrels.com



QUIZ NIGHT

at

Diddlebury Village Hall

**Wednesday
4th June**

Bar opens: 19:00

Quiz starts: 19:30

Booking essential

Text/WhatsApp: 07396 730342

Email: diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH GREAT PLANT SALE

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH ROOM

FRIDAY 16th MAY

10AM - 4PM

SATURDAY 17th MAY

10AM - 1PM

Teas, coffees and biscuits - and home-made
cakes for sale as well!



ABDON VILLAGE HALL

MAY EVENTS

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

Saturday 10th May 10.30am - 12.30pm.

On the second Saturday of every month at Abdon Village Hall. Bring your 'crafty projects' - learn from each other and enjoy the chat as you, crochet, knit, sew, patchwork or do anything crafty! And of course, coffee and cake too! A warm welcome for everyone!

Coffee Morning

Saturday 31st May 10.30am - 12.30pm.

On the last Saturday of each month - everyone is welcome to our warm and friendly get togethers - lively chat, coffee and, of course, cake!

Abdon Village Hall Bookings

Contact Margaret Buckingham: 01746 712 296

or abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

Or visit our website for the booking form and details:

www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL



Westhope community lunch was again a great success, enjoying homemade steak and ale pie with mash and vegetables, a choice of sweets, plus tea and coffee. Come and join us on **Wednesday 4th June** for our next one, at just £12 pp. Everyone welcome.

Our next event is to celebrate VE Day on **Friday 9th May** with a curry night, DJ Ryder and music from the 40s. Fancy Dress optional. Pre-booked tickets £12. Curry served from 7pm - 8.30pm. Vegetarian option available. Licensed cash bar.

All enquiries Betty 07860 447 397 or Moira 01584 861 663 or 07542 947 440.

Betty Manley

FUTURE DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Saturday 9th August - Mid-summer Race Night

Saturday 6th September - Rummage Sale.

Saturday 18th October - Harvest Supper.

DITTON PRIORS HALL EVENTS

We have another busy and fun year ahead for the hall and pavilion. Our next event is **Saturday 12th July** which will see the return of our 'Beerfest' at Ditton Priors Recreation Ground.

Louise Tyson

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

REGULAR EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Every Monday, 10am - 11.30am

Come along for a cuppa (coffee or tea) for just £1.

Good company, free refills and biscuits!

Bridge Club

Every Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm

Contact Richard Smith richard.smith404@btinternet.com

Yoga

Every Wednesday, 6pm - 7.15pm

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

MAY EVENTS

Local Election Polling Station

Thursday 1st May

Beacon Lighting Event

Thursday 8th May, 9.30pm

Celebrate VE80 with friends and a drink as the Culmington beacon is lit. Bar open from 8pm.

Lunch Club

Thursday 15th May

Contact Gwyn Edwards to book 01584 861 666.

The Beefy Boys are back again!

Sunday 18th May, 12.30pm till late

And... the delicious Castle Farm dairy ice cream van.

Plus...the wonderful 'animal man' with his amazing creatures. Don't miss a great afternoon for all the family and friends!

Culmington Village Hall AGM

Tuesday 20th May, 7.15pm

All welcome to come along and find out about this active local community group and its future plans.

FUTURE EVENTS

Lunch Club

Thursday 19th June

Contact Gwyn Edwards to book 01584 861 666.

Afternoon Tea, with The Bluebird Belles

Sunday 22nd June

SAVE THE DATE...

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH FETE

This year's fete and dog show will take place on **Saturday 5th July** starting at 2pm at Diddlebury village hall and on the school field. There will be all the usual stalls.

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH ANNUAL PLANT SALE

This year's plant sale will be held in the church room on **Friday 16th May** from 10am until 4 pm and on **Saturday 17th May** from 10am until 1 pm. There will also be cakes for sale plus tea or coffee and biscuits.

Hope to see you there.

Liz Jones

MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

Our final warm hub coffee morning for this year took place on 10th April and was well attended as usual. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have come along and enjoyed these mornings and supported the village hall with your generous donations.

We are filling up the bookings for our big breakfast on **Saturday 3rd May**, but you may still get a place if you contact us when you get your May edition. Just call Lesley on 07714 458 933.

Further events in June are not yet confirmed but information will be available via Munslow and Aston Munslow WhatsApp groups and via the Google group.

Lesley Dobson

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

Our joint concert in Holy Trinity Church with Snowdown Male Voice Choir from Kent was a great success last month and we were really pleased to see such a large and enthusiastic audience in attendance to share it with us. Our visitors were really struck with the welcome they received and the beauty of our town, even though they kept calling it a village! They particularly enjoyed the 'afterglow' and the hospitality provided by our friends in The Talbot. Many thanks to them from both choirs.

Our next concert will be at Rodington Village Hall on **Saturday 10th May**. This is a return visit for us as we sang there in 2023. Later in the year (October) we will be singing in Habberley Village Hall which is just outside Pontesbury. These evenings are enjoyable for us but also a very useful source of fundraising for the organising groups, in this case the village hall committee. With the price of entry, a raffle and a bar, groups can soon find that they've made a good income on the evening to help their particular cause. Our costs are modest covering fees to our musical director and accompanist, and the rest of us come free! We are now booking into 2026. If you or anyone you know may be interested in hiring us, please get in touch.

However we hope many of you will join us on **Saturday morning 17th May** for our coffee (and cake) morning in Holy Trinity Church. This year we are adding a plant stall as well, as it will be the perfect time to enhance your garden with something new – all at very reasonable prices!

Finally, our search for a new accompanist continues. If you know of someone who may be suitable for the role, please encourage them to get in touch for an informal chat in the first instance. Many thanks.

Dick Langford,
01952 728 758,
rlangfordchoir@gmail.com

CORVEDALE & DISTRICT AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 6th September 2025

SPUD-IN-A-BUCKET



*To get your spud and bucket
for this year's show,
call or text John Woodhouse*

07980 207 253

£1.00 per entry

SEE WHAT I MADE - AGAIN!

It doesn't take a pandemic to spark creativity - so let's do it again!

Do you remember the inspiring and wonderfully diverse exhibition we held at St Milburga's Church four years ago? The talent, imagination, and passion on display were unforgettable. Well, now it's time to show what you've made since then!

We're thrilled to announce that See What I Made (SWIM '25) will return over the August Bank Holiday weekend - **Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th, and Monday 25th August** - and we want you to be part of it.

Whether you paint, sew, carve, craft, sculpt, photograph, build, embroider, or create in any form - start planning now! You've got nearly four months to dream, design, and bring your ideas to life. Let your creativity shine and share your work with the community.

Keep an eye on local websites and this magazine for more details closer to the time. In the meantime, if you'd like more information or a bit of encouragement, contact Sue at suecornah@hotmail.co.uk or Ruby at rubyreseigh@gmail.com.

We can't wait to see what you've made!

Sue Cornah

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

<p>PUB, BURGER & BAND NIGHT FRIDAY 2nd MAY BAR Stefano The Wagyu Burger Truck & popular 5 piece covers band ROCKFALL</p> <p>BAR STEFANO opens at 6pm BURGERS served to Pub Night customers only from 6pm (Possibly takeaways from 7.30) Halloumi burgers available ROCKFALL playing dance floor filling tunes from 8pm</p>	<p>For more information on What's coming up @ DVH Scan the QR Code with your phone camera to take you to the Forthcoming Events page on our website: diddleburyvillagehall.org</p> 	<p>HELP!!! We're looking for a few kind community-spirited people to help manage the car park on the Sunday afternoon at our OPEN GARDENS event on 29th JUNE. If you think you can help, even just for an hour, then we'd love to hear from you. 😊 Text/call 07396 730 342 Email: bookdvh@gmail.com</p>
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	<p>The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com</p>	<p>Thursday 8th May 19:00</p>
	<p>Come together as a community to celebrate the 80-year anniversary of VE DAY at our Street Party on the School field Adults – dress as if it's 1945 (optional) Bring your own food & drinks (teas and coffees available)</p>	<p>Saturday 10th May 15:00 – 17:00</p>
	<p>Our Last QUIZ of the Winter/Spring season – don't miss out! Teams of 4 - £10 per team Book via – WhatsApp/email 07396 730342 diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com</p>	<p>Wednesday 4th June 19:00 for 19:30</p>
<p>Diddlebury Open Gardens</p>	<p>Invite your friends to visit 10 or more interesting & beautiful gardens in Diddlebury and Corfton – there'll be teas & coffee, home-made cakes, a plant sale and an art exhibition by Val Alexander RBSA. See main advert.</p>	<p>Sunday 29th June 12 – 6pm</p>
	<p>Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group £2.50 per Family</p>	<p>Mondays 10.00 - 12.00</p>
	<p>The Corvedale Choir. Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.</p>	<p>Mondays 19.30 -21.30</p>
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CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

When I was in the Holy Land a few years ago, one of the places we visited was a beach on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It is where tradition says that, in the time after the resurrection, Jesus had breakfast with his disciples after they had been out all night trying, unsuccessfully, to catch fish. There is a beach and a huge rocky area which has a church on it, which is said to be the location of the breakfast. In many ways whether or not it really is the location of the breakfast doesn't matter: if not here it was somewhere like this. What is more important is the conversation Jesus and Peter had as they walked by the lakeside after the meal, when Peter was asked three times if he loved Christ and was given a commission to 'feed my sheep' (John 21: 1-19). Asking the same question three times reflects the three times that Peter had denied even knowing Jesus on the night of his arrest and trial. We see that, despite Peter having messed up, Jesus forgives him, loves him and trusts him to undertake a vitally important task.

There's a message here for us all, not only individually but also as a society and on an international level. We all of us mess up from time to time. We all of us need forgiveness. Are we always willing to forgive when others are sorry for having let us down somehow?

'Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.' We say it each time we say the Lord's Prayer. If we all really meant it and put it into practice, the world would be a very different place to how it looks at the moment...

Rev'd John Beesley

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

30th March Arthur Howells Munslow

WEDDINGS

27th March Sonya Parry & Lewis Weaver Culmington

FUNERALS

29th March Mervyn Thomas Diddlebury

14th April Rhona Pearce Munslow

BURIAL OF ASHES

18th March Barry Law Diddlebury

FLOWERS & BRASSES

MAY 2025

4th & 11th Liz Jones 18th & 25th Liz Beazley

MESSY CHURCH

Advanced notice that the next Messy Church will be in Diddlebury Church on **Thursday 5th June** from 3:20pm, when we'll be thinking about Jesus' instruction to the disciples to go out and grow the church. There will be the usual variety of craft activities before we think about our theme and then join together for a shared meal. Messy Church is for families to join in together and so all children must have a responsible adult with them – whether that's a parent or grandparent or a carer. You're welcome to come along whether you have been to a Messy Church before or not – we hope to see you there!

Rev'd John Beesley

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH

The Diddlebury Church Annual Parochial Meeting, Annual Church Meeting and the first meeting of the new Parochial Church Council will be held on **Tuesday 27th May** in Diddlebury Church Room, starting at 7.30pm. All parishioners and others who worship at St Peter's are invited to attend.

Two other dates for your diary: **Diddlebury Church Plant Sale** will be held in the church room on **Friday 16th May** from 10am until 4 pm and on **Saturday 17th May** from 10am until 1 pm. There will also be cakes for sale plus tea, coffee and biscuits.

And, looking further ahead, the **Diddlebury Church Fête and Dog Show** will take place on **Saturday 5th July** starting at 2.00pm in Diddlebury Village Hall and the school field. There will be all the usual stalls.

Liz and Martin Jones

MUNSLOW CHURCH

Our **Spring Flower Festival** will be in the church on **Saturday 10th May** between 2pm and 4pm. The church will be decorated, and we will have teas, books, produce and a draw. We will also get out the church registers – perhaps a chance for you to find yourself or members of your family in the records. If you would like to help with any aspect of this, please get in touch.

Another date to note is **Wednesday 21st May** when at 7:30pm in the church we will have the Annual Parochial Church Meetings, where we elect churchwardens and review the past year. You are welcome to join us.

Rev'd John Beesley

WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



The Clover Club enjoyed another delicious lunch with the Westhope community lunch event in April. It was lovely to see everyone and catch up on all the news.

Our next meeting is at the Discovery Centre on **Thursday 1st May**, 12 noon for 12.30pm, when we have a fish and chip lunch booked. Everyone welcome.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

CULMINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7pm at Culmington Village Hall

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WILD ABOUT WESTHOPE

In this, the second of our occasional feature articles, our features editor Sharon Walters explores this unique local project.

How many of us take our beautiful countryside and its wealth of flora and fauna for granted? How many of us consider how it is being looked after and conserved?

A number of large organisations do their best. For instance, the National Trust works hard on open land and in many gardens and estates that all come under its guardianship.

But alongside such major projects, there are many smaller schemes that do untold benefit for our countryside heritage and are run on a mainly voluntary basis.

One such project is in the Hope Valley in the stunning Corvedale - *Wild About Westhope*. A not-for-profit group, it promotes sustainable land management to benefit wildlife and the local community. The group manages a local nature reserve with the help of volunteers who meet regularly to undertake conservation management, green wood crafts and charcoal making.

And help is always needed! A day out in the fresh air, meeting new people with a similar ethos and doing 'your bit' in conservation for sensitive plants and wildlife in a 'forever home' for species under threat.

Westhope is home to a vast array of flora and fauna and many of the people that live here and work the land are enthusiastic about preserving it for future generations to enjoy.

Wild About Westhope was born in 2021 under the custodianship of Anne Dyer, owner of Westhope Estate and the reserve is converting areas once used for commercial shooting into wildlife-friendly habitat.

Projects underway include woodland planting and meadow preservation with species identification.

A wild walk is also being developed that will take in some of the lesser and better-known beauty spots in and around Westhope.

Helping the project along the way has been financial support from Shropshire Hills AONB and the National Lottery.

And support also came in from the influential *Joy of Wildlife*, a group of amateur enthusiasts who carry out wildlife surveys with an emphasis on invertebrates, who have visited the Westhope estate twice to look at the meadows, and woodland at Corfield's bank and Princes' Rough SSSI.



The part of the site known as Princes' Rough is designated as a Site of Scientific Interest on the basis of its flora and on the day of Joy of Wildlife's visit they recorded over 160 species of invertebrates including a nationally notable weevil, *Orthochaetes setiger*, and a first record in recent times of the chrysomelid *Batophila rubi*. In addition, the visit found fungus *Ophiocordyceps gracilis* which had only been recorded twice in the county previously.

The visit to the meadows and woodland recorded nearly 240 species of invertebrate. For a single site visit this was an extraordinary number of species, said the group.

"Corfields Bank, Westhope is an oasis within the agriculturally dominated landscape of Shropshire and attempts to preserve and enhance it should be lauded and encouraged," said Keith Fowler on behalf of the Joy of Wildlife

Find out more and how to volunteer and support by contacting wildaboutwesthope@gmail.com

Sharon Walters



SUBLIME MUSIC MAKING IN CORVEDALE

It's not often one has the chance to hear the Bach Cello Suites; I think the last time for me was about fifteen years ago at Stanford Bridge church in Worcestershire, when cellist Orlando Jopling was then on a pilgrimage to play in every church throughout the British Isles, no doubt with the help of Arts Council Funding. Any chance to hear this sublime music - one of the pinnacles of western music - should be seized. So I was delighted to discover that this time, the soloist was to be none other than *West of the Clee's* new editor, professional cellist, Ruth Henley.



Bach's Six Suites for unaccompanied cello - of which two will be played at each of Ruth's three recitals - were based on the Baroque

form of linking dance movements such as the Courante, Allemande, Sarabande and Gigue, together with other dance forms, into a Suite. The writing is complex, virtuosic, melodic, and with a genius's hand making a single line suggest its own harmony. There are swooping scale passages, four-part chords, string-crossing passagework, intricate highly decorated rhythms, and lengthy developments of repeated motifs leading to breath-taking climaxes whose reverberations could be felt through the very benches we were perched on.

Ruth says in her excellent notes, that *'it's not uncommon for people to speak in hushed tones of the Bach Suites, as they*

are miracles of communication.' Since Johann Sebastian Bach was a serious and devout man, it's not too far-fetched to say this music is about as close to divine as you can get. It truly is spiritually intense music, and to hear it played in a sweet little country church like St Catherine's at Tugford, on a calm springtime afternoon, was a stunning experience.

The sounds of the unaccompanied cello filled the space with its chocolatey tones, and captivated the audience who sat perfectly still, spellbound. Ruth's cello, made by for her by Mark Robinson, has a well-balanced and sonorous tone throughout the whole range, and Ruth projects its voice, apparently effortlessly, but anyone who has played an instrument will know that a huge amount of work goes into making things sound effortless!

Ruth's performance of Suite No 1 in G major was thoughtful, questioning, investigative, almost as though she were improvising as she went along. The double-stopping and spread chords were magnificent, and the melodic lines always moving with forward direction to their logical conclusion. In the Second Suite in D minor, Ruth seized upon the dance-like nature of the music, with its intricate rhythms, and wove a sometimes mysterious, and sometimes playful account of this marvellous work. Ruth's masterly efforts are presented for the benefit of the Corvedale Parishes, in a series titled the Corvedale Concerts, and introduced by her husband, composer Paul Henley. Two further recitals will be staged in St Peter's Church, Diddlebury and All Saints, Culmington on **11th May** and **15th June** respectively, both commencing at 3pm. Tickets are available through ticketsource.co.uk.

Linda Fowler

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CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP



Corvedale Garden group visited Hillview Hardy plants (www.hillviewhardyplants.com) on a bright and sunny Saturday. Hillview Hardy Plants grow all their own cottage garden perennials including acanthus, albuca, primulas and auriculas to name but a few and they hold the National Collection of acanthus, albuca and auricula.

The group was happy to explore the plant sales with a welcome cup of coffee whilst catching up with each other. We were warmly welcomed by John and Ingrid Millington,



Above: John. Below: Sarah



who run the nursery with their daughter Sarah and her two adopted children, who were very entertaining (and keen to sample our cake!). The group was split into two and Ingrid showed us a presentation about auriculas. She and John had met in horticultural college in Essex and then set up a nursery selling alpines. They took on two national collections of auriculas, then moved on to selling herbaceous perennials. They have showed at Malvern and Chelsea and run a mail order business as well as the nursery. Ingrid explained several different categories of auriculas, some of which had snowy white dust on them called 'farina.' Some had ruffles or were doubles. There were amazing colour combinations.

The main categories are show, border and alpine. Ingrid and John grow them in a double polytunnel with two layers of shading. They were prized by the Victorians who displayed them in black auricular theatres, traditionally in clay pots, on east or west facing walls. Now Ingrid says they grow them in plastic pots which they drop into clay pots for showing.

We then swapped groups and joined John in the polytunnel and he explained how to split the plants, the compost they used and demonstrated their pot filling machines. All very fascinating.

We returned to the 'shop' for coffee and delicious lemon drizzle, iced walnut and berry streusel cake.

Most of us enjoyed buying a range of locally propagated plants for the new season for our gardens and if you have never been there we recommend a visit.

For our next meeting, and in an amendment to the programme we will be meeting at Walcot Hall, Lydbury North SY7 8AZ. On **Saturday 10th May**. Mrs Lucinda Parish kindly offered us a visit as the planned trip to the Dorothy Clive Garden has fallen through. We will meet there as usual at 10am when Amanda will collect the £5 entry fee. As Walcot is hosting a well-being day that day, refreshments will be provided at the

Powys Arms on the main road: £7 for tea, cake, and time to chat. Sadly, neither Alison nor I will be free to join you due to diary clashes, but we look forward to hearing all about it. Please confirm numbers when requested following the email two weeks before for catering purposes.

Walcot Hall has an arboretum planted by Clive of India's son Edward in the 1800s. It includes specimen trees, rhododendrons and azaleas. There are fine views of Sir William Chambers' clock tower and the lakes and hills beyond. The western end of the lakes has been replanted. There are relaxed borders, an icehouse, meat safe, Russian chapel, shepherds huts, grotto, fountain and tin chapel and other delights to explore in the woods.

The garden group is free to join, and we just need your email address to add to the list so please just email Corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com.

Cath, Alison and Amandav



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Contact the editor to include your poster in the next edition:
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MUSINGS ON LIFE...

LLWYBR AFORDIR CYMRU... DON'T LET THE STRAIN SCRAMBLE YOUR BRAIN!

It will probably live long in many of our memories; April of 2025 when suddenly the month declared itself early summer and azure became the sky shade for seeming ages. We went spontaneously to Wales to walk a stretch of the costal path in the poetically lithe Meirionnydd. Now, it is nice to have time to think about words. Welsh glues elements together to form words – so *aford* is the shore and *tir* is land. Trying to combine enforces a mutation of 'tir' to 'dir' and then it just flows. So the whole is perhaps 'shoreland.' I loved that - I hope you do too!



Now, we are told that long walking routes are becoming ever more popular and common. Some have a goal of a holy or resonant place: we might call it pilgrimage, but that may be misleading as it is hard to walk anywhere in our isles that does not have a vertical history of deep past.

Climb through old slate labourings at the south margin of the fjord-like Mawddach estuary, where the tide thunders beneath your feet, and you will reach an extraordinary place. Here on the hill above the sea is a land of relics of ages and people concertina-ed and superimposed on the same hillside; standing stones, cairns, and earthworks jostle for your attention, whilst further on weird field-systems of – who knows what – antiquity, are waiting to tease. Later in the day, and talking to a friendly villager, we wondered how the bronze axe-head in his family, given up by the earth locally, could have been made. Copper is here, but where was the tin trade-route and how were the proportions so perfectly mixed? Who knows, but man was and increasingly is. ingenious with *things* and piling up more information about our world which helps us make...more things and gives us, we think, a superficial short-term control over the world's natural processes. Today, our technology runs infinitely faster than the wisdom to know how to use it. You wonder how those ancients would have

viewed all this; oh, for some of their shoreland knowing!

Perhaps it is not surprising that people increasingly walk lines across the earth. We have now reached a time when our direction of travel and destination are uncertain: on that we all seem to agree. Perhaps walking paths gives us some brief sense of a quiet goal that we can achieve. Technology and the enslaved science which it serves have built us a shiny raft to carry us through the storm and who can blame anybody for ignoring the leaks and sticking to it?

And yet, people are now walking new paths and a small but increasing number are trying to follow other ways. It is not in any sense easy; probably the best we can make is small gains.

In spare moments, as I walked, I happened to be reading about the work of a serious new path-maker. Since the 1960s Sheldon Cohen, an American psychologist, has shown that the stresses of modern life are associated with all manner of multi-systemic disease. Illness is, of course, highly disturbing to our minds and so a vicious circle of unwellness can result. The pathways for the unfolding disaster were already well known, probably to a handful of academics around the globe. Since Sheldon's early work was done, the burden of strain on our bodies has increased enormously through toxins in the air, water, our food and our clothes and what touches our skin. We must add to this the steeping rise in radiation that we 'need' to be alive in the e-world. Of course, our society has also changed – almost unrecognisably so: all is relevant.

This is all gloomy but not terminally so. Cycles of harm can be reversed and made virtuous. Some now are accepting whole systems of the body: nerve and gut cells, immune structures, hormonal landscapes and many more can be affected by what is termed a 'chronic inflammatory cascade.' It is like discovering a new continent, but we are a very long way from this being accepted widely which, I think, is needed to initiate healing on a wide scale. Sadly, it pays to treat symptoms.

With apologies for mixed metaphors and the doom-laden. I'm off for a nap and hope to dream of clipping the ball through the covers to notch up a century before lunch at Lord's – against the Aussies of course!

Peter Cornah, villageadamandeve.uk

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

March was a milestone month for the group with a 'training day' for gate installation thanks to Brian Hickson of Shropshire Council. The new metal kissing gate installed at Peaton Farm is our first for a very long time, if not ever, and we hope others will follow where they are a sensible replacement for stiles and have landowner permission.

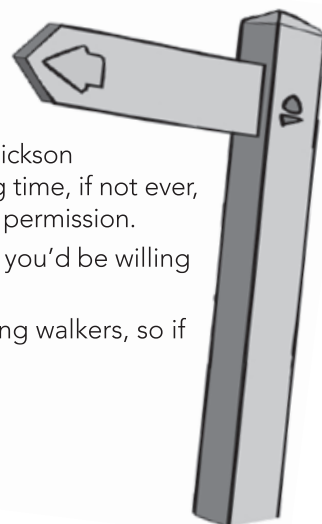
If you are a landowner and have a stile heading for the end of its life, on a well-used footpath, that you'd be willing to be replaced with a self-closing gate, please let us know.

We are always keen to see new members to help keep our footpaths accessible to local and visiting walkers, so if you would like to join us for a one-off or longer-term commitment you will be just as welcome.

Our next working parties are:

Wednesday 21st May Friday 23rd May Sunday 25th May

For more information, or to report a problem with a local path, please contact Katharine Wale at katharinewale59@gmail.com or on 07866 408 897.



HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

Our first meeting of the 2025 programme welcomed Mr Keith Whiddon with his talk entitled, 'Out of This World'. Expecting a talk by a photographer, we were told straight away that he isn't (in his own words) a 'proper photographer' - yet, as his images reflected, he is certainly a highly skilled user of his phone camera, being able to capture the most fascinating shots of very unusual and, likely, unseen locations in our country. Most of the shots Keith showed us were taken deep underground in disused mines which he had discovered through research into his family history and, in particular, by focusing on his great grandfather who, he discovered, had lived and worked in Mid to North Wales as a miner. Keith's slide show introduced some shots 'in this world' to show long, forgotten homes of mine workers in these out-of-the-way mining areas of Wales. Through much of his research he was able to find the mine in which his great grandfather had worked and was even able to discover the remains of his great grandfather's tiny cottage, with just its basic foundations remaining. His photography, apart from being cleverly composed, captured some very colourful images, some created by the light shining in from above, and many unrecognized images, revealed some intriguing geological results of, for example, water very slowly dripping from high above onto single spots below which, over time, had developed to look like fossils. They were literally 'out of this world'!

Next month's meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th May** at 7:30pm. Our speaker will be our own member, Ria Baxter, with her talk entitled, 'Why Did They Leave My Dad Behind.' I'm sure we're all looking forward to hearing where Ria's Dad was when he was left behind and, of course, why!

All meetings, except for December and August this year and January 2026, are held at Stanton Lacy Village Hall, Hayton's Bent, SY8 2AT. For anyone interested in attending our WI branch meetings, for just a looksee, to listen to one of our speakers (£5 for non-members) or to join us as a member, please contact the following committee members for further information.

Louise Gough

Contacts for information: Phyllis Steventon, Branch President, 01584 823 436; Branch Secretary, Jennette Arnold OBE via email at: hayton.district.wi@gmail.com

MUNSLOW WI

The joint meeting organised by Diddlebury and Westhope WI - Gabriela la Foley's Musical Evening - was greatly enjoyed. Gabriela kept us all very well entertained and many thanks to Diddlebury and Westhope for the delicious refreshments.

The next meeting for the Munslow WI is an afternoon visit to Derwen College on **Wednesday 14th May**, one of the college's open days. We are looking forward to meeting some of the young people who are educated there and to finding out about the work they do. We will be travelling in the Buzzard Community Bus; please get in touch with our secretary, Val Hardwick on 01584 861 658 if you would like more information.

Wendy Brogden, wendy@brogden.info

DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE AND MUNSLOW WI

Well, spring has most definitely sprung and how lovely it is to have enjoyed the blue skies and sunshine over the last week or two. The mood of our April meeting reflected the lightness and happy feeling of the season, as we welcomed Gabriela as our 'speaker' for the evening.

Also warmly welcomed were Munslow WI for this, one of our joint meetings. They swelled our numbers wonderfully along with other visitors from Culmington and further afield, to make an appreciative audience for Gabriela, who is a musical entertainer.

What a force of nature she is! She came with her energy and humour and kept us laughing throughout the evening. Playing her ukulele and singing she took us on a musical tour of the world. She has a wonderful memory which I'm sure we were all in awe of and made it a truly interactive experience as we visited every continent starting with Africa and ending in Australasia. Involving her audience with her quick-fire repartee she couldn't have made it a more personal or uplifting evening for our WIs.

The evening finished with beautifully presented and very tasty refreshments provided by Claire, Anne and Cynthia which we all enjoyed before a very brief resume of the coming activities for our WI including a visit to Glyn's garden in Church Stretton on **8th May**, the SFWI Annual Meeting in Shrewsbury, on **15th May**, a planned garden visit on 1st June, and notice of a craft afternoon on **17th June** at Joy's to try our hands at felting.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14th May** at 7.30pm at Culmington village hall where the speaker is Jan Morgan-Birtles who will be talking about her 'Life in Farming' and from what I understand bringing along ice cream and sausages, so please don't forget your purses if you find either of those tempting!

As always if anyone would like to come along to our meetings either as a visitor for the evening or join as a member you would be very welcome. Visitor fee is £2. Please do ring Joy Williams our secretary if you would like any further information on 01584 861 849.

Jayne Disley

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The Corvedale News Team



LUDLOW DUCK RACE

LUDLOW TO GO TOTALLY QUACKERS - AGAIN

Following the success of Ludlow Rotary Club's first Duck Race last year, which raised over £2,500 for good causes, the club will be holding another on Bank Holiday **Monday 26th May**. And this year they plan that it will be 'bigger and better' with some 2,500 bright yellow plastic ducks being launched from Dinham Weir to race under the bridge and down the River Teme.

This fun event is being arranged to raise funds for Ludlow Rotary Cares, the club's community grants scheme, and other Rotary causes.

All told there will be five 'duck races' beginning at 11am with everyone who sponsors a duck for £2 having the chance of winning £100 if theirs is the first across the winning line.

There will be plenty of opportunity to cheer on the ducks from the banks of the river on the day.

Planning a duck race is no mean feat as the ducks have to be

corralled into pens of 500 then decanted into boxes of 100. Each box of 100 ducks is then put into numbered bags, checked and double checked to make sure each ticket sold is allocated to a duck. When all the ducks are sorted, they are stored in bags ready for the big day.

As Ray Cork of Ludlow Rotary explained: "Even more challenging will be launching the ducks from the weir at the start and then ensuring that all the ducks are collected, and none escape at the end of each race. During this process we expect there to be a lot of laughing and counting and, if last year is anything to go by, some cheering in the hope that some of us involved may even get a little wet."

Ducks will be available to sponsor on the day, but queues may be avoided by sponsoring them in advance online at www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk or by using the QR code on the posters displayed around town.

Barry Forrester



DVH ROUND UP OF EVENTS

Oh what a night! It was fabulous to see our wonderful community getting together to enjoy a great night out at our sell-out Lasagne and Live Music Night. It was great to see, not only all our trusty loyal supporters, but also several new faces at DVH - some of them new to the area. Hopefully, this will have helped them start making new friends in the Corvedale. The lasagne went down very well, and we were very grateful for the many compliments we received. Compliments also go to our band of very talented musicians, Diddlebury's own Richard Coleman with his band for the evening called - Richard and Friends, who played the night away with toe-tapping tunes keeping us well entertained and kept the vast majority of the room staying well into the evening.

Our Food Nights are all about bringing our community together to forge and make bonds and friendships which help to enrich our lives. It certainly ticked all those boxes and also helped us raise much needed funds to help maintain our community resource - our lovely village hall.

Thanks to each of you for your support and we look forward to meeting up again soon. Don't miss our Pub, Burger and Band night on **2nd May**. We have a treat in store with a very local band (one of them from Peaton) playing floor-filling dance tunes - after your Wagyu beef burger has gone down of course! PS - Halloumi burgers available for vegetarians. Bar Stefano will be serving his normal range of drinks including draft Ludlow Gold and all his customers will have free entry to see ROCKFALL.

NB The Wagyu Burger Truck will be serving from 6pm for our Pub Night customers only. There is a chance that takeaways might be available after 7:30pm but the purpose of all our food events is to bring our community together to enjoy an evening out and also to help raise funds for DVH. Thank you all for your understanding and co-operation.

Fabulous fun and serious quizzing are what DVH quiz nights are all about and our Easter Quiz was no exception! It's wonderful to see so many smiley faces and the sense of our community coming together to enjoy themselves.

As usual Jean Drakes produced a quiz full of interesting facts and information and there were enough tricky questions to separate the teams. Taking the top spot by a clear margin were our regular winners *The Nellie Deans* scoring a very creditable 87 points to take the star prize of... an Easter Egg each!

In second place with 84½ points were another team who are often in the prizes - *The Weston Wanderers*. While in third place with 82 points were *Cheeky Blinders* - a newly formed team and one to watch out for.

A special grand prize of 1 lolly and a tiny bag of sweets - each! was awarded to a team that has come to all our quizzes and are proud to have propped up the leader board on every occasion, proving once again that joining in and having fun is what it's all about. So well done and thank you to *The Slow Ones* for coming to support DVH and have fun in the process.

A trademark of our Quiz Nights is the 'rubbish' prizes we award! All the proceeds from our quizzes are for much needed funds to keep our village hall running and will also be put towards upgrading our catering equipment.

Huge thanks to everyone for their generosity in buying our £1 fund raising 'squares'.

Winning the top prize of £20 was Lynn Wood with Richard from team *I Want Richard*, winning a presentation box of Gin Preserves.

Kim Simm



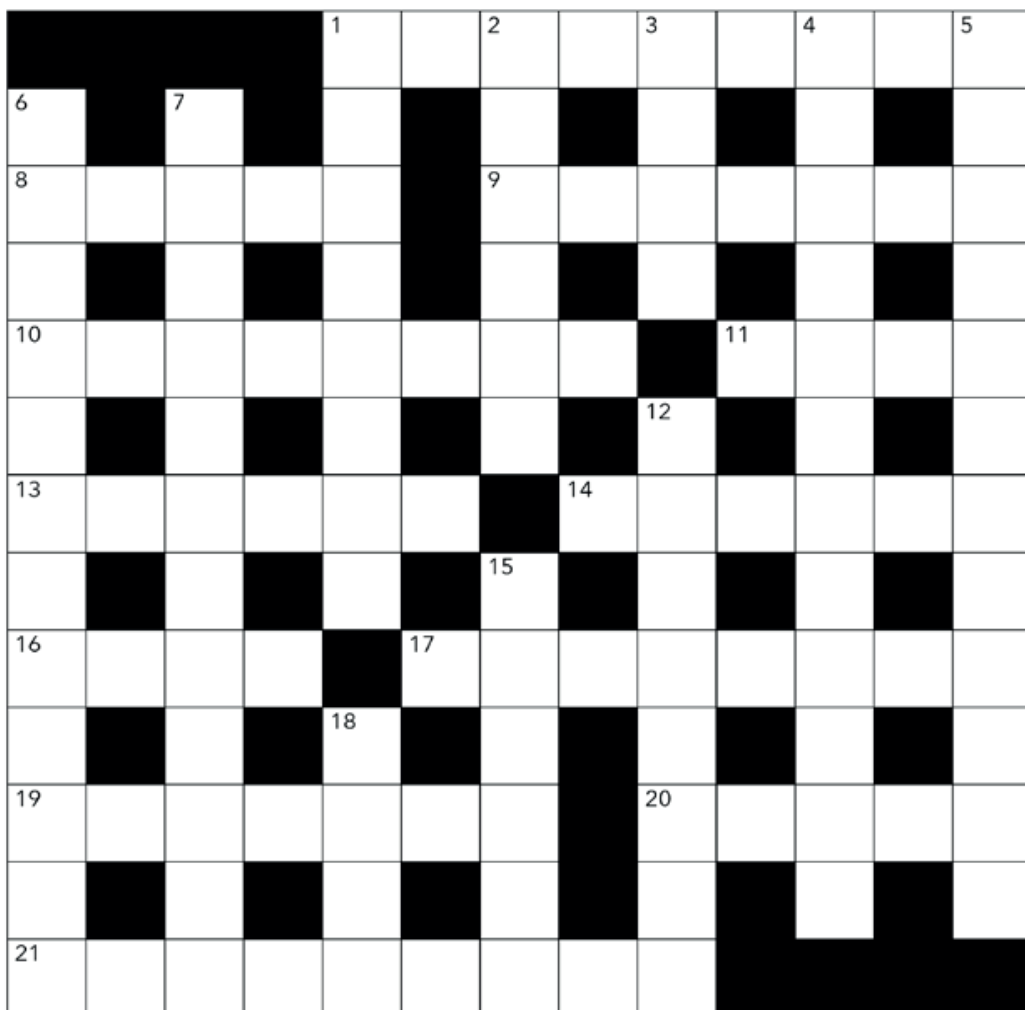
MAY CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY ARTEMONAS

Answers to this month's crossword
can be found on page 21 in this
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ACROSS

- 1) Lines up an unfamiliar
finger of land (9)
- 8) Old king left rubbish (5)
- 9) Thugs also involved in
scraps (7)
- 10) Mad stories Don first
told about drugs (8)
- 11) Meet up? It will rain
heavily (4)
- 13) Are three junctions
around when I tear up?
(6)
- 14) After fasting time, one
left to take pulse (6)



- 16) It's OK after morning to
run wildly (4)
- 17) Strong flower put out,
when temperature drops
(8)
- 19) A raised weapon obtains
pieces of gold (7)
- 20) Enter round the wooden
article (5)
- 21) Toppled from royal seat?
(9)

DOWN

- 1) Stop to find Jersey (4,4)
- 2) Only the head but not someone
of importance (6)
- 3) Women who take orders (4)
- 4) Not recognised in Dundee if it
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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 14th May 2025** at Munslow Village Hall (Beambridge Club Room). Members of the public are invited to attend, and members of the parish will be given the opportunity to speak during the Open Forum.

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chair of Munslow Parish Council - Cllr Barbara Archer
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Annual Reports:
 - 3.1. Chair's Report – Cllr Archer
 - 3.2. Beambridge Village Hall Committee – Cllr Dobson
 - 3.3. Shropshire Council – the new Councillor for the Corvedale
4. Update on the Parish Council's Work to reduce the speed of vehicles through the Parish
5. Consider Infrastructure Projects to include in the Place Plan:
 - a. Children's Play Area
 - b. Aston Munslow Community Car Park
6. Open Forum
Raise any issues of concern with your Parish Councillors or suggest new projects which would benefit those living within the parish.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of all the local government electors of the parish. It is NOT a meeting of the parish council. Anyone may attend but only registered electors of Munslow Parish may vote.

The purpose of this meeting is for the Parish Council to explain what it has been doing over the last year and enables electors to have their say on anything they consider to be of importance to the people of the parish.

Members of the Public are welcome to remain for the Munslow Annual Parish Council Meeting which follows this meeting.

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2025

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Richard Arnold, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, David Marston and Ed Povey. In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Chris Meeson and Graham Williams; Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th March 2025 were approved subject to an amendment to item 7.3 which should read 'the hall will have less income'. They were then signed by the Chair.

Reports: Chair's Report – Cllr Archer reported that under Delegated Matters she and the Clerk had decided not to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss a planning application 25/01243/TCA to fell 1no Hornbeam within Munslow Conservation Area. She had contacted both neighbours of the property who expressed no concerns.

Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley had sent her apologies. Shropshire Council will need to work on the Devolution Agenda once the elections are over.

Munslow Village Hall – Cllr Dobson reported that they were taking bookings for the Big Breakfast on 3rd May.

Accounts: A payment was authorised to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) inv 719 £81.00.

Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting: Items for consideration under infrastructure projects would be a children's playground and the Community Car Park in Aston Munslow. The meeting would be advertised on the notice boards, website, Facebook page, Corvedale News and Google Group.

Highways: The Environmental Maintenance Contractor would be asked to remove glass on the roadside on the Beambridge to Rushbury Road.

It was agreed to make an application for an Environmental Maintenance Grant of £1,000 for 2025-26.

It was resolved to confirm that the Environmental Grant for 2024-25 was spent in line with the conditions. Tree Surgery at Munslow Burial Ground: the Clerk had requested quotes from three contractors.

Resurfacing the Community Car Park at Munslow: This was deferred to the June meeting to allow councillors to consider previous correspondence from the Land Registry.

Registration of New Lease for Munslow Village Hall at Land Registry: The Clerk had written again to the Land Registry with no response so far.

Application to Challenge Registration of the Washwell at Land Registry: The Land Registry had passed the Council's letter to the appropriate team.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 7.00pm Wednesday 14th May 2025 at Munslow Village Hall Followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON TUESDAY 1ST APRIL 2025

Present: Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mr Ian Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Mrs M Holland, Ms J Mear, Mr I Steele, Mr J Turley and Ms J Watts.

In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Jo Mear (Village Hall planning) – non-pecuniary interest.

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2025 were approved as being correct and were signed by the chair

Reports from Members: Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley had sent her apologies.

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Mear reported that the AGM would be on 20th May. The planning application has been resubmitted.

Planning: 25/00968/FUL Proposed single storey extension, Village Hall, Culmington, SY8 2DB. Applicant: Culmington Parish Council. Cllr Mear was not involved in the debate. It was resolved to support the application.

Highways: Update on desilting: Cllr Mear reported that John Bellis, Shropshire Council's Flood Risk Manager, had visited the site of the outflow pipe on land at Seifton Lane and agreed for the desilting to be carried out.

Environmental Maintenance Grant Application: A grant of £1,500 for the year 2025-26 would be requested. It was confirmed that the council's expenditure of the Environmental Grant for 2024-2025 had been in accordance with the grant specification.

Village Gateway: The width of the verges to the southwest of the village near the speed limit signs is 1.7 metres. This would allow for a 960mm gateway. A single gateway without installation would cost in the region of £475 from a commercial supplier. The clerk was asked to investigate the cost of installation and the effectiveness of gateways.

Cllr Turley asked the Clerk to investigate whether there was still a weight limit on the bridge on the B4365 on the racecourse. This matter would be included on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting under expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund.

Update on the Blocked Bridleway: A response had been received from Mr Bamber, Shropshire Council's Rights of Way Officer (Legal Orders & Enforcement). He stated that there is a 'disparity between the volume of work that our team has to deal with and the resources available to the team' which has 'increased since the Parish Council initially contacted us with their concerns' in January 2024. The Council would make a formal complaint to Shropshire Council about the lack of action regarding this bridleway.

Retention of the Telephone Box at Culmington: The Council would respond to the Shropshire Council team that the box should be retained as this area was at risk of flooding, was on a diversion route for the A49 and there were no other public telephone boxes on the diversion route. The option of adopting the telephone box, should BT decide to decommission it, would be added to the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting Agendas.

Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on 13th May 2025: The agenda would include items on consideration of the expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund (including the Village Hall extension), repairs to All Saints Church, and Village Gateways, and the possible adoption of the telephone box in Culmington Village.

Finance: Payments were authorised to: H Coonick (reimbursement for inks and postage) £33.47, D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Inv 718 £45.00.

The Draft Annual Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation would be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Items for the Annual Parish Council Meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 13th May 2025: a. Village gateways b. Potential adoption of telephone box c. update on blocked bridleway d. dates and times of future meetings.

Councillors wished to thank Cllr John Turley for his service to the Parish Council for 55 years. He would not be standing again at the election. His understanding of the history of the parish would be very much missed. He was nominated by the Parish Council to attend the Shropshire Garden Party in recognition of his time as a councillor.

Members of the public can request items to be included in future agendas by contacting the Clerk.

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH 2025 AT WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: Cllrs T O'Boyle and A Rattu.

In Attendance: The Clerk, Corvedale Cllr C Motley and three members of the public.

Declarations of Interest: None were made.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 26th February 2025 were approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: The Clerk, in response to the accusations which had been made against her in an anonymous letter sent to her on 17th February, corrected mistaken information. Cllr. Watson said Severn Trent Water had contacted residents in The Moors and Moors View, to advise them that they had suspended work on the proposed new pipeline.

Reports: The Chairman reported that, on behalf of the parish council, he had sent condolences to the family of the late former councillor Mr Mervyn Thomas of Peaton Farm. He would represent the parish council at Mervyn's funeral on 29th March.

Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley said that parish councils should encourage Shropshire Council to resume the Community Governance Review, which had been suspended due to the Boundaries Review taking precedence. Some parish councils had agreed to amalgamate with adjoining parishes and others had boundary issues to resolve: for example, Stanton Lacy PC believed Sutton Hill should be in their parish, not Diddlebury. She suggested whoever replaced her after the elections should be invited to come to a meeting to discuss the review. At present there were two candidates running for the Corvedale Division, Dr Colin Stanford and Claire Braithwaite. The parish council also needed to be aware of the government's plans to amalgamate smaller local authorities into unitary councils with 500,000 populations and headed by a mayor: Shropshire was not currently subject to this scheme, but councillors needed to be alert to the future possibility that it may be.

Westhope Village Hall: Mrs Worthington reported on successful events which had been held at Westhope Village Hall. Community lunches would be recommencing in April and were open to all to attend. The Chairman invited the WVH committee to submit a letter to DPC asking it to take on responsibility for the maintenance of the WVH defibrillator, as it does for Diddlebury and Bouldon.

Flood Action Group: Cllr Martyn reported he had walked the length of the

Diddle brook inspecting the leaky dams, using a map supplied by Shropshire Wildlife Trust. As the water level was low, he was able to examine the dams carefully. He had reported back to SWT that at least half of the leaky dams were either damaged or missing altogether.

Planning Applications: 25/00743/VAR – Application for a variation to Condition No. 2 attached to planning permission 24/03617/LBC at The Green Farm, Middlehope. The applicants attended and explained the reasons for seeking this variation. Councillors considered the application and supported it.

Communications & Correspondence: Ten items of correspondence were considered.

A notification from a resident about a damaged gate on FP0525/24/2 had been investigated and the gate would be repaired or replaced shortly. It was noted that a concrete apron had been constructed at Motte Farm, Middlehope. DPC would take up with the owner the issue of whether water run-off has been dealt with correctly.

Finance Matters: The Finance Report for March 2025 was considered and cheques totalling £644.79 were approved for payment after which DPC held funds totalling £13,290.19. Cllr. Watson verified the reconciliation between DPC's cash book and HSBC's bank statement.

Audit 2024 - 2025: Councillors approved the revised Strategic Risk Assessment and the updated Register of Assets. Due to new rules being enacted, the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were being amended, so their approval was deferred to another meeting. Mrs Jennie Griffiths was appointed as DPC's internal auditor for the forthcoming audit.

Any Other Business: Residents and community groups were reminded that DPC makes small donations at its April meeting and any requests for a donation should be sent to the Clerk prior to the 23rd April 2025.

Cllr Martyn requested that the Bache Mill community should have its own notice board. This was discussed and it was agreed the request was reasonable. Cllr Pardoe would submit a quotation for a wooden one, and the Clerk would research non-wooden notice boards. The matter would be an agenda item at the April meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting as 8.45pm

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 23rd April 2025, 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.

Agendas and full copies of the Minutes and finance reports can be viewed by visiting the Diddlebury Parish Council website at www.diddleburyparish.co.uk or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs J de Russett at No 12 Church Road, Bampton Bryan, Bucknell, SY7 0DH Tel: 01547 519282 Email diddleburypc@outlook.com

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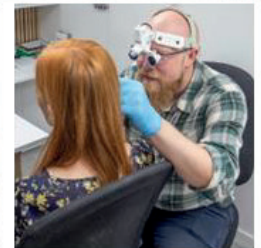
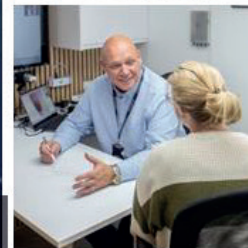
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0800 6783 105 (outside normal hours)
Power Cuts call 105

Water Supply Problems

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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

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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 23440 Henry King-Salter
henry.king-salter@westmercia.police.uk
07483 140311.

Voluntary Car Scheme - 9am - noon

Craven Arms Good Neighbours,
01588 673732

Craven Arms Recycling Centre

To make an appointment visit -
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CHILDREN'S & YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Corvedale Brownies

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

Corvedale School, Playgroup and Nursery

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Corvedale Google Group

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THE CORVEDALE GROUP OF PARISHES

CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2025

	4th May Easter 3	11th May Easter 4	18th May Easter 5	25th May Easter 6	1st June Easter 7
Abdon		9:45 HC		6pm Songs of Praise	
Broadstone			8:30 HC		
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm Compline	8:30 HC (BCP)	11:15 HC
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	9:45 HC
Holdgate	8:30 HC				8:30 HC
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC	6pm EP
Tugford			9:45 HC		

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

Thursday 29th May, Ascension Day – Holy Communion at Broadstone at 7:30pm