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(Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm)

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0808 223 1133

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0800 144 8 444

On the web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk



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The Corvedale News Team

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Henley Road, Ludlow
SY8 1QZ

Tel: (01584) 872906

st.peters.ludlow@talktalk.net

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Tel: (01743) 874923

circuitoffice2803@gmail.com

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 13th March



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 26th March
 Friday 28th March
 Sunday 30th March**

RSPB Events 

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

WALKS

Sunday 9th March 9.30am
 Sowdley Wood & Clunton Coppice

Sunday 20th April 10am
 Kinver Edge

TALKS - 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm
 Diddlebury Village Hall. £2 members, £5 non-members including refreshments.

11th March
 Osprey Project - Chris & Graham Pennie

8th April
 Waders of the Wirral - Andrew Brockbank

29th April
 At the Discovery Centre - David Arbuthnot

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

All Saints Church Culmington

Back by popular demand but with a twist.

Willow brash kindling
 £1 per bag.

Willow mini logs to get your fires really going £2 per bag.

All found in the church porch.

Either leave money in the wall money box or if you're paying by card make a donation using the card reader in the church.

All donations much appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 2025

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1st Sat	Rummage Sale	Westhope Village Hall	10am-12.30pm
2nd Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
4th Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
5th Wed	Coffee Morning	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	10am-12noon
5th Wed	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
6th Thu	Gardening Workshop	Westhope College	10am-4pm
8th Sat	Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
8th Sat	Hedge Laying Day	Abdon Village Hall	10am - 4pm
8th Sat	Corvedale Garden Group	Seifton	10am
9th Sun	RSPB Walk	Sowley Wood & Clunton Coppice	9.30am
11th Tue	RSPB Talk: Osprey Project, Chris & Graham Pennie	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
12th Wed	Winter Warmer	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	12.30-2.30pm
12th Wed	Munslow WI Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
12th Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Thu	Hayton & District WI Talk: In search of the wild dogs of Botswana	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Thu	Coffee Morning	Munslow Village Hall	10.30am-12noon
13th Thu	Page's Meadow Talk: The impact of landscape on the legends and folklore of the Borders	Clee St Margaret Village Hall	7pm
16th Sun	Daffodil Day	Sparchford Cottage	2-5pm
16th Sun	All Saint's, Culmington Electoral Roll Deadline		
17th Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
19th Wed	Coffee Morning	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	10am-12noon
19th Wed	Flicks in the Sticks: Conclave	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
20th Thu	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
21st Fri	Cheese & Wine Evening	Culmington Village Hall	
22nd Sat	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock	7pm
22nd Sat	Bruce's Disco	Culmington Village Hall	8pm-late
23rd Sun	RSPB Walk	Sowley Wood & Clunton Coppice	9.30am
26th Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
26th Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
27th Thu	Gardening Workshop	Westhope College	10am-4pm
27th Thu	Coffee Morning	Munslow Village Hall	10.30am-12noon
28th Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
28th Fri	Lasagne & Live Music Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
28th Fri	Bingo Night for Corvedale School Association	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	6pm
29th Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
29th Sat	Community Market	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	10am-12noon
30th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am

APRIL 2025

13rd Thu	Messy Church	St Peter's, Diddlebury	3.20pm
5th Sat	Music Bingo	Ditton Priors Pavillion	
6th Sun	J. S. Bach Concert	St Catherine's, Tugford	3pm
8th Tue	RSPB Talk: Waders of the Wirral, Andrew Brockbank	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
9th Wed	Community Lunch	Westhope Village Hall	
9th Wed	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
11th Fri	Curry Night with Bar	Culmington Village Hall	
12th Sat	Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
14th Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
17th Thu	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
18th Fri	Ludlow Rotary Grant Application Deadline		
20th Sun	RSPB Walk	Kinver Edge	10am
23rd Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
25th Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
26th Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
27th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am

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 17th March

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

Wildlife detectives needed.



Do you enjoy a walk on the wild side and have a few hours a month to support local wildlife ?

We have positioned wildlife trail cameras to record the wildlife in the Westhope woods.

We need volunteers to visit the cameras once a month to retrieve and replace the memory card along with new batteries if required.

The cameras are easy to operate and **full training** will be provided.

Once back home our wildlife detectives will identify and record the wildlife captured on camera.



This is an ideal activity **for all the family**, a great way to visit the countryside and make a positive contribution to wildlife conservation.

For further details please
Wildaboutwesthope@gmail.com

Corvedale Concerts presents

J.S. BACH

Suites for Solo Cello

Ruth Henley • Cello

April 6th St. Catherine's Church, Tugford • Suites 1 & 2

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

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

All concerts start at 3.00 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

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**In aid of Corvedale
School Association**

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BINGO

NIGHT

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN: 6PM

EYES DOWN 6:30PM


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CHOCOLATE PRIZES

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HAYTON AND DISTRICT
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

'In Search of the
WILD DOGS OF BOTSWANA'




Guest Speaker **NOWELA SWANSON**
tells her extraordinary story.

Image by Nowela Swanson

DATE: Thurs 13th March 2025 - 7.30pm
VENUE: Stanton Lacy Village Hall,
 Hayton's Bent SY8 2AT
EVERYONE WELCOME

£3 members; £5 guests, inc. refreshments.
Contact for more information:
 Branch President - 01584 823436
 Branch Secretary - 07568 083322



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HELPING WOMEN

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

Diddlebury Village Hall presents

LASAGNE & Live Music

Friday

MARCH
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BAR STEFANO
Opens 19:00

Food served from 19:30 – 20:30

Adults £12 | Children £5

Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Side Salad

Tickets from

Aston Munslow Garage, DVH bar when open
And by Bank Transfer – see website for details

Book your table & notify us of dietary needs

bookdvh@gmail.com

WhatsApp/Text :07936 730342



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An entertainingly juicy adaptation of Robert Harris's novel.

Wednesday 19th March

at Diddlebury Village Hall

Bar opens 19:00 Film at 19:30

£5 entry

There will be an interval



ABDON VILLAGE HALL

FINAL HEDGE LAYING

DAY

Saturday 8th March 2025

10.00am-4.00pm

LAST CHANCE THIS SEASON

To come along to learn all about hedge laying and help with the laying of the Village Hall hedges, with expert Chris Rowe.

Warm drinks and biscuits will be provided in the Village Hall and bring your own packed lunch.

Bring warm clothes and suitable stout footwear

All Welcome

Enquiries tel: 07729 927777

SPARCHFORD COTTAGE

DAFFODIL AFTERNOON



A WARM WELCOME TO VISIT AND ADMIRE OUR
DAFFODILS AT SY8 2DE

ON SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025

2–5 PM

USUAL REFRESHMENTS

FOLLOWED BY AN OUTDOOR

SERVICE OF SONGS OF PRAISE

DONATIONS IN AID OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH GENERAL FUNDS

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

What was to be our highlight of 2024 with Newtown Male Voice Choir, had to be cancelled because of the floods. On 15th February we finally hosted the event and what a great night it was! A full house enjoyed a fantastic repertoire of songs, a complimentary drink and light refreshments.

Fifty percent of our profits for the evening is being donated to the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust which donated a defibrillator to our village hall.

On **1st March** we have our ever-popular Rummage Sale, 10am - 12.30pm. £1 admission including tea/coffee. We would greatly appreciate any donations please. Collection can be arranged by calling 07860 447 397.

Everyone is always welcome to all our events and our licensed bar is available.

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

Betty Manley

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Weekly Whist Drive

Continue every Monday 7pm for 7.15pm start.
Admission £3.

Weekly Yoga

Thursdays, 9.45am - 10.45am

Please contact Sue Pugh 07432 349 933.

Rummage Sale

Saturday 1st March, 10am - 12.30pm

Community Lunch

Wednesday 9th April 12.30 for 1pm.

Homemade two-course lunch with tea/coffee £12pp.
Everyone welcome. Pre-booking essential.

Pub and Curry Night

Friday 9th May

MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

Our coffee morning dates for March are, **Thursday 13th March** and **Thursday 27th March**. Time for both dates is 10.30am until 12 noon. Our winter coffee mornings have been very well supported, thanks to all those who come and make this such a warm and friendly event.

The hall has also been in use by Munslow WI who hosted a really lovely children's party in January. A private party including a very lively ceilidh was held in the hall in February.

I mention these events as a reminder that the village hall is a great venue for all sorts of events and celebrations, don't forget us when you are planning your next party. Contact details for bookings are: Frances Sutton 01584 841 654
Peter Turner email pturner767@msn.com

We look forward to seeing you at a village hall event soon.

Lesley Dobson

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, 6 to 7.15pm

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

EVENTS

Lunch Club

Thursday 20th March

Contact Gwyn Edwards to book 01584 861 666

Cheese & Wine Evening for Corvedale and Cardington Area Conservatives

Friday 21st March

Contact Colin Stanford colinstanford.corvedale@gmail.com or 07966 459 412

Bruce's Disco presents

Music through the Decades

Saturday 22nd March, 8pm till late

Village hall licenced bar Plus hosting 'Beyond the Bar Cocktails'. Tickets £10. To book contact Jo Mear 07872 109 936 or Jeff Williams 01584 861 849

Curry Night with bar

Friday 11th April

Look out for more details next month!

ABDON VILLAGE HALL

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

Saturday 8th March, 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 29th March, 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

STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL

Follow us on Facebook - Stanton Lacy Village Hall Events

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 5th & 19th, 10am – 12noon.

Join us for tea, coffee and delicious cake.

Last of the 2024/2025 Winter Warmers

Wednesday 12th, 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Delicious homemade soups in a warm and welcoming space. Everyone is welcome!

Hayton and District Women's Institute

Every second Thursday of the month – 7.30pm start

Guest speaker: Nowela Swanson – talk about her extraordinary story: 'In search of the wild dogs of Botswana'.

Bingo Night

Friday 28th – doors open 6pm. Eyes down 6.30pm.

In aid of Corvedale School Association. Chocolate prizes!

Community Market

Saturday 29th, 10am – 12noon

Come along and see what our wonderful small businesses have to offer. We also serve tea, coffee and cake.

Pub Night every Wednesday

Bar opens 8pm – late.

Everyone welcome.

DITTON PRIORS HALLS EVENTS

We have another busy and fun year ahead for the hall and pavilion. Here are a few dates for your diary:

Music Bingo at Ditton Priors Pavilion

Saturday 5th April

Beerfest at Ditton Priors Recreation Ground

Saturday 12th July

Louise Tyson

BACH IN CORVEDALE

Next month sees the first concert under the banner of Corvedale Concerts. Cellist Ruth Henley has studied and performed the Bach Solo Suites for over five decades and they are works very close to her heart. She will be presenting the complete Suites for Solo Cello of J.S.Bach in three concerts, with proceeds supporting the Corvedale Churches. The opening concert takes place in St. Catherine's Church, Tugford on **Sunday 6th April** at 3pm and will include Suites 1 & 2.

Tickets, which include refreshments after the concert, are priced at £10 / £5 under 18s and are available from TicketSource www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-concerts or on the door (subject to availability).

Hope to see you there!

Ruth Henley

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PRECEPT 2025-26

Following the Council meeting on 22nd January the precept for the next financial year will remain at £7,500. This will cost each Band D household £25.01.

The council made a conscious decision to keep the precept low and will absorb inflation increases within its running costs and reserves. We again reduced costs regarding Asset Management with work 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 did, however, commission the cleaning of road signs throughout the parish. We continue to financially support the infrastructure of village halls, local charities, and work such as the Flood Action Group where possible.

The money received from Shropshire Council last year from our Neighbourhood Fund, derived from the Community Infrastructure Levy on new houses, was earmarked to open up the play area in the school grounds to children and families, as requested by parishioners in our Place Plan survey. The playground area is now open even when the school is not in session with an all-weather playing surface. We still have £2,199.55 of CIL money remaining and should receive VAT money of around £3,400 back for the playground expenses. We do not know if we will receive any further CIL money from Shropshire Council as they don't divulge this until it is allocated.

There is £300 earmarked for an Information board to sit alongside the War Memorial in St Peter's churchyard detailing the history of the names inscribed on it, but we still await approval for the siting of this from the church authorities.

We are due an election this May for Parish Councillors. If an election is needed because more than nine people stand it will cost approximately £1,200. We have £457.73 already reserved for the election and, as the balance of costs can be deferred to the 2026-27 budget, we have not included it in this year's costs.

This year we have replaced batteries and pads in the parish's defibrillators and brackets on the speed signs.

A full copy of the precept budget can be found on DPC's website. Financial Reports are detailed in each meeting's Minutes, which are also on our website.

D Hedgley, Chair DPC

SAVE THE DATE...

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH ANNUAL PLANT SALE

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

As always this is one of the main fund raisers for the church and a fun occasion. We would be extremely grateful for offers of help on the day and donations of plants. Please contact me on 01584 861 238 or lizandmartinj@gmail.com if you can help in any way

Liz Jones

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

Diddlebury Village Hall presents

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Food served from 19:30 – 20:30
Adults £12 | Children £5
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Film Starts 19:30

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Diddlebury Open Gardens



A date for your diary

Sunday 29 June

	<p>The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com</p>	<p>Thursday 13th March 19:30</p>
<p>Lasagne & Live Music</p>	<p>Following our successful Chilli and Live Music night we bring you LASAGNE & LIVE MUSIC NIGHT Delicious Lasagne and toe-tapping live music all in a great atmosphere! Tickets £12/£5 – see poster for information</p>	<p>Friday 28th March 19:00</p>
	<p>Teams of 4 - £10 per team We have 2 tables remaining Booking essential – WhatsApp or email us 07396 730342 diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com</p>	<p>Wednesday 9th April 19:00 for 19:30</p>
	<p>Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group £2.50 per Family</p>	<p>Mondays 10.00 - 12.00 Term time</p>
	<p>The Corvedale Choir. Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.</p>	<p>Mondays 19.30 - 21.30</p>
	<p>The Blue Hills Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.</p>	<p>Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00</p>
	<p>Zumba Contact Cat: zumbawithcat@outlook.com /07817 448832</p>	<p>Tuesdays 18.00</p>
	<p>Tai Chi Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250275 hello@goldenthreadscic.com</p>	<p>Thursdays 10.00 - 11.00</p>
	<p>Pilates with Tina Bookings only via pilateswithtina@outlook.com</p>	<p>Thursdays 18:00 – 19:00</p>
	<p>Physiotherapist-led Pilates. Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412</p>	<p>Fridays 9.15 - 10.15</p>

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

Lent begins this month – Ash Wednesday is on 5th March, when there will be a service of Holy Communion at Abdon at 7:30pm. As a season, it can be a funny mix. We think of it as a penitential time, perhaps giving up something that we enjoy, taking the flowers out of church and using purple as a sign of penitence. At the same time we hope to be surrounded by the onset of spring with longer days, warmer weather and the emergence of new life after the cold of winter.

We begin the season by thinking about the time Jesus spent in the wilderness following his baptism and before he started the period of his public ministry. We end it by turning our thoughts to the events of Easter – Christ’s crucifixion, death and resurrection. Inevitably, we come to all this with the benefit of knowing how the story ends: we cannot really feel the despair that must have filled the disciples on Good Friday because we know that Jesus rose again.

Despite what might seem like a focus on events which are all in the past, Lent is also about the present, because it calls on us to think about our own lives and attitudes. On Ash Wednesday, as the cross is made on our foreheads in ash, we hear a reminder of our own need to repent, to turn away from the wrong in our own lives: *‘Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.’* We ask ourselves about what it is that is wrong in our lives, personally and corporately. The problems of the Church of England at a national level are being highlighted in the news at present: as the General Synod begins its meeting in London it is difficult to know what will have been decided by the time you read this. As we look at the wider world, I am writing just as Hamas have announced a delay in releasing more hostages: another situation which will no doubt have changed by the beginning of March.

There is much which is wrong in the world but there is much which is right, too. It can sometimes be harder to see, but we shouldn’t lose sight of it. Through it all, we can rejoice in the presence of Christ with us. Matthew 11, 28-30: *‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.’*

Rev’d John Beesley

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church will be in Diddlebury Church on **Thursday 3rd April** from 3:20pm, when we’ll be thinking about Lent and Easter. There will be the usual variety of craft activities before we remember what Easter is all about 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

MUNSLOW CHURCH

I am pleased to be able to report that we now have the necessary permission from the diocese for the church rewiring to go ahead. Before that can start, however, we need to raise another £20,000 and we are in the process of applying for grants which will help towards this. We also need to raise some more funds ourselves and, with this in mind, we have planned to have a Spring Flower Festival again 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!

Rev’d John Beesley

FLOWERS & BRASSES

MARCH 2025

2nd	Liz Jones	9th	Sharon Constable*
16th	Sharon Constable*	23rd	Sharon Constable*
30th	Kath Worthington*		

* Brasses only

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WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



Our next meeting will be at the Community Lunch on **Wednesday 9th April** at Westhope Village Hall, 12.30pm for 1pm lunch. Remember the lunches are open to everyone, so please come along and enjoy a delicious home cooked meal with no washing up!

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

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 26th March

Friday 28th March

Sunday 30th March

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.

Katharine Wale



CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP



Saturday 8th February at Diddlebury Village Hall saw the first 2025 meeting of the garden club where we heard *All About Roses* by Pauline and Ray Martin. Pauline and Ray are co-founders of The Rose Society UK and you can find more information here if you are interested www.therosesociety.org.uk/. The rose society is involved in promotion of and education about rose growing; organising competitive amateur rose competitions; and supporting rose breeders, trials and the rose trade in the UK. Pauline and Ray have been growing roses for fifty years in East Anglia, have won national championships and they are both Rose Society UK accredited judges.

The talk included tips for growing roses with special emphasis on pruning and included a practical demo of pruning a miniature rose bush. The tips included: buying bare root roses with around 3-4 stems; checking the pH of your soil (around 6.5 ideally); planting in the Autumn so the roots can grow; dead heading regularly; mulching and of course feeding well. An interesting point about black spot was to consider buying roses that have been bred in the last 15-20 years as they will be more resistant. And one thing I certainly didn't

know is that you can treat rose hips like seeds and plant them and see what grows - it won't be 100% true to the parent but will certainly produce flowers and could produce something remarkably interesting.

There were useful tips about rose breeders and interestingly we have one in Shropshire - Chris Warner - and you can find more about him here on his website warnersroses.com. Kordes roses were also mentioned and here is the website www.kordes.us/.

Some notable varieties mentioned were: for blue roses *Rhapsody in Blue* is the most blue; *Tickled Pink* is a very good garden rose; *Sally Holmes* if you are looking for a white shrubby type rose that blooms all summer and interestingly is bred by an amateur; and *Red Devil* is one to grow if you think you can't grow roses.

The group's next meeting is **Saturday 8th March** in Seifton to look at a garden that is being redesigned: details will be sent out nearer the time. If you are interested in the garden group, please email corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com.

Alison Benbow

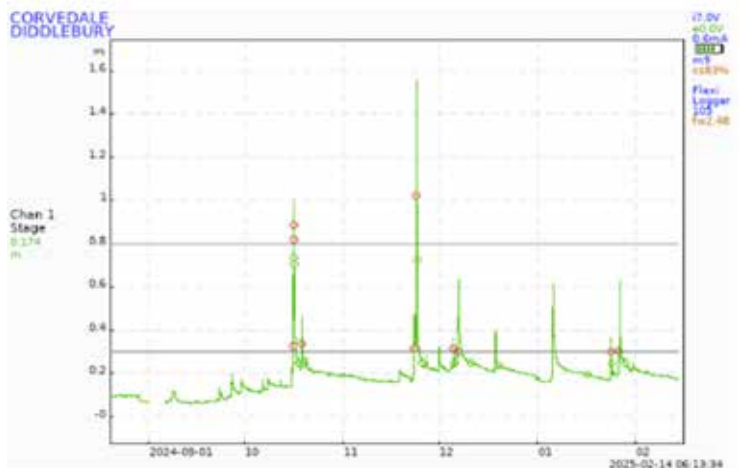
DIDDLEBURY FLOOD ACTION GROUP

STORM BERT – 24TH NOVEMBER 2024



This storm caused a sudden rise in water levels on the stream, a rise of 1.4 metres in the space of ninety minutes peaking at nearly 1.6 metres as recorded on the gauge on the B4368 Diddlebury road bridge. Once again properties in Bache Mill and Corfton suffered internal flooding. Elsewhere external flooding was noted in a number of gardens and damage caused by debris being washed down stream.

The B4368 road bridge was flooded as the drains were unable cope with the volume of water. The depth of the water made car travel difficult. Once again this was reported to Shropshire Council (since this flooding event Highways have created a channel to capture the water flowing down Pinstones Lane).



LEAKY DAMS

On 3rd December Shropshire Wildlife Trust held a well-attended meeting in Culmington village hall. The subject of the meeting was Natural Flood Management in the Corvedale, it focused on the different types of flood management that can be used to reduce flooding. These methods included diverting water courses, creating wetlands, and building leaky dams.

Following the meeting I was able to obtain from the Wildlife Trust detailed locations of fifty-nine leaky dams on the Diddle as part of their earlier Slow the Flow Project.

The Diddlebury Flood Action Group is now seeking permission from the landowners to allow an inspection to determine the condition of the dams. A survey will provide feedback to Shropshire Wildlife Trust. It is then hoped that the Wildlife Trust can setup a new project to increase the number of dams and repair any of the current dams which maybe damaged or broken.

Clive Martyn



LUDLOW ROTARY CARES 2025

Once again, Ludlow Rotary Club invites local community groups to apply for a grant.

'Ludlow Rotary Cares' is the name the club has given to its annual scheme aimed at supporting community life in and around Ludlow by offering modest grants to local charities and organisations. The maximum grant available is now £750.

Over the past ten years the Ludlow Rotary Club has been able to contribute more than £50,000 to over a hundred local community projects through this scheme from funds it has raised. After a successful year of fundraising, the club is delighted to be able to invest again in our community.

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

Further information and a simple application form can be found on the website www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk.



Organisations which meet the criteria will need to get their applications in by **18th April**. Those shortlisted will be invited to an evening event at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on **13th 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.

The club is keen to hear from a wide range of organisations including those that have applied in the past or have been awarded grants in the past. So if you are involved in or are aware of one which might benefit, do take a look at the website and follow the link to download an application form.

For further information please email lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk

WE LOVE OUR QUIZZERS!

We love them for their great sense of humour and for fully joining in to make our quiz nights the fun nights that they've turned out to be. As well as lots of fun there's some really serious quizzing going on which is rewarded by winning one of our trademark 'Rubbish Prizes' but as you can see from the photo everyone is thrilled to win one!

Winners on the night were the newly formed team of the 7DE's from Corfton - bravo to them for their excellent score of 100 points!

Two points behind were the Nellie Deans with 98 pts and in joint 3rd place were the Temesters and Dazed and Confused.

Winners of the 'Squares' draw were - 1st prize £20 - Rich Ince; 2nd prize Bottle of wine - Val Fotheringham; 3rd prize - Box of chocolates - Ian Davies.

Thanks so much to everyone for supporting us by entering the quiz and buying squares.

We're not only building a real community at DVH but we're also raising much needed money to keep our hall in tip top condition for our community to enjoy.

Our next quiz is on **Wednesday 9th April** - we are already almost fully booked - just three tables left. So get in touch if you want to join in all the fun.

Book now via WhatsApp 07936 730 342 or email diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com

Kim Simm



Lean on Me



Corvedale Choir

Monday 7th April 2025 Diddlebury Village Hall

The Corvedale choir meet every Monday night in term-time finding the harmony in the music and joy with each other.

This free concert celebrates our friendship and despite the anxieties and stresses of life we all individually face, our loads are lighter because we share and support each other.

The singing may be the why we meet; it's the relationships that keep us together

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30 start. Any funds raised on the evening will go to Culmington All Saints Church Tower restoration project

Pictured: The 7DE's from Corfton – Mark Turner, Jaqueline Turner, Dave Stratton and Annie Stratton.

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP



LETTERS TO CAMONDO BY EDMUND DE WAAL

There was a full attendance for our December meeting, so the discussion for this book reflected a range of opinions and tastes. The book sets out fifty-eight imaginary letters to the builder and former owner of a house in the Rue de Morceau, Paris. Edmund De Waal uses this device to describe its contents in detail, accompanied also by photographs and illustrations. The book explores the story of people who lived there and continues an examination of Jewish history in Europe. Most of the group had read his previous work, *The Hare with Amber Eyes*, which chronicled the history of the Ephrussi family by reference to the journey of a collection of Japanese miniature sculptures, netsuke, passing through five generations of De Waal's family from 1871 to 2009. However, this new book is about friends of the family who lived a few doors away and the story of another collection put together painstakingly by Moise de Camondo. It sets out his family's story in the face of events from the late nineteenth century to the present day reflecting the experience of Jewish people in Europe, especially the impact of antisemitism on the Jewish community in France.

While de Waals' family were from Odessa, the family of De Camondo were Sephardi Jews from Constantinople. Both families came to Paris and established themselves as wealthy occupants of a new development of mansions in the same district of Paris along with Rothschilds and other families of the 'absurdly rich'. They aimed to create a place for themselves in 'secular, republican, tolerant, civilised Paris.' In 1909, Moise De Camondo demolished his father's mansion, discarding most of its contents, and rebuilt it in a new style, filling it with all manner of 18th century French art, porcelain and furniture. He supported French art and artists, acquiring paintings and other items. He married Irene, a society heiress, and together they had two children, Nissim and Beatrice. The marriage failed when Irene went off with her riding instructor. Later, Beatrice went on to marry the son of a wealthy neighbour and when the First World War broke out Nissim joined the French armed forces. Later in the conflict he flew with the French air force only to go missing on a reconnaissance mission. In grief his father dedicated the home he had prepared as an inheritance for his son to be a memorial to him. He continued to collect and furnish it with this in mind and on his death it was presented to the French state in a ceremony attended by many dignitaries,

including the Prime Minister as reported in the newspapers. On the same day newspapers reported the pact between Germany and Japan and Hitler's support for Franco.

We noted the change in writing style at this point in the narrative. It changed from detailed and elaborate descriptions of the pieces and works of art to be a more spare and direct description of how the Nazis, having invaded, along with French authorities removed rights and property from Jews. The family was used to having influence and attempted to use their connections to avoid being caught up in the cataclysm. To no avail, they were rounded up with others, despite attempts to evade capture by travelling to the unoccupied area of France. A commemorative plaque on the house records the fate of Beatrice and her two children, the last dependents of Moise de Camondo, being deported, as was her husband Leon Reinach, between 1943 and 1944 to die in Auschwitz. There are photographs of the cards issued on their arrivals at the French internment camp showing the alterations of category that resulted in their transportation to the concentration camp.

De Waal is of course an artist, and his style led to different responses within the group. One particular reflection was of the melancholy nature of the writing and the atmosphere of the house, existing as a memorial whose story was capped by the fate of those who perished later. Another theme of the book was of the triumphs and failures of migrants who attempted assimilation but were ultimately unable to lose the status of being 'the other,' an experience shared by contemporary groups in our own society. Some liked the archival manner in which the objects were examined and recognized, the pleasure of placing objects in relation to one another. We noted that the letters provided an intimate and personal way into understanding the author and the characters involved.

After the war, the few survivors of these families attempted restitution, 'something taken back.' There was a painting returned and then sold, a fortune recovered, and citizenship restored. Then they moved on to live out the rest of their lives in new places. While De Camondo ordered his house be kept clean and dust free, accumulated dust can also contain memories. This book brings these memories to light.

Robert Bluett

THE SEVEN MOONS OF MAALI ALMEIDA BY SHEHAN KARUNATILAKA

In February, the Corvedale Book Group read this gripping 2022 Booker Prize winner. The book grabs readers right from its opening lines: 'You wake up with the answer to the question that everyone asks. The answer is Yes, and the answer is Just Like Here But Worse.' We quickly learn that the questions were 'Is there life after death?' / 'What's it like?' and that the narrator is a recently murdered war photographer, facing a chaotic afterlife of unexpected bureaucracy and crowded with dead souls, some of which he recognises. He has seven days (moons) as a spirit to resolve the unfinished issues of his life before he has to choose how to move on to the next stage.

Part whodunit, part savage political satire, the novel combines magic realism, dark humour and an unexpected tenderness along with flashbacks to episodes from Sri Lanka's civil wars. Maali describes himself as 'Photographer. Gambler. Slut.': the book explores all these aspects of his life.

Initially, the book focuses on the 'In Between,' as Maali finds his feet, interacting with the white-clad 'Helpers' and a community of equally confused other spirits while observing those still living and trying to find a way to communicate with them. However, as the book progresses, the narrative focuses increasingly on Maali's past personal relationships, his after-death struggle to get his explosive unpublished photographs displayed and his attempt to discover who killed him and protect those he loved. As he is faced with a series of moral choices, both he and we come to realise that he is not the selfish character we had originally assumed.

Although this book is challenging in its material and unusual in its style, the group was united in praise of it and all of us had enjoyed reading it – something that rarely happens. We strongly recommend it.

Clare Smout

ALL SAINTS, CULMINGTON ELECTORAL ROLL

Church of England rules require that every six years a new Electoral Roll is prepared. It is now six years since the last roll, so we have to produce a new one. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new roll, whether entered on the present roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than **16th March 2025**. Under Church rules, a lay person is entitled to have his or her name entered on the roll if the person is:

a) Baptised **b)** is aged 16 or over and **c)** has made one of three declarations and duly applied for enrolment. The declarations will be found on the reverse of the application form.

Each member on the current roll will be sent a letter and application form. A supply of application forms can be found in All Saints Church undercroft. Completed application forms should be returned to the Electoral Roll officer, Mrs. V. Hardwick. A collection box will be available in the undercroft.

Val Hardwick

PAGE'S MEADOW TALKS & FILMS

CLEE ST MARGARET VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 13th March 2025 at 7pm

The Impact of Landscape on Legends & Folklore of the borders.

The border country between Wales and England has a complex and varied history. It's a diverse landscape where forests, hills, rivers and meres, many shaped by nature and human impact, hold their own special beauty and stories.

Neolithic farmers, Marcher lords, the Industrial Revolution and the Enclosure Acts are examples of the wide range of source material for the many stories and traditions. Some were captured by pen and pencil and so have survived. They continue to evolve and entertain us today.

This presentation will celebrate this glorious borderland and some of the traditions held within its hills and byways.

Pamela Thom-Rowe lives on the Brown Clee. She has a master's degree in Celtic studies. Pam has special interests in landscape & folklore, medieval churches and medieval graffiti.

All welcome.

Donation £3.00 towards VH hire and other costs.

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Sunday 30th March
12 - 4pm

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



MUNSLOW WI

At our AGM on Wednesday 29th January the officers were thanked for their hard work, especially Jenny Rose, the Publicity Officer, who has written our reports for The Corvedale News for many years, sometimes breaking out delightfully into verse. Jenny has now stepped down and been replaced by Wendy Brogden.

Sam Jones gave us an excellent talk in February about his life with a kidney transplant. Sam's difficulties started when he was a newborn baby, but it was not until he was in his early teens that he needed a new kidney. He spent over two years on dialysis – ten hours a night, every night, and with inevitable limitations to his life – but finally a donor was found for him. Sam told us movingly about the joy, and the joy experienced by his family, at the new lease of life the kidney has given him. It is not without its problems as the immuno-suppressing drugs he must take have some difficult side-effects, but he remains extremely grateful and tries to live by the motto 'work hard and be brave.' The WI donated money to Kidney Care UK, Sam's charity this year.

On **Wednesday 12th March** at 7.30pm there will be a talk by Andy Johnson on Family History Research. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome; it will take place in our usual venue, the Beambridge Village Hall. We also look forward this year to outings to Derwent College and Wollerton Old Hall Gardens, as well as the Annual Garden Party and a joint musical evening featuring Gabriela la Foley with the Diddlebury and Westhope WI branch. Please email me at wendy@brogden.info if you would like more information.

We have been incredibly pleased to welcome two new members this year. Anyone who would like to join us should get in touch with our Secretary, Val Hardwick, on 01584 861 658, but do also feel free to attend any meeting as a visitor. The visitor's fee is £5 – a bargain for an interesting session, good UK company and delicious home-made refreshments!

Wendy Brogden

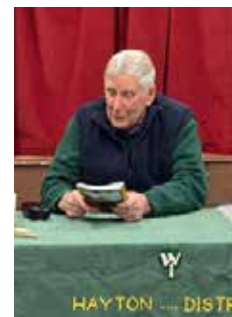
HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

Having had little to report since our branch AGM in November and the very enjoyable members' Christmas supper at The Clive Arms, Bromfield in December, we can now report on our first meeting of the year and, albeit almost three months in, wish an incredibly happy 2025 to all WI members and parish magazine readers.

Our February 2025 meeting was chaired by President Phyllis Steventon and new Secretary Jennette Arnold. Jennette discussed forthcoming events for members to sign up to attend, including national and local Federation days. Other events for members to subscribe to include lunch at *Origins* in Shrewsbury during the first half of March, a trip to World of Wedgwood to discover the secrets of their factory and a Spring ramble in April to name but a few.

Once all business matters were discussed, we were incredibly happy to welcome our speaker for the evening, Roy Jones, 'The Mad Thatcher' as he amusingly calls himself. Roy has

spent around sixty years as a thatcher in and around this part of Shropshire and was full of stories of his experiences with clients when doing jobs for them - thatching houses, bungalows, churches, summer houses, dove cotes, public houses, umbrellas(!) and a three-story tower in the middle of a lake. His presentation was particularly amusing, but I won't give too much away here, not wanting to spoil the fun should other branches choose to invite him to their meetings: just to say he is quite a character worth listening to.



Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th March** at the usual time of 7.30pm when the business meeting commences. Our speaker, Nowela Swanson, will be invited to give her presentation entitled 'In Search of the Wild Dogs of Botswana' at 8.00pm. We look forward to inviting all members and guests to join us. All monthly meetings are held at Stanton Lacy Village Hall, Hayton's Bent. For further information about the WI in general, membership and meetings, please feel free to get in touch with our Branch President, Phyllis Steventon on 01584 823 436 or our Branch Secretary at haytonanddistrictwi!@wi-shropshire.co.uk

Louise Gough

DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE WI

How quickly a year has gone by, and it was AGM time again. A cosy evening in the small room of the village hall on Wednesday 12th February - exactly right for a good catch up and to look forward to the coming year of meetings, outings and other events.

Reports were given, firstly by our President Mary Holland on our past year which had been a busy and fruitful one. New members had joined, and we had enjoyed a lovely planned walk and craft afternoons as well as our monthly meetings and a fun garden party over the summer at a member's house as well as, of course, the Burwarton Show. Our thanks to Mary, Joy, our committee and all our members for their contributions to ensure we enjoy our monthly get togethers and have an interesting year to look forward to. The Treasurer's report and Election of Officers and the Committee completed the first part of the evening.

The North Group meeting which Mary and Joy attended highlighted a talk at Clee St Margaret WI on Cyber Security at 2.00pm on **Monday 12th May** for any WI member who would like to attend. Other plans are still being formulated for the year ahead so watch this space! A well-deserved feast of cheese and wine followed the conclusion of the WI admin where we had such a good catch up as well as putting the world to rights that some of us had to give our excuses as to why we were so late home!

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 12th March** at 7.30pm at Culmington village hall where Jacqui White, one of our members, will be giving her intriguingly titled talk 'Around the World in 80 Days' which we are very much looking forward to. As always if anyone would like to come along to our meetings either as a visitor for the evening or to 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

NEWS FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES AND OTHER MATTERS

Good news on this hot topic: following feedback from residents after a three-month survey, the council has removed the need to book in advance for cars visiting a recycling centre, although drivers may be asked for proof of Shropshire residency. This is because of the high volume of out-of-county people who take advantage of our recycling centres and add considerably to the cost of waste disposal for the Council.

Shropshire residents using a van or trailer will still need to book a slot and provide proof of residency when they arrive.

The Council's recent budget consultation asked for views on a possible change to three-weekly collections of general waste to help savings targets. We had extensive feedback and concluded that as all councils will be legally required by Defra to introduce free weekly food collections from 2026 we would leave any alterations to general waste collections until after April 2026 when the new food collections start. Any change to the frequency of waste collections would have to be agreed by the Council's Cabinet and full Council, plus public consultation and discussions with Veolia, the Council's waste contractor.

Still on the budget, we have some £8.5m of new savings to find for 2025/26 which could mean reducing opening hours of the castle and museum in Shrewsbury; switching off some streetlights (not a great problem in the Corvedale!) and making changes to Shrewsbury Park and Ride services. Our finance settlement from Government was the third lowest of all councils in the country, so our spending power for 2025/26 will only increase by 3.1% even with a 4.99% council tax increase. The national funding increase for councils averages out at 6%, with urban authorities benefiting the most.

An ongoing worry is the ever-increasing demand for council services, particularly social care, which still accounts for £4 in every £5 we spend. Together with the rising costs of services and supplies this is likely to outstrip Shropshire's proposed increase.

However, all is not gloom – we should benefit from a new homes bonus, a market sustainability and improvement fund, and various pots of homelessness funding: small beer, however, in terms of the services we strive to provide.

As you know, local government and parish/town council elections will take place on 1st May under the new boundary system, which brings Cardington parish into the Corvedale division. There will be twenty-two newly named unitary divisions in the county as a whole and seventy-four councillors in seventy-two divisions (only two divisions will have two

councillors). All the Corvedale polling stations remain the same and to vote in person you'll need an accepted form of photo ID which must be original, not a copy. For those voting by post, the deadline is 5pm on 14th April. Parish council elections will be held in those parishes that have more candidates than seats available.

I shall not be putting myself forward for re-election as I have decided to retire from Shropshire Council. It will be a real wrench to leave the Corvedale and all its residents and parish councils as well as my work for the Council on numerous committees over the years. I started on South Shropshire District Council in 2003 and led the council from 2007 – 2009 when the five district councils merged with the county council to form Shropshire Unitary Council. During my time on Shropshire Council I have served in the Cabinet in various roles, including Children's Services, Rural Affairs (a passion of mine), Regulatory Services and latterly Culture & Leisure Services and Adult Social Care & Public Health. I chaired the Rural Services Network for eight years, fighting to raise the profile of rural areas with Westminster politicians, sat on the Arts Council Midlands Board for six years promoting funding for rural arts companies, and represented Shropshire Council on the Governing Council of the West Midlands Ambulance Service. I also had an invigorating stint as a Council Scrutiny Committee chair, served on the South Planning Committee for seven years together with various planning working groups, and am a longstanding representative on the AONB (now the Shropshire Hills National Landscape). Throughout this time I have been extremely fortunate to work with some wonderful officers and Councillors – both parish and Unitary.

It's been incredibly busy, and I won't pretend that the last four years have been easy, but I wouldn't have missed it for the world. Now I need to claim more time to spend with my four children and six grandchildren, as well as my miraculously patient husband.

I wish my successor in the Corvedale division the very best of good fortune and hope he or she will enjoy the glorious Corvedale as much as I have done over the past twenty-two years.

Cllr Cecilia Motley
Shropshire Councillor,
Corvedale Division
Cabinet Member,
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MARCH CROSSWORD

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Answers to this month's crossword
can be found on page 21 in this
edition of the magazine.

ACROSS

- 1) Performing but not seriously? (7)
- 5) Concerning a fight (5)
- 8) The part time soldiers get a letter (5)
- 10) Celebrate. Pavilion is enjoying having it (7)
- 11) Main artery through Australia or Tasmania (5)
- 12) Napoleon first left northern city very quickly (6)
- 14) Stay with confused marine (6)

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- 17) It tracks both ways (5)
- 19) Tutor changes the race (7)
- 22) Rita and Sid together as a recorder (7)
- 23) One performing enthusiast revisited another opening show (5)
- 24) Solid and needs redrawing (5)
- 25) Prisoner posted approval (7)

DOWN

- 1) Flower part of broken plate (5)
- 2) Silly name one gives a plant (7)
- 3) Begin in recently acquired quarters in the middle east (5)
- 4) Understand and assemble (6)
- 5) Female detective in time becomes mean (7)
- 6) Animal Harry Potter first dismissed (5)
- 7) Land travelled by old queen in public transport (7)
- 12) Displayed by father with terrible dread (7)
- 13) It's boring to change tie at end of term (7)
- 15) It's about the late runner (7)
- 16) Still interference? (6)
- 18) Exhaust doctor in a different way (5)
- 20) Decorate part of road ornately (5)
- 21) Criticise the Sunday dinner (5)

CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2025

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

In Attendance: Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Mr Ian Alderson.

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None.

Public Involvement Session: A member of the public asked the council to consider moving the Vehicle Activated Sign on the western entrance to the village further to the west to alert traffic earlier, and to install village gateways. This request was supported by ten members of the parish who live on or near to the B4368. The Clerk will investigate whether Shropshire Council would agree for the sign to be moved further west with the possibility of extending the speed limit further west, and investigate the cost of village gateways. West Mercia Police would be asked for their latest data on traffic speeds through the village and to monitor speeds from the entrance to Culmington Village Hall. This matter would be added to the agenda for the next meeting on 4th March 2025.

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Reports from Members: Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that Shropshire Council's (SC) financial settlement from the government for 2025-26 was the third lowest in the country. The Council had complained and received an uplift of £4,000. The Council was waiting for a letter from the government about the devolution requirement for SC. If they were told they needed to join with another authority then the local council (not parish) elections may need to be delayed. Telford and Wrekin were not keen to join with SC. The Community and Family Hub at Ludlow Youth Centre was functioning well with various support services available to members of the public. It was hoped to extend this service to provide outreach in villages. Cllr Mear asked if it included Domestic Abuse Support as this was a significant problem in Shropshire and Cllr Motley confirmed that it did. The Planning Inspectorate had informed SC that the Local Plan needed to include an extra 1,000 houses annually. The council was reviewing the responses to the consultation on the Recycling Centres. The Highways Team was preparing a guidance document for parishes that specified what work they could and could not do on the highways with particular reference to Vehicle Activated Signs, and how this work was funded.

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Mear said that the Annual General Meeting of the committee would be on 20th May. There was a new treasurer. The Health and Safety Checks had been completed. There was a full calendar of events.

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2025 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr D Hedgley – Chairman. Cllrs A. Rattu, A Watson, C Martyn, R Povall, T O'Boyle, T Pardoe and R Morgan.

Apologies: Cllr S Povall.

In attendance: The Clerk, Shropshire Cllr C Motley, 13 members of the public.

Declarations of Interest: None were made.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th November 2024 were approved and two matters arising dealt with.

Reports: The Chairman reported that potholes in Bouldon and Peaton had been filled. He had liaised with the Planning Officers over two of the applications to be dealt with that night and also the one recently refused permission at Corfton Bache. He had attended three site visits relating to planning applications. He had discussed with residents, councillors and a representative from Severn Trent Water their proposed scheme to run a pipe from the pumping station into a local brook and would be meeting the representative the following Monday to discuss the matter further.

Shropshire Council - Cllr Motley reported on the Planning Inspectorate's rejection of SC's Local Plan. It was now being further considered by the Cabinet. Word from the government was that smaller local authorities needed to amalgamate to achieve populations of 500,000 – SC was exploring its options. Of 180 local authorities Shropshire had received the third lowest increase in its local government finances, being offered an increase of just 2.84% whereas many councils had been offered 6%: £12m had been cut from its social care budget at a time when national insurance contributions had increased and there was ever more pressure from care providers for additional assistance. The elections scheduled for 1st May 2025 would proceed.

Westhope Village Hall – Mrs Worthington reported that some events had

Flood Action Group – Cllr Byng reported on a meeting on 16th January 2025 with members of the National Flood Forum and Shropshire Wildlife Trust (SWT). SWT was due to meet some residents in Westhope. The ploughing of fields and enlarging of ponds was discussed. The site visit with Culmington Parish Council had been fed back to SWT. They were considering more weather stations. No progress had been made with the Environment Agency regarding desilting the river in Culmington Village. Shropshire Council was lacking qualified personnel to meet the demand for reviewing Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) in planning applications.

Planning: 25/00124/FUL – Erection of extensions to existing clubhouse, Upper Norton Farm, Onibury. The Council would make a representation that it supported the application but wished to see a review of the management of surface water from the extension, and the surrounding area needed to be permeable.

All Saints Church Culmington: The Council would write a letter of support for the Church Tower Appeal Lottery Application.

Tree Preservation Order on the Limes and Pines in Culmington: Shropshire Council would only put a Tree Preservation Order on these trees if they were at risk.

Blocked Bridleway: The Rights of Way Officer (Legal Orders and Enforcement) had replied but did not answer the question of whether legal action was being taken. The Council would write to Cllr Robert Macey (Shropshire Council portfolio holder for Culture and Digital) to request that the Right of Way would be unblocked.

Finance: Payments were authorised to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) 689 £63.00, Culmington Village Hall Hire Fee £150.00. The question of opening a savings account was deferred to the next meeting.

Preparations for the Parish Council Elections on 1st May 2025: Nomination papers for the election would be available in March. A piece would be placed in Ripples and on notice boards encouraging anyone interested in becoming a councillor to contact the Clerk for more information.

The date of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings would be changed to 13th May 2025 to allow sufficient time for new councillors to take office and receive the agendas for the meetings.

Any Other Business: The Clerk was asked to write a letter to Beverley Waite (Mayor of Ludlow), Stuart Anderson MP, and Simon Whitehouse (Chief Executive of the Integrated Care Board) to express the value that Culmington Parish Council placed on retaining Ludlow Hospital.

Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4th March, 2025: a. lack of action by Connexus regarding their property at The Glebelands. b. Consider opening a savings account c. update on the blocked bridleway d. update on flooding on Seifton Lane.

Heather Coonick Clerk/RFO

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been cancelled due to fallen trees blocking the roads after recent storms. The Male Voice Choir had been rescheduled for 15th February 2025.

Flood Action Group – Cllr Martyn reported that the storm on 24th November 2024 had resulted in flooding of houses in Bache Mill and Corfton. He had attended a Shropshire Wildlife Trust meeting in Culmington on natural flood management techniques. The introduction of beavers in this area was not an option. With a representative from SWT he would be investigating leaky dams on the stream above Diddlebury. He had notified SC concerning blocked drains in Pinstones Lane and raised Severn Trent Water issues with John Bellis of Highways.

Louisa Powell Almshouse Trust: Cllr O'Boyle had attended a recent meeting and reported that works continued on various properties to ensure they were of a good standard and pleasant to live in. There were few vacancies available as the standard of the housing was so good.

Planning Applications: 24/04695/FUL and 25/00040/LBC. Applications for a new toilet block at the Coach House, Delbury Hall, Diddlebury plus Listed Building Consent. DPC supported these applications.

24/04804/FUL - Application for the siting of a temporary agricultural worker's dwelling (static caravan), installation of a sewage treatment plant and formation of an access track at Sutton Hill, Sutton. The site was part in Diddlebury and part in Stanton Lacy parishes. The farmhouse had been sold off separately to the land, giving rise to this application. DPC supported the application.

24/04814/OUT - Application for the erection of two self-build dwellings and access; all other matters (landscape, appearance, layout and scale) are reserved. Proposed site was land NW of Great Sutton Farm. In addition to considering the plans and relevant documents, councillors heard from the applicants and neighbours. DPC supported the application.

24/04404/FUL – Application for the erection of a porch, side and rear extensions and internal alterations to The Green, Bache Mill. This application had been dealt with under the provisions of Standing Order 27. Four councillors had visited the site and met the owner and builder. DPC supported the application.

Highways/Environmental issues: Residents were able to call at the

Highways depot in Craven Arms and collect up to 10 free bags of sand for flood prevention measures.

Concerns were expressed about the operation of the booking system at the Craven Arms recycling centre and also the threat of three weekly bin collections in place of the present two weekly service. Cllr Motley said the booking system at Craven Arms recycling centre was being reviewed.

Communications and Correspondence: Seven items of correspondence were considered.

Finance Matters: The Finance Report for January 2025 was considered and cheques totalling £433.27 were approved for payment after which DPC held funds totalling £14,315.65. Cllr O'Boyle verified the reconciliation between DPC's cash book and HSBC's bank statement.

Setting of Precept Budget for 2025-26: DPC's 2025-26 Precept Budget was considered and a figure of £7,500 – as last year – was agreed. A copy of

the budget can be found on DPC's website.

Resolution Re Planning In Corfton: A Resolution passed in 2019 was revised as follows: 'Diddlebury Parish Council will not support any further applications for open market housing in Corfton, only affordable or exception sites will be considered'.

Any Other Business: Councillors were advised that at the elections on 1st May 2025 all would have to stand for re-election.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 26th February 2025, 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL, ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2025

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Nigel Dobson, David Marston, Chris Meeson, Ed Povey and Graham Williams.

In Attendance: H Coonick, Clerk.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Richard Arnold and Val Fotheringham; Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest: There were none.

Public Forum (limited to 15 minutes): Four members of the public were in attendance. Member of the Public One (MP1), who does not live in the parish, objected to the number of speed restrictions that were in place from Craven Arms to Morville on the B4368. In the past she had been a class 1 driver so felt she was safe to travel at speed, slower traffic causes more pollution, and the cost of signs was a burden upon the taxpayer. Those who had bought houses on the side of the B4368 should accept that traffic would be travelling at speed past their properties. Cllr Archer thanked MP1 for her comments and responded that parishioners had requested that the Parish Council act on the speed of traffic through the parish. The decisions to purchase Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) had been discussed at meetings over several years and were recorded in the minutes of meetings which were available to parishioners, giving them the opportunity to comment if they were dissatisfied: at no point had any parishioner complained to the council about its attempts to reduce speed on the B4368. Cllrs Williams, Meeson and Marston who all live in properties on the side of the B4368 raised the issue of fatal accidents that had been caused by speeding vehicles in the parish. Cllr Williams commented that there had been no new speed limits in the Parish and the VAS were an attempt to encourage drivers to stick to the present limits. MP2, who also lives on the side of the B4368, was very satisfied with the installation of the VAS. The Parish Council did not consider it needed to debate this matter further.

MP2 raised the issue of a culvert in Broadstone which needed unblocking to prevent water and soil from running off onto the B4368 with the potential for causing accidents. She also raised the issue of Agenda 2030 which meant that farmland was being turned into wildlife areas. The council asked the Clerk to instruct the Environmental Maintenance Contractor to regularly clear the culvert. If this does not solve the issue she would contact Shropshire Council Highways. The Clerk would investigate Agenda 2030 and consider entering it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th December 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

Presentation by Charles Edwards, Trustee of Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust: Charles explained that the Trust received grants from businesses, charities, individuals and parish councils to enable it to give grants to small nature recovery and related community projects. They were particularly keen to give grants to groups that involved the public, including children. They had supported a group surveying dormouse activity in Abdon, and a forest school – 'Into the Woods'. They would welcome support from local business etc and applications for grants of between £500 and £1500 from groups supporting nature recovery in the parish. Cllr Archer thanked Charles for his presentation.

Reports: Chair's Report – Cllr Archer reported that she had attend the Chairs' meeting. There had been a discussion on Affordable Housing.

Shropshire Council (SC) – Cllr Motley had sent a report: SC had not received a favourable settlement from the government for 2025-26. They expected to be told that they would need to join up with another authority but it was not clear which one would be chosen. It was unlikely that the local election

would be delayed as the timing to postpone is now very soon.

The Planning Inspectorate had asked for the Local Plan to be rewritten to include a higher number of houses to be built annually, particularly to house people from the Black Country. The Council was in the process of reviewing the responses to the Recycling Centre consultation. The Highways team was developing guidance for Parish Councils on what they can and cannot do on the highways.

Munslow Village Hall – Cllr Dobson reported that he felt it would not be appropriate for him to continue as the Village Hall representative but he would remain in place until after the election.

Resurfacing the Community Car Park at Munslow and Land Registry Notification: The Clerk had not received a response from Shropshire Council's Chief Solicitor re the maintenance of public land. The Land Registry required the enquiry to be made with more information on the site. The Clerk would recontact SC's Chief Solicitor and the Land Registry.

Parish Council Elections on 1st May 2025: Nomination papers would be available in March and needed to be returned to Shropshire Council by 2nd April. To allow sufficient time for new councillors to take office and agendas to be delivered the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings would be delayed to 14th May.

Trees in Munslow Burial Ground: Matthew Seabrook, who is a Trees and Woodlands Officer, would be asked to make a basic appraisal of the trees.

Tree Officer: The appointment of a Tree Officer was deferred to the next meeting.

Use of The Craven Arms Household Recycling Centre: There were no comments.

Accounts: As of 6th December 2024 the income was £9,150.62 and expenditure was £9,816.98. The bank account held £9,458.62. The budget had been slightly overspent on insurance and subscriptions but there were no concerns for the other budget headings. Cllrs Williams and Meeson signed the bank reconciliation.

Banking Arrangements including fees and interest on a savings account: Lloyds Bank was offering 1% interest on the savings account. The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Payments were authorised to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) inv 687 £135.00; defibrillator battery: as required up to £250.

Update on the Defibrillator: The Community and Ambulance Resuscitation (CARE) Subcommittee within Resuscitation Council UK were recommending that defibrillators be kept in unlocked cabinets. If the cabinet was unlocked, however, the council's insurance would not cover the theft of the defibrillator. It was resolved to keep the cabinet locked but attempt to ensure that every household in the parish had the code.

Highways: The culvert at Broadstone was a new task for the Environmental Maintenance Contractor

Application to Historic England for the Washwell, Aston Munslow: Historic England would not become involved unless the Washwell was at risk. The Clerk would write to The Land Registry to check on progress with the application made in October 2023.

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Campaign: The Council would write in support of the campaign.

Items for the Next Meeting at 7.30pm Wednesday 5th March 2025 at Munslow Village Hall: a. Agenda 2030 b. Update on resurfacing the community car park at Munslow and Land Registry Notification c. Update on tree assessment at the burial ground d. Consider appointing a Tree Officer e. Progress of application to the Land Registry re Washwell. f. Consider opening a savings account.

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Abdon		9:45 HC		6pm Compline	10:00am Group Service at Abdon
Broadstone			8:30 HC		
Culmington	11:15 HC		5pm Songs of Praise at Sparchford Cottage for Daffodil Day	8:30 HC (BCP)	
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

Ash Wednesday, 5th March, Holy Communion at 7:30pm at Abdon

Compline and Address for Lent 7:30pm on Wednesdays

12th March - Munslow, 19th March - Culmington, 26th March - Diddlebury, 2nd April - Holdgate, 9th April - Tugford, 16th April - Broadstone.