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*More useful contacts can be found on page 31*

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**EDITOR'S NOTE** If anyone knows of other events taking place within their immediate area in the next few months, could they please let the Editor know so these may be included in the Dates for Your Diary.

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Tel: (01743) 874923

[circuitoffice2803@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 14th November**



**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 Folk Club**

**at The Seven Stars,  
 Broadstone  
 on Monday 25th November  
 at 7.30pm**

All are welcome to perform or listen to and enjoy acoustic music, recitations and story-telling.

Meetings will be the 4th Monday of each month

For further information contact Ian on 01584 841 331 or email [ianfotheringham@btinternet.com](mailto:ianfotheringham@btinternet.com)

**RSPB Walks & Talks**


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

**WALKS**

**10th November** 10am Venus Pool  
**12th December** 10.30am Colemere Lake

**TALKS** - Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall

**12th November** Barn Owl Rescue Paul Tillsley  
**10th December** Mortimer Forest David Arbuthnot



**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. The current planned dates are:

**Nov: Wed 20th, Fri 22nd, Sun 24th**

**ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?**

Get the word out with the Corvedale News.

Contact the editor to include your poster in the next edition: [editor@corvedalenews.co.uk](mailto:editor@corvedalenews.co.uk)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Every Mon	<b>Corvedale Choir</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Culmington Village Hall	10am - 11.30am
Every Mon	<b>Bridge Club</b>	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
Every Mon	<b>Whist Drive</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7.15pm
Every Mon	<b>Mini Moos</b> - Baby & Toddler Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tue	<b>Blue Hills Choir</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tue	<b>Corvedale Artists</b>	Munslow Village Hall	10am
Every Tue	<b>Zumba</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Wed	<b>Yoga</b>	Westhope Village Hall	9.45am
Every Wed	<b>Yoga</b>	Culmington Village Hall	6pm
Every Wed	<b>Pub Night</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	8pm
Every Thu	<b>Tai Chi</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Thu	<b>Pilates</b> - Beginners/Intermediate Class	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Fri	<b>Physiotherapist-led Pilates</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

## NOVEMBER 2024

5th Tue	<b>Rag Wreath Workshop</b>	Abdon Village Hall	1.30pm
5th Tue	<b>Culmington Parish Council Meeting</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
6th Wed	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	10am
6th Wed	<b>Flicks in the Sticks:</b> <i>That They May Face The Rising Sun</i>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
6th Wed	<b>Munslow Parish Council Meeting</b>	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
7th Thu	<b>Warm Hub Coffee Morning</b>	Munslow Village Hall	-
7th Thu	<b>Clover Club</b>	Westhope Village Hall	2pm
8th Fri	<b>Talk Followed by Curry Supper:</b> <i>An Indian Journey</i>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
9th Sat	<b>Rag Wreath Workshop</b>	Abdon Village Hall	10am
9th Sat	<b>Un-Finished Objects Craft Group</b>	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
9th Sat	<b>Garden Group Talk:</b> <i>Unusual Fruit &amp; Vegetables</i>	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
9th Sat	<b>Artisan Fair</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	1pm
9th Sat	<b>Munslow WI Autumn Lunch</b>	-	-
10th Sun	<b>RSPB Walk</b>	Venus Pool	10am
10th Sun	<b>Service of Remembrance</b>	All Saints, Culmington	10.50am
11th Mon	<b>Act of Remembrance</b>	Diddlebury & Munslow War Memorials	10.50am
12th Tue	<b>RSPB Talk:</b> <i>Barn Owl Rescue, Paul Tillsley</i>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Wed	<b>Winter Warmer</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	12.30pm
13th Wed	<b>Diddlebury &amp; Westhope WI</b>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Thu	<b>Abdon Parish Council Meeting</b>	Abdon Village Hall	-
14th Thu	<b>Corvedale Book Group</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm

14th Thu	<b>Hayton &amp; District WI Meeting</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
15th Fri	<b>Chilli Night</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
15th Fri	<b>Quiz Night</b>	Abdon Village Hall	7.30pm
15th Fri	<b>Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir</b>	Broseley Social Club	-
16th Sat	<b>Race Night</b>	Westhope Village Hall	7pm
19th Tue	<b>Talk:</b> <i>Natural Flood Management in the Corvedale</i>	Culmington Village Hall	6.45pm
20th Wed	<b>Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBA	9.30am
20th Wed	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	10am
21st Thu	<b>Warm Hub Coffee Morning</b>	Munslow Village Hall	-
21st Thu	<b>Lunch Club</b>	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
22nd Fri	<b>Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBA	9.30am
22nd Fri	<b>Talk:</b> <i>Birds, Butterflies &amp; Wildlife Garden</i> - <i>Andrew Fusek Peters</i>	Diddlebury Village Hall	6.45pm
23rd Sat	<b>Newtown Male Voice Choir Concert</b>	Westhope Village Hall	-
23rd Sat	<b>The Rogues</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
24th Sun	<b>Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group</b>	TBA	9.30am
25th Mon	<b>Corvedale Folk Club</b>	The Seven Stars	7.30pm
27th Wed	<b>Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
30th Sat	<b>Community Market</b>	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	10am
30th Sat	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
30th Sat	<b>Corvedale Choir Christmas Concert</b>	Culmington Village Hall	TBC

## DECEMBER 2024

3rd Tue	<b>Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert</b>	Priority Hall, Much Wenlock	-
4th Wed	<b>Christmas Wreath Workshop</b>	Abdon Village Hall	9.30am-5pm
4th Wed	<b>Flicks in the Sticks: Thelma</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
5th Thu	<b>Warm Hub Coffee Morning</b>	Munslow Village Hall	-
5th Thu	<b>Messy Church</b>	St Peter's, Diddlebury	3.20pm
6th Fri	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>	Culmington Village Hall	-
7th Sat	<b>Christmas Prize Bingo</b>	Westhope Village Hall	-
7th Sat	<b>Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert</b>	Much Wenlock Xmas Fair	11am
9th Mon	<b>Christmas Whist Drive</b>	Westhope Village Hall	-
10th Tue	<b>RSPB Talk:</b> <i>Mortimer Forest, David Arbuthnot</i>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
11th Wed	<b>Christmas Quiz</b>	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
12th Thu	<b>RSPB Walk</b>	Colemere Lake	10.30am
12th Thu	<b>Lunch Club</b>	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
12th Thu	<b>Hayton &amp; District WI Christmas Supper</b>	The Clive Arms, Bromfield	7.30pm
14th Sat	<b>Stream of Sound</b>	St Catherine's, Tugford	7pm
16th Mon	<b>Christmas Tree Festival &amp; Hamper Draw</b>	St Peter's, Diddlebury	-
17th Tue	<b>Christmas Tree Festival</b>	St Peter's, Diddlebury	-
19th Thu	<b>Warm Hub Coffee Morning</b>	Munslow Village Hall	-

# WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

## BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES & THE BEAUTY OF GARDEN WILDLIFE

An illustrated talk by the renowned  
**Andrew Fusek-Peters**

**FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER**

**18:45**

Hall and Bar Opens

**19:15**

Presentation with interval,  
Q&A & book signing

**Tickets £5**

On sale at other DVH events

Or for bank transfer contact

07396 730342 | [bookdvh@gmail.com](mailto:bookdvh@gmail.com)

**Andrew Fusek Peters** is a renowned wildlife and landscape  
photographer.

He is on commission to the National Trust on the Long Mynd and  
Stiperstones and his photos regularly appear in the national  
media.

*'One of the country's best photographers.*

*A man with a profound understanding of the natural world.'*

Iolo Williams

## CHRISTMAS RAG WREATH WORKSHOP



at **Abdon Village Hall - SY7 9HZ**  
(or use [lend.tissue.repelled](http://lend.tissue.repelled))

Limited to SIX places so **BOOK EARLY** to avoid  
disappointment!\*

This is one workshop spread over two dates:

Session 1 is **Tuesday 5th November** 1.30 to 4pm

Session 2 is on **Saturday 9th November** 10am to 1pm

You will need to attend both sessions of the workshop to  
complete the wreath. All materials and a specialist rag rug  
tool to use in class will be provided.

£20 tuition with coffee/tea and cake!

**\*Booking essential by Friday 25th October 2024 by  
email [mabuckingham20@gmail.com](mailto:mabuckingham20@gmail.com)**

## An Indian journey

An illustrated journey through  
parts of India  
followed by  
Curry Supper

**Culmington Village Hall**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm**

Please book by 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Tickets £15  
in aid of Culmington Church Tower  
Restoration, from Andrew Pike (861361) and  
Rev'd J Beesley (841488)

**NOT BONFIRE NIGHT** Just

## Chilli & Jacket Potatoes

Veggie chilli  
available

with all the trimmings  
A barrel of beer, a full bar  
and a little music

**Friday 15 November**

19:00 start – food served until 20:30

Tickets - £10 adults | £5 children

from:

Mike's garage Aston Munslow  
Bank transfer

Info for bank transfer on Forthcoming Events page at  
[www.diddleburyvillagehall.org](http://www.diddleburyvillagehall.org)

Contact us for more info via WhatsApp: 07396 730342

Tickets on sale until Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

# WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE



Come and join in the fun at  
Diddlebury Village Hall

## Christmas Quiz

On

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**7.00 pm Bar Opens**

**7.30 pm Quiz Starts**

**Teams of 4 - £10 a team**

**Booking Essential**

WhatsApp/Text: 07396730342

Email: [diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com)

## ?QUIZ NIGHT?

**ABDON VILLAGE HALL**

**FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

**7.30PM**

£5 per person to include a light ploughman's supper with tea/coffee.

Bring your own 'tipples'.

Raffle.

Teams of 4 but you can join others on the night to make a team.

Pre-booking essential either by email  
[woodyhouses@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woodyhouses@hotmail.co.uk)  
or 01746 712 110

## CORVEDALE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

 **SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**   
**CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

Join us for a light hearted evening of an eclectic mix of seasonal songs and readings to begin the festive season.

Light refreshments plus bar

**FREE ENTRY**

Donations to local charity



## Make your own Christmas Wreath

All day workshop

**Wednesday 4th December**

9.30 to 5.00pm in Abdon Village Hall

Bring any greenery,  
with other materials provided.

Bring your own packed lunch but coffee/tea and cake will be provided throughout the day. Cost £25.

Email Margaret to book a place  
[abdon.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:abdon.villagehall@gmail.com)



## WESTHOPE COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

**Saturday 23rd November**

**10am - 4pm**

Special gifts for Christmas from local designer makers.

Shop open for sale of donated craft items, fabric and gifts.

Westhope College gift vouchers available.

Refreshments



**Free Admission**  
**All welcome**

# CORVEDALE VILLAGE HALLS

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## ABDON VILLAGE HALL

### ACTIVITIES & EVENTS – NOVEMBER

#### **Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group**

*Saturday 9th November 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 30th November 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](mailto:abdon.villagehall@gmail.com)

Or visit our website for the booking form and details:

[www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk](http://www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk)

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## WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

October saw our annual harvest supper which was a great success with everyone enjoying a three-course meal and lots of dancing.

As well as our regular activities in November we have on the **16th** a Race Night in conjunction with Culmington Village Hall, which will now be held at Westhope Village Hall instead of Culmington. All races have been sponsored with some generous winnings on the night. Doors open 7pm, first race 7.30pm. Prize draw, licensed cash bar and refreshments. A fun evening for all.

**November 23rd** is the highlight of our year with the Newtown Male Voice Choir concert. This will be a ticket only function, available from committee members, £15pp including a welcome drink and festive light refreshments. Licensed cash bar.

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

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

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Weekly Whist Drive.** Every Monday 7.15pm start.

**Yoga.** Thursdays, 9.45am - 10.45am

Please contact Sue Pugh 07432 349 933.

**Christmas Prize Bingo**

*Saturday 7th December*

**Christmas Whist Drive and the Second Lottery Draw**

*Monday 9th December*

## CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

### ACTIVITIES & EVENTS – NOVEMBER

#### **Coffee Morning**

*Monday 4th and every following Monday, 10am - 11.30am*

Cup of coffee or tea and biscuits for £1 with free refills. Join us for a natter. Everyone welcome.

#### **Bridge Club**

*Monday 4th and every following Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm*

Contact Peter Whitehead [pst.whitehead@gmail.com](mailto:pst.whitehead@gmail.com)

#### **Yoga**

*Every Wednesday, 6 to 7.15pm*

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

#### **Illustrated Talk on India by Rev'd John Beesley & Curry Supper**

*Friday 8th November, 7.30pm*

Fundraising event for Culmington Church tower repair.

Contact Val Harwick to book 01584 861 658

#### **Race Night**

*Saturday 16th November, 7pm*

Joint event at Westhope Village Hall. Bar available.

Contact Olivia Ireland or Jo Mear

#### **Shropshire Slow the Flow Meeting**

#### **Natural Flood Management in the Corvedale**

*Tuesday 19th November, 6.45pm*

Learn more about Shropshire Wildlife Trust's Slow the Flow Project and the latest results from Cardiff University's research at Wilderhope. Hear from community groups and landowners. Find out about funding available in the Corvedale. No booking required.

Contact [sarahm@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:sarahm@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk)

#### **Lunch Club**

*Thursday 21st November, 12.30pm*

Contact Gwyn Edwards to book 01584 861 666

#### **Corvedale Choir Christmas Concert**

*Saturday 30th November*

A light-hearted evening with an eclectic mix of seasonal songs and readings. Free entry. Bar open. Donations for refreshments to a local charity.

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### **Christmas Fayre**

*Friday 6th December*

Stalls, Father Christmas and more!

#### **Lunch Club**

*Thursday 12th December, 12.30pm*

Contact Gwyn Edwards to book 01584 861 666



# STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL

What's on in November? We have another exciting month ahead of us. Coffee mornings 10am-12pm on the 6th & 20th, and Community Market 10am-12pm on Saturday 30th. On Saturday 9th we'll be holding our annual Artisan Fair. There will be an array of homemade gifts and crafts. All tables are now fully booked so there will be lots on offer. This is a unique afternoon of shopping combined with refreshments and a raffle. If letting your hair down and dancing the night away is more your thing then we have *The Rogues* band playing for us on Saturday 23rd. The bar will be open from 6.30pm together with food from Wild Street Kitchens. Definitely a night not to be missed!

Also this month, our Winter Warmer is back, following on from the success of previous years. Pop along on Wednesday 13th November and enjoy some delicious homemade soup in a warm and welcoming space. Everyone is welcome. Yes, everyone! Each family will receive a raffle ticket on arrival with the chance to win a wonderful food hamper. This is an event for all in the community and it's free. The Winter Warmer would like to say a massive thank you to Stanton Lacy Parish Council, which is kindly donating £30 per Winter Warmer session so more dates can be added this season. Also attending will be Diane Breeze, Community Wellbeing Outreach Officer. She will be offering free blood pressure tests, and any health advice required. She is also hoping to bring along a member of the Community Support team to offer free advice. Our community is incredibly lucky to have this service so please come along and benefit from this facility on your doorstep.

The end of October marked the start of skittles season. Our November games at home are Wednesday 20th against Blackford and Wednesday 27th against High Leys. Please come and join us for a drink and show your support. And finally we would like to say a huge thank you to Wednesday's Coffee mornings for donating £80 to the village hall to go towards ongoing renovations. This money will be used towards new window blinds for the hall.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our November events to support our community hub.

Jenna Hossbach

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS – NOVEMBER

We open our doors for **Pub Night** every Wednesday 8pm - late. Everyone welcome.

**Coffee Mornings** - Wed 6th & 20th, 10am - 12noon

**Artisan Fair** - Saturday 9th, 1pm - 4.30pm  
See details on this page.

**Winter Warmer** - Wednesday 13th, 12.30pm - 2.30pm  
See details above.

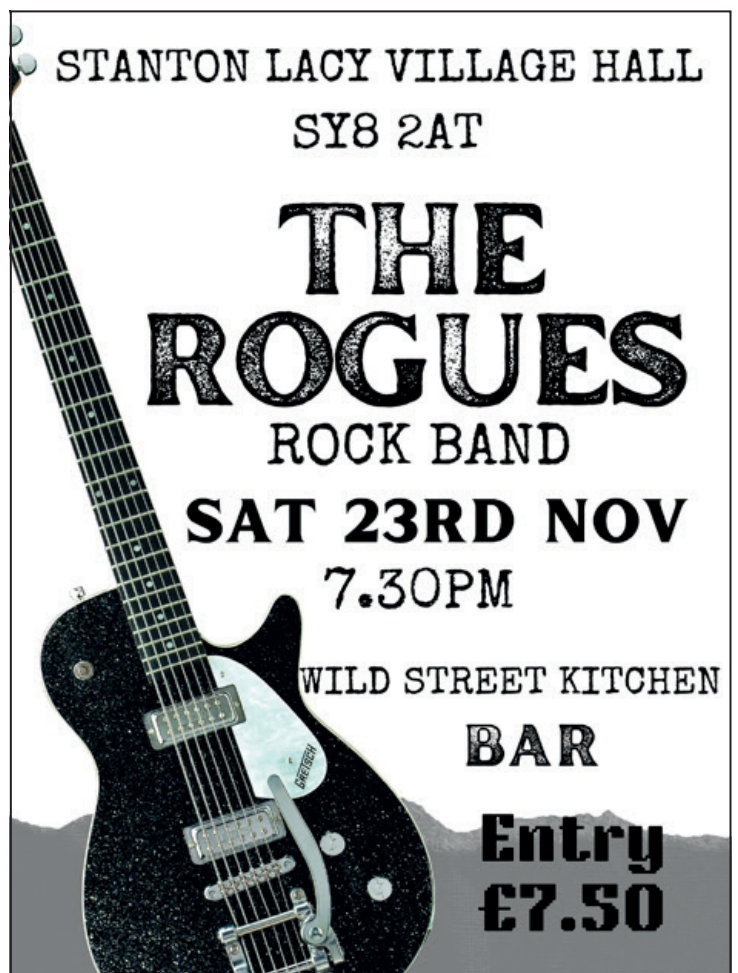
**The Rogues** - Saturday 23rd, Bar open 6.30pm - late  
Entry £7.50. See details on this page.

**Community Market**  
Saturday 30th, 10am - 12noon  
See details above.

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**ARTISAN FAIR**  
9th NOVEMBER 1-4:30pm  
**STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL**  
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 <p><b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>THAT THEY MAY FACE THE RISING SUN</b></p> <p>captures a year in the life of a rural lakeside community in late 1970's Ireland. It is a delicate, meditative exploration of ritual, community bonds and the question of how best to live. <i>*has received great reviews.</i></p> <p><b>Bar Opens 19:00 Film Starts 19:30</b></p> <p>£5 – card machine available</p>	<p><b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>CHILLI NIGHT</b></p> <p>Chilli, jacket potatoes, all the trimmings, barrel of beer, full bar &amp; a little music - what's not to love... Veggie chilli available or beans 'n cheese for non Chilli fans.</p> <p><b>19:00 Start 20:30 Last food served</b></p> <p>Numbers are limited so <b>buy your tickets early from:</b> *Mike at Aston Munslow Garage or *Bank transfer – see our website for details or WhatsApp us.</p> <p><b>£10 / Children £5</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES &amp; THE BEAUTY OF GARDEN WILDLIFE</b></p> <p>an illustrated talk by the renowned wildlife &amp; landscape photographer <b>Andrew Fusek-Peters</b> <b>18:45 Hall and Bar Opens</b> <b>19:15: Presentation with interval, Q&amp;A &amp; book signing</b></p> <p><b>Tickets £5</b></p> <p>On sale at other DVH events or Bank transfer - see <b>DVH website:</b> <b>Forthcoming Events</b> page or WhatsApp us - 07396 730342</p>
 <p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b></p> <p><b>THELMA</b></p> <p>When 93-year-old Thelma Post gets duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her in a robust feelgood comedy.</p> <p><b>Bar Opens 19:00 Film Starts 19:30</b></p> <p>£5 – card machine available</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 11 December</b></p> <p>Come and join in the fun at our</p> <p><b>Christmas Quiz</b></p> <p><b>19:00 Bar Opens 19:30 Quiz Starts</b></p> <p>Teams of 4 - £10 <b>***Booking essential***</b> Text 07396 730342 diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com</p>	 <p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b></p> <p><b>The Minions are coming to DVH!!!</b></p> <p><b>DESPICABLE ME 4</b></p> <p><b>£2.50 children / £5 adults</b> <b>Popcorn, ice cream &amp; soft drinks available 😊</b></p>

## REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	10:00 – 12:00 Term Times	Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group £2.50 per family
	19:30 – 21:30	The Corvedale Choir. Contact Ros Crouch: <a href="mailto:ros.crouch@gmail.com">ros.crouch@gmail.com</a> for more information.
Tuesdays	10:00 – 12:00	The Blue Hills Choir - Contact Ros Crouch for mor information
	18:00 – 19:00	Zumba with Cat <a href="mailto:zumbawithcat@outlook.com">zumbawithcat@outlook.com</a> /07817 448832
	19:30 8 <sup>th</sup> October	RSPB Monthly Talks All welcome to attend these very interesting talks.
Thursdays	10:00 – 11:00	Tai Chi with Enid Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250275 <a href="mailto:hello@goldenthreadscic.com">hello@goldenthreadscic.com</a>
	18:00 – 19:00	Pilates with Tina Bookings only via <a href="mailto:pilateswithtina@outlook.com">pilateswithtina@outlook.com</a>
	19:30 10 <sup>th</sup> October	The Corvedale Book Club meet once a month to discuss their latest book choice. Contact: <a href="mailto:corvedale.book.group@gmail.com">corvedale.book.group@gmail.com</a>
Fridays	09:15 – 10:15	Physiotherapist-led Pilates. Beverley Chumber: <a href="mailto:beverleychumber@sky.com">beverleychumber@sky.com</a> 07967 814412

# CHURCH NEWS

## LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

At the end of June this year I escaped from the rain at home and spent a mostly sunny week in Bayeux, in Normandy. It was a poignant time to be there as the commemorations of the 80th anniversary of D-Day had taken place shortly before, and in many places the decorations put up were still to be seen. Wandering around the Normandy countryside, and visiting towns and villages, it was difficult to reconcile the peaceful scenes in front of me with the images displayed of how the same places had looked eighty years ago as battle raged on the landing grounds and in the streets. Visiting the D-Day landings museum in Arromanches-les-Bains, site of one of the Mulberry Harbours, it was impossible not to be impressed by the ingenuity and determination which went into designing and implementing the whole plan. At the same time, the cost of war was brought home by seeing the seemingly endless lists of names on the British Normandy Memorial and the rows of headstones in the British Cemetery in Bayeux.

If we needed a reminder of the cost of war, we get it all too much as we see and hear the news - from the area around the Holy Land and from Ukraine. In both of these situations it is difficult to see an end. As we hear that so far about 41,000 Palestinians have died in Gaza it is easy to see it as just a number and to lose sight of the suffering brought to families and communities - on both sides - many of whom have simply been unfortunate enough to be trying to live their lives in places that turned into battlefields.

On **Sunday 10th November** we will gather at Culmington at 10:50am for the Service of Remembrance in which we not only remember those who died fighting in two World Wars, but we also pray for places affected by war now and pledge ourselves to strive for all that makes for peace. Individually, there is little that most of us can do to bring peace to Ukraine, Gaza or any of the other places affected by war and conflict, but we can pray, and we can support those who are in a position to help people who are suffering and in need. We invite you to join us at Culmington on Remembrance Sunday or on Armistice Day, **Monday 11th**, when we gather at 10:50am by the war memorials in Diddlebury and Munslow to remember those from our communities who died so that we can live in peace – and pray for those who long for peace to come in their lands too.

Rev'd John Beesley

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL & HAMPER DRAW

Once again, this year we will be holding the Christmas Tree Festival in Diddlebury Church, on **Monday 16th December and Tuesday 17th**. There will be decorated Christmas trees from each of the parishes and we invite others to have a tree in the church too, either as individuals or as businesses. We'll be setting up on Monday 16th during the day and trees can be taken away (hopefully for reuse elsewhere) either after we close on Tuesday night or in the days after that. If you'd like to put a tree in the church, please let me know so that we can allocate a space. Further details (times etc) will be in next month's magazine.

On Monday 16th we will have the draw for this year's Hamper Draw. The funds raised are a significant help towards the costs of keeping our seven churches open. Whilst grant-

funded help is available for major building projects, the cost of keeping the churches open and available for services is carried locally: there is no direct financial help from either the diocese or the church nationally. There will be collection points in the churches if you can donate any items which could be put into a Christmas Hamper (we have a lot of alcohol already), we'd love to hear from you if you could help with selling draw tickets – or if you haven't been offered any and would like to buy some. Do also come along on Monday 16th December at about 8pm so that you are there to carry your winnings home!

Rev'd John Beesley

## MESSY CHURCH

Having started in May, we have now held three sessions of Messy Church at Diddlebury, each with a good number of children and families. Each session starts with a variety of crafts and activities on a particular theme, after which we have a Bible story. We finish with a cooked meal for adults and children to share. The sessions are 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.

The next Messy Church will be on **Thursday 5th December** from 3:20pm, when we'll be thinking about Advent and Christmas. Put the date in your diary and come along!

Rev'd John Beesley

## ST CATHERINE'S, TUGFORD

Autumn is now in full swing, and preparations are similarly well underway for our biennial Christmas music at Tugford. Yes, it really is two years since our last extravaganza and we are delighted that *Stream of Sound* and Ros Crouch will again be joining us, not to mention our evergreen cabaret act aka Maggie Teague.

Give me a call on 841 627 to reserve a place. As usual, I would expect St Catherine's to be full to bursting point, and we can only accommodate 96 - officially! Oh, the date, yes, **Saturday 14th December** at 7.00pm. See you all there.

Colin Porter

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### WEDDING

12th Oct Charlotte Skidmore & Brad Slaughter Diddlebury

### FUNERALS

25th Sep Dorothy Norton Shrewsbury Crematorium

4th Oct Marion Thomas Hereford Crematorium

## FLOWERS & BRASSES

### NOVEMBER 2024

3rd Liz Jones

10th Liz Jones

17th Megan Speight

24th Megan Speight

# CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

**EXACTLY WHAT YOU MEAN  
BY BEN HINSHAW**



It has been written that in this extraordinary debut a cast of characters grapple with unexpected betrayal, the loss of innocence and the lies we tell; that Ben Hinshaw (with sharp insight) illuminates the unnerving nature of what it means to grow up, to be a teenager playing at adulthood and an adult playing games. In fact, Hilary Mantel is quoted as saying that *'Sentence by sentence, Ben Hinshaw offers wit, sensitivity and sharp observation. Then slowly the reader sees the grand design – the intricate, braided storylines, sustained with energy and relish. It is entertaining, and something more – truly involving, like a whole novel sequence cleverly condensed'*.

The book is indeed constructed in an interesting way: is it a novel with chapters or is it a collection of eleven separate stories that are linked with a common setting or relationship to Guernsey and a loose thread that connects each of the characters? The 'stories' certainly range widely: from a teenager who discovers a secret and finds his betrayal has the power to ruin lives; to a marriage shot through with infidelity and the subsequent quest for revenge; to a young veteran in California who struggles with the trauma of war and seeks solace at a local ranch. The interlinked stories certainly explore life and all its messiness, the loss, the lies and the lessons.

At the start you are unaware of the book's structure, so it was disconcerting to find that the second chapter appeared unconnected to the first and as the book progressed you realised that there is no overarching storyline nor final resolution. In fact, only by reading the acknowledgements at the end did we discover that some stories were previously published in slightly different forms in different publications. How and why they have been put together to create this particular book is unknown but it might explain our feeling that the stories did not hang well together. We found it a distraction that we had to stop and think, to go back to find where we had met a character before to work out where he or she fitted into the whole scheme.

Yet, in a different sense, the book is easy to read, each story being about twenty pages, and it was felt that the individual stories probably had more merit than the book as a whole. Certain stories had more appeal than others and it can be argued that the author added more depth to the characters by having them show up in passing in other people's stories, at different stages in their lives. *'A brave debut'*, wrote *The Times*, *'..the exercise of working out how the web threads together is part of the pleasure of this book...'*. Beautifully written or a shapeless narrative? You need to read it for yourselves to make your own minds up!

The Corvedale Book Group meets next on **Thursday 14th November** in Diddlebury Village Hall at 7.30pm to discuss *American Wife* by Curtis Sittenfeld. New members are always welcome.

Val Fotheringham

# CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE



## ST MARTIN

The end of the year is nigh, or, in modern English, only two months to go until 2025!

Remembrance Day is the focal point of November, the 11th day of the 11th month, and rightly so I think. But, in days before WWI, the date meant a different thing altogether: the feast of St Martin of Tours.

Martin was born in modern-day Hungary, sometime between 316 and 336AD. He is a saint we have details about, not myths! His biography was written by a contemporary scholar and friend of his called Sulpicius Severus who travelled with him and his entourage.

Once converted to Christianity, Martin set about being as good a Christian as possible. He was kind and considerate to all. Wherever he went he was instantly liked and loved. He travelled widely across Western Europe and eventually became pally with Hilary of Poitiers, who was the Bishop of the French city of Tours. Martin would follow him into the job later.



One story about Martin spread like wildfire. He came across a poor man begging. The man was poorly dressed and shivering with cold. Martin took off his rich red cloak and taking his sword cut it in half. He handed

one piece to the beggar and wrapped the other piece around himself. There is no doubt about it: Martin was the poster-boy of his era and generation!

England did not miss out on this amazing man. His feast day for many centuries was a quarter day in the calendar when tenants paid rent to their landlords. It was accompanied by dancing, mumming, drinking and general merriment. It was also a last chance for finding a job, a hiring. This custom faded during the 19th century as Michaelmas became the autumn rent day.

Meanwhile, back in France, the people of Tours obviously knew a potential Bishop when they saw one. After the death of Hilary they prevented Martin from leaving the city and quickly made him their new Bishop. Again, Martin made a good job of his new post. He was perceived as honest, a fair judge, and a man of the people.

After his death, a St Martin cult grew across Europe. More churches were named after Martin than any other Saint - still true today. In France alone hundreds of villages and towns have St Martin in their names.

Shropshire shares this idea too. Not far from Oswestry, in the north of the county, is the village of St Martin, with a medieval church of the same name. It is a member of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group (SCTG) and so is welcoming to visitors and well worth a visit. Monday 11th November would be a good day (but other days are available!).

Anni Holden-Calver  
Secretary of SCTG, Trustee of Caring for God's Acre

# DIDDLEBURY FLOOD ACTION GROUP

## THE STORM – 16TH OCTOBER 2024



A surprise downpour caught many of us off-guard, the severity of which had not been forecast. A water torrent came down from Middlehope to Diddlebury, causing the stream banks to be overwhelmed

in several places. The Middlehope crossroads was flooded by the rush of water. Water flowed across our gardens and floating down came leaves, branches, and even small trees, with detritus being deposited in the most unexpected places. Water levels were not quite as high as the storm Babet floods in October 2023. On this occasion there were no reports of properties suffering from internal flooding.

The B4368 road bridge became swamped with water and mud causing problems for cars passing through Diddlebury. The bridge drains were once again overwhelmed by the volume of water and mud coming from Pinstones Lane and run-off from the adjacent fields.



Reports have been made once again to the highways department and Shropshire Council. What solution they have remains unknown.

Fortunately, no bin men were needed to come to the rescue on this occasion as Corvedale primary school was closed for the day.

Now it's a case of clearing up the mess and assessing individually what can be done to further protect our properties.

Clive Martyn

## MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

The village hall has had a very busy and positive start to Autumn this year.

In early September we had a guided walk in the Corvedale, led by local residents Rob and Jen Brown to look at wildlife in the local area. We had a dry afternoon, and the walk was a huge success. It was followed by tea in the village hall which was attended by twenty people.



On 28th September we held an event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Our amazing volunteers cooked and served a full English breakfast to forty-five people who all enjoyed the friendly atmosphere as

well as the excellent food. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses donating the provisions for breakfast we were able to raise several hundred pounds for Macmillan. Donations of food were made by D W Wall and Sons, butchers at Craven

Arms, Gareth Morgan of Little Sutton Farm, Hundred House Coffee, Ludlow, The Crown Country Inn Munslow, Carters Butchers, Ludlow and Tesco and Sainsbury in Ludlow. Our grateful thanks to all of them.

On Sunday 13th October our volunteers were in action again to serve tea and homemade cakes to around 100 people at Millichope Park on their NGS open gardens day. The lovely cakes were made and donated by our brilliant Munslow bakers, many thanks to them. Our thanks go to Mr and Mrs Bury for the opportunity to use this event to raise funds for the village hall. Of course a huge thank you to all of you who helped make the event a great success. We would not be able to keep the village hall running without you.

On another positive note we have completed the refurbishment of the ladies toilets at the hall, and we are pleased to say these facilities are now fully accessible.

Our warm hub coffee mornings begin again on **Thursday 7th November** then **Thursday 21st November**. December dates will be **Thursday 5th** and **Thursday 19th**. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Lesley Dobson

## CORVEDALE FESTIVAL REPORT

Well, the third Corvedale Festival has happened, and what a festival it was! The concerts were of a universally high standard and catered for a wide range of tastes, from recorders and viols to Grand Opera! Thanks, of course, are due to the artists who delivered those concerts, but equally importantly we want to thank the audiences who came in good numbers and listened so attentively – without an audience there is no concert. We have had many comments, from both artists and audience members, about the quality of listening that the audiences gave and the positive effect that resulted.

We have also had many positive comments about the catering provided, including one from a seasoned festival goer who said that it was the best festival catering they had

ever experienced! Another person said that they realised they were starting to look forward to lunch. Huge thanks are due to the catering teams at all the venues for providing delicious sandwiches and cakes in abundance, Thank you!

Any event of this size needs a huge team to make it happen. In addition to the above, many people have helped with publicity, with transport, with accommodation, with feeding people before and after concerts, with arranging flowers to make the churches beautiful, with parking supervision, cleaning venues and donations via the Festival Sponsors package. We send our sincere and profuse thanks to each and every person who has helped in any way.

Ruth Henley

# CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP

## VAYNOR PARK



Once again on a Corvedale Garden Group day it was raining as fifteen members headed to Vaynor Park, near Welshpool, and we were cheered to see it stop in time for us to enjoy all aspects of

the fabulous five-acre garden and landscape. It is hard to describe how stunning the magnificent views are, enhanced, as Katy told us, by removing some of the trees to widen the vista over Wales and Shropshire when she moved in over thirty years ago. The house was also fascinating - built of brick in the 1600s with a Victorian extension to the front.

We were guided round by Katy Corbett-Winder who owns and manages the garden with some help from a gardener twice a week. She had redesigned some of the planting when she moved in to develop more natural and flowing borders which suited the landscape perfectly. The south facing long herbaceous borders although past their summer best were still beautiful, almost impressionistic in the damp of the day. They are filled with cosmos, cardoons, crambe, geraniums, salvia, sambucus nigra, phlox, astrantia and geums to name but a few. On seeing the autumnal cardoons, I suggested an artist might paint them and Katy told me she was an artist and in fact had! Always curious I looked her up and found a painting of the cardoons, so take a look at her website if you are interested. [www.katecorbettwinder.com](http://www.katecorbettwinder.com)

There is a formality to parts of the garden which includes box edged rose parterres and banks of hydrangeas, topiary yew birds, box buttresses and spires. The courtyard with lime green Hydrangea paniculata and Annabelle were a vibrant autumnal delight and as we entered the garden into the courtyard, we were greeted by a ginkgo and one of the members was heard to say, on seeing it, that she knew the garden would be good, and she was right.



The box edged rose parterre was laid out in 1867 and contains a mix of old varieties and new English roses, underplanted with cosmos and nicotiana. I overheard some interesting exchanges of ideas about how to manage box blight and our youngest gardener enjoyed running around the parterres.



The soil is acid and is ideal for the banks of blue hydrangeas that flower from August through the autumn which we explored as we enjoyed the woodland areas, also spotting the delightful cyclamen nests at the base of some of the trees. Separating the herbaceous borders from the parterres is a long straight grass area



which was known as the Victorian Archery Lawn.

We would like to thank Katy for the wonderful tour, and we look forward to the last garden group event of this year on **Saturday 9th November** in Diddlebury Village Hall at 10.00am when Kevin Alвити will be talking about unusual fruit and veg - please come along. If you have any questions about the garden group contact us via [Corvedale.Garden.Group@gmail.com](mailto:Corvedale.Garden.Group@gmail.com)

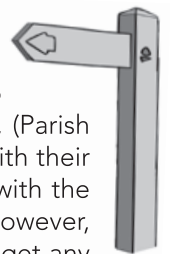
Alison Benbow

## FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP

It's been a while since I've written an update for the Corvedale News. We were not able to do much last winter as the water table was so high we were unable to start digging until April. Since then, we've repaired or replaced stiles at North Sutton, Fernhall Mill, Heath, Munslow and on the footpath from the junction at Peaton that comes down to the big footbridge near Broncroft Lodge farm and goes on to Aston Munslow. This path is not easy to access, as we do everything by hand, so it has taken us quite a few months. In June, we did as much clearing around stiles as we could manage, but everything seemed to have grown so much more than I've noticed in previous years, some stiles had almost disappeared in the undergrowth! Whether this was due to the wet and fairly mild winter, who knows?

I have been a member of the Corvedale Footpath Group for over twenty years now and have been the co-ordinator for the last six years or so. We started when John Farley developed

the Corvedale Three Castles Walk, which took a few years to finish and was finally completed in 2006. After that, we merged into being one of Shropshire Council's P3 groups, (Parish Paths Partnership) so were able to continue with their support. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the group, and have found it very satisfying work, however, time is passing, and as we all know, we don't get any younger! However satisfying it is, the work is heavy and hard manual labour, and I am now finding that it is too much for me to cope with these days. So, it is with a heavy heart that I have decided to stand down at the end of this year. There is no-one able to take over as leader, so I'm afraid from December there will be no Footpath Maintenance Group covering the parishes of Diddlebury, Munslow and Tugford and Abdon in the Corvedale.



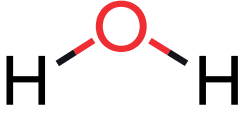
Jenny Vine

# CORVEDALE PAST & PRESENT

## PSALM 66: HE TURNETH THE SEA INTO DRY LAND

Last month I recalled an incident involving wading through sea water to reach our destination.

As every schoolchild knows, one molecule of oxygen teams up with two molecules of hydrogen to make the water molecule and it's interesting stuff. It turns out that if we draw it on a piece of paper it looks a bit like this (I am just hoping not too many chemists read this). The angle between the bonds is a constant – it's all to do with mysterious electron clouds ...uhm... clever!



From everyday life we know that water exists in many forms; liquid, droplet, solid, crystalline, vaporous, tense surface and, most interesting of all, intracellular, of which more anon. This 'classic' shape can metamorphose when water, for instance, freezes.

This substance is the commonest in our bodies by a country mile. We have always needed it, yet, as we know all too often, excess of water brings flooding and destruction, and lack of water is even worse.

Throughout a long history on earth we've had an intimate relationship with the wet stuff, but starting a few thousand years ago we've increasingly tried to master it, draining, canalising, piping, sailing over and through. Eastern Britain – especially Scotland – is a classic example of terrain which has snubbed its nose at water. We have done our usual thing; learned a bit and think we're on the verge of knowing everything.

A couple of years ago I fell off my bike! Straight away I couldn't move my arm, and despite a gash the limb wasn't swollen. A couple or three days later it was very swollen. All the knackered cells had discharged their water, but it was not something that Seven Trent would recognise!

Almost every part of the body is made up of cells. In health, they are plump active bundles of energy and constructive chemistry, guarded by a double cell membrane which, crudely, keeps the good stuff in and the bad out, whilst also managing to expel waste to (extra-cellular) water outside the cells. Life is dependent on the integrity of this system. The cell is full of little

helpers: mitochondria (the cells' battery packs), endoplasmic reticulum, proteins factories, nucleoli, genetic banks, together with a great swirling dance of proteins and charged ions doing whatever they do. As I understand it, the water is not sloshing around: intracellular water is akin to a gel which when released takes time to change into something like your bathwater. That's why it took my arm days to swell.

Some would say that one of the biggest contemporary dangers we face is not something you will ever hear about on the 10 o'clock news. It is the narrowing of science that backs up technology and industry. My old profession of medicine is a prime example. If a miracle happened and I were asked to talk at a high-profile meeting I would be asked to give a list referenced from a narrow range of 'approved' journals to justify the points I would be making. How Joe Stalin would have approved! This sort of thing is packaging dogma and unconscious automatic behaviour. I tell you this because there are now brilliant people trying to step out of the straitjacket, and water is a topic of great interest to many of them. Just to give you a taste, water vapour has an interesting part to play in earth's homeostasis, (keeping it on an even keel, sort of important these days... no?), while brave souls have shown and told how water has memory. I am fascinated to know the electromagnetic energies and other fields around us which help form us, sense the world, let us know we are alive, store memory etc. affect the water in our cells in interesting places such as the brain!! Could the fixed 'constant' of water structure be challenged?

Water has been a massive part of our cultural, religious and spiritual past, from the Vedic traditions of India to old John the Baptist near drowning people in the Jordan to reset their lives! In a nutshell, water is so much more than an item on your list of direct debits.

Peter Cornah

PS I am just off to a conference organised by 'Ecological Medicine' (I doubt any fat corporate sponsorship here) on the brain. I will put some points on [villageadamandeve.uk](http://villageadamandeve.uk). Please let me know if this is of interest.

# CORVEDALE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

My first half term at Corvedale School has flown by and what a full and varied time it has been!

Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed several sporting events, including football and basketball competitions, as well as cross country races in the wonderful setting of Carding Mill Valley. And, as usual, Class One have been excited little visitors to the Millichope Estate for their forest school sessions.

Perhaps the main highlight of the term so far has been the Harvest Service at St Peter's Church. The children all performed fantastically well with their singing and speaking parts and Mr. Bennett and Father John led the service

excellently. A wonderful way to give thanks and encourage charity.

Before the children go off for their October break, we still have a Diwali workshop to enjoy and an Autumn disco to attend - so there is time for a little more excitement yet! When we return, we have our Remembrance Service before the Christmas programme starts to gather pace and we are swept away on a tide of Christingles and nativity rehearsals.

We sincerely hope some of you come along to join us!

Neil Davda, Headteacher



# WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

## HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

Our October meeting was well attended with twelve members present. We were happy to welcome our speakers for the evening, Sam and Kate Davies, who offered their talk on modern day self-sufficiency, *A Good Life*, explaining how over the last twenty years they achieved their goal to become as self-sufficient and sustainable as possible. It all started with an allotment! Having developed a growing desire to live more sustainably, they moved to buy a property with some land, proceeding to develop their skills. They described the many daily, weekly and seasonal tasks they have to do, from making compost in an old concrete mixer with ingredients including mole hill soil and leaf mould instead of peat, to managing year-round crop rotation, and finally storing their produce using preserving, freezing and cold storage techniques. Not much opportunity to go on holiday! Kate, being skilled in cheesemaking, preserving and looking after their beehives, brought along her homemade honey for us to buy. With so many techniques and tips for gardeners and budding allotmenters, the talk was very inspiring.

Sam and Kate very kindly judged one of our monthly competitions, resulting in Janet Bryan claiming first prize for her item starting with the letter 'P' - pepper: Joyce Randle took second place with her ornamental pig and Barbara Wright took third place with her panko breadcrumbs, a Japanese-style of breadcrumbs traditionally used as a coating for deep-fried foods such as tonkatsu and chicken katsu. Janet was definitely on a winning streak that evening, taking first prize once again in the flower competition with her alstroemeria. Sue Parker came second with her hydrangea and Joyce came third with her Michaelmas daisy.

With the branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for November's meeting, members were asked to consider volunteering to take on some of the committee roles for next year and forthcoming opportunities for members to attend both Federation and local events were put forward, including our Christmas Supper arranged by Viv de Haan to be held on **12th December** at the Clive Arms, Bromfield.

The next branch meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th November** at 7:30pm which all members are encouraged to attend for the AGM. With our Christmas supper scheduled for the December meeting and our Social Evening on **9th January 2025**, we shall welcome our next speaker to our February meeting on **Thursday 13th February** at 7:30pm. Roy Jenkins, *The Mad Thatcher*, will relate his stories of sixty plus years as a thatcher. Meetings are held at Stanton Lacy Village Hall, Hayton's Bent, SY8 2AT. For further information about the WI in general and membership, please feel free to get in touch with Phyllis Steventon, Branch President on 01584 823 436 or our Branch Secretary at [hayton.district.wi@gmail.com](mailto:hayton.district.wi@gmail.com) or have a chat with them at the meeting.

Louise Gough

## DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE WI

Since my last report we have enjoyed a garden meeting hosted by one of our members. It was a lovely, relaxed August evening with sunny, if slightly cool, summer weather. Jacqui's garden was quite an inspiration with so much achieved and



many quirky features to find and admire! Even produce to take home! Wonderful food was brought and shared and we all thoroughly enjoyed each other's company and the very pretty surroundings. Thank you to Jacqui for hosting and sharing her lovely home.

September's meeting was a shared one with Munslow WI and held in Beambridge. I was not able to attend but have heard what an interesting and enjoyable evening it was. The speaker for the evening was Sula Baugh who, I've been told, gave an extremely interesting talk on Flounders Folly relating its history, having been built by Benjamin Flounder and rebuilt in between 2001 and 2005 thanks to lottery funding and a trust being set up. It was opened by Princess Anne who apparently climbed to the top and had afternoon tea. The tower is still opened on the last Sunday of the month to visitors. All our members who were able to attend had a fascinating evening and thoroughly enjoyed the meeting: our thanks to Munslow for hosting and providing delicious refreshments.

That brings me to our recent meeting on 9th October held at Westhope Village Hall. After a brief discussion on the cancellation of the Dabble Day, due to low numbers, the planned Group Autumn Lunch on 2nd November and developing our programme for next year, we welcomed our visitors from Munslow WI and the Craven Arms Ladies. We then had an extremely enjoyable evening playing skittles together - great fun. We were looked after impeccably by Betty and the Westhope team of ladies who manned the kitchen and bar and set up the skittles and cleared away for us: a huge thank you to them all. Delicious refreshments were provided by the Craven Arms Ladies team which we thoroughly enjoyed halfway through. We all definitely played with renewed enthusiasm, and it has to be said slightly improved accuracy after the plentiful supply of cake! A very close game with a narrow margin in the final score of 97 to 94, with the cup returning this year to Diddlebury and Westhope WI. We look forward to next year's game and thank everyone involved in ensuring a successful evening.

Our next meeting will be held at Culmington Village Hall on **Wednesday 13th November** at 7.30pm when we will be getting into the Christmas spirit and making Christmas cards under the tutelage of Joy and Janet. 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 on 01584 861 301 if you would like any further information.

Jayne Disley

## WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



The Clover Club enjoyed a very informative and interesting talk by Richard from Wild About Westhope. His knowledge of the countryside and woodland was amazing.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 7th November** at Westhope Village Hall, 2pm for a 2.30pm start, when we are going to have a fun afternoon playing bingo. As always, everyone is welcome to join us.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254



# NEWS FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

There's a lot going on in the council at the moment as we strive to improve our very difficult financial position.

## GREEN WASTE BINS CHARGING SCHEME

The Council has received over 50,000 requests from residents to retain their green waste bins at a charge of £56 per bin per annum. You will have heard that there have been a few hiccups with the rollout of this scheme: the company contracted to produce the sticky labels for subscribers failed to ensure the labels were sticky enough! As a result they fell off the bins. The council has speedily withdrawn this contract and re-let it to a company which can meet the label stickiness criteria. Tiresome though this is, it has the advantage of allowing everyone with a green bin a further month's free usage until the charging scheme starts on 4th November. You may rest assured that the Council will not be paying for the defective stickers. The new stickers are now arriving through the post, and I can confirm that mine was super-sticky.

We have had some queries about green bins in churchyards. These are not exempt from payment but can be added to the system on request and applicants should email [waste.management@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:waste.management@shropshire.gov.uk) for information. If there is no postbox available for the delivery of a sticker, please let the Council know and we can arrange another suitable delivery address.

## NOTICE OF A CASE OF BLUE TONGUE DISEASE IN SHROPSHIRE

Shropshire farmers are being asked to be alert to a case of Blue Tongue in the county. The advice from Shropshire Council's Animal Health Team follows an announcement from DEFRA who have confirmed a single case of Blue Tongue disease in Shropshire.

At the moment Shropshire has not been placed under a disease control zone. The affected premises is currently under movement restrictions and the animal has been culled. Blue Tongue is a notifiable disease which primarily affects sheep, cattle, other ruminants (such as deer and goats) and camelids such as llamas and alpacas.

If you suspect Blue Tongue, you are asked to report it immediately by calling 03000 200 301. If you need more information and updates, please go to [Bluetongue: news, information and guidance for livestock keepers – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) or contact your local veterinary surgery.

## DEVOLUTION

On a completely different subject, the issue of devolved local authorities has reared its head again. You may remember the previous government was keen to see fewer, larger authorities throughout England. This theme has been picked up by the current government which also wants to see mayoralities introduced like some of the large urban areas such as Birmingham and the Black Country, Teesside and Greater Manchester.

This poses a problem for Shropshire as a large rural authority with a relatively small population, no large cities, and a higher than average population of over-65s and over-85s. Whilst Shropshire has a vibrant small and medium sized business sector we lack large companies, and our connectivity and public transport need improving, although we have ambitious plans to tackle these shortcomings.

Shropshire's Leader, Lezley Picton, has had a long discussion with the new Leader of Telford & Wrekin Council. Whilst nothing is ruled in or out it is more likely that Telford would look towards the West Midlands Combined Authority, which is not such an obvious proposition for Shropshire. Our Leader therefore proposes to hold talks with Herefordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire to explore possibilities for a viable combined authority. One idea, supported by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, is a possible devolution deal based on the West Mercia authorities (which includes Shropshire). Early days yet, but plenty to discuss.

## FAREWELL TO SHIREHALL

You may have heard that Shropshire Council has taken the decision to move from Shirehall to the Guildhall at Frankwell in Shrewsbury. The Shirehall is not fit for purpose; it is extremely expensive to run and to heat, since the windows are single-glazed and draughty and the air conditioning/heating erratic. Since Covid many staff now work part time at home or in offices in the market towns, and the building, which was originally designed to accommodate some 4,000 staff now has nearer 200 working there regularly, not including other organisations to whom we let space. The building costs around £1.3m to run annually and this is just not economic in difficult times.

Thus, the decision has been taken to vacate Shirehall and move into the Guildhall over a three-month period, with the move hopefully completed in February. It will be the end of an era, but times move on, requirements change, and we need to move with them.

Cllr Cecilia Motley, Shropshire Councillor, Corvedale Division



## All Saints Church Culmington

Back by popular demand but with a twist. Winter is coming!

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.

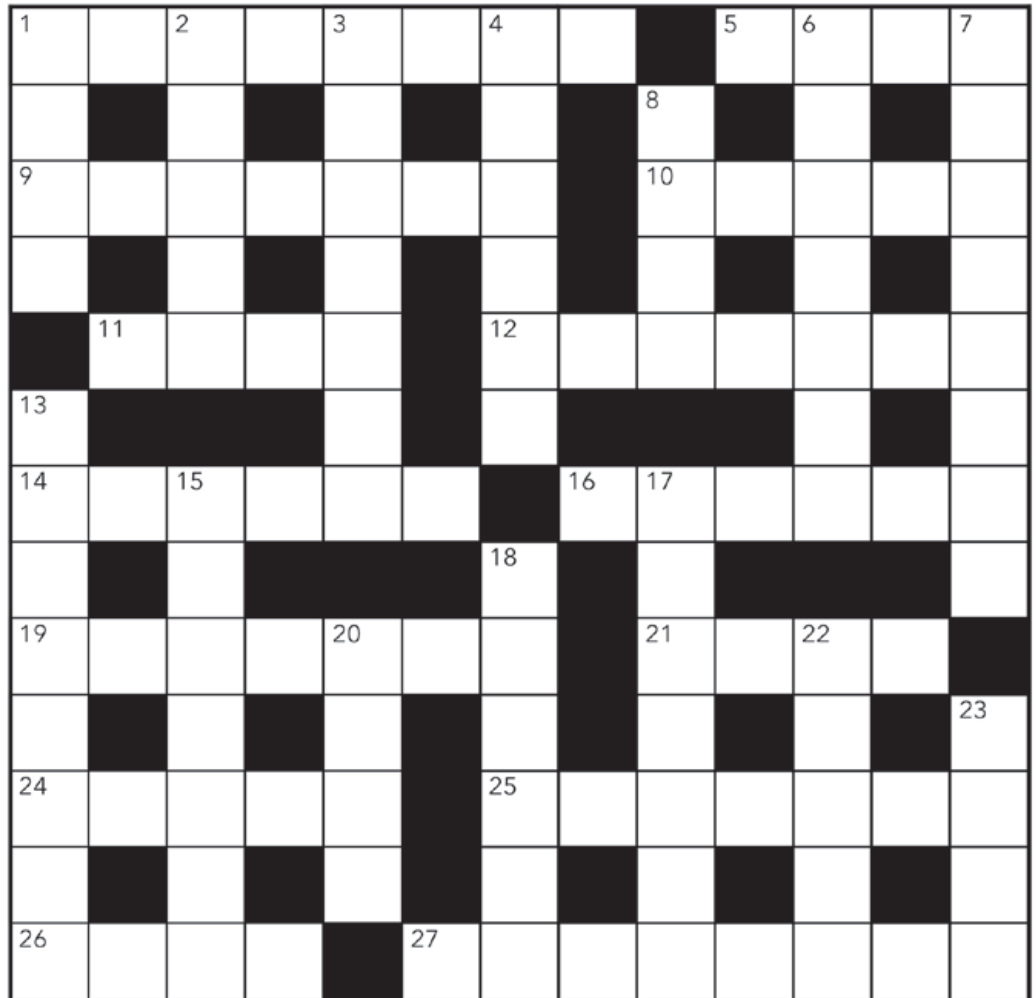
# NOVEMBER CROSSWORD

BY ARTEMONAS

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

## ACROSS

- 1) Confused everyone off-shore (3,2,3)
- 5) Part of the choir bounces back (4)
- 9) Nearly cut down, but still tidied up (7)
- 10) Chancellor almost becomes old local official (5)
- 11) Initially, are silly boys out to get one of these? (4)
- 12) Ancient city in South African province is unspoilt (7)
- 14) Can the pet try to be attractive? (6)
- 16) King of the fairies is no bore! (6)
- 19) I ac. A pot stirred for pudding (7)
- 21) Negative-positive recess? (4)
- 24) Picture of some interim agent (5)
- 25) We ring a weird tedious artist? (7)
- 26) Misdeeds in in boat (4)
- 27) He and I ran it off the ground (2,3,3)



## DOWN

- 1) Deeds of fifth religious book (4)
- 2) Dens found hidden in rails (5)
- 3) Rest with listings magazine (4,3)
- 4) Some legend in Greece comes to a conclusion (6)
- 6) King and Queen followed a hundred to make it more obvious (7)
- 7) Cross country wanderings of older van (8)
- 8) Alternatively, far left can cause worry (4)
- 13) Puts sari away from the ground floor
- 15) Give a reason for the former flat land (7)
- 17) Under three points in the bath (7)
- 18) Explorer in ward, maybe (6)
- 20) Round writer allows you in (4)
- 22) Board for French and German agreements (5)
- 23) Cooker – right? No, jelly (4)

# DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllr R Povall, - acting Chairman for the meeting, Cllrs R Morgan, T Pardoe, A Watson, A Rattu, C Martyn.

**Apologies:** Cllrs T O'Boyle and D Hedgley.

**In attendance:** The Clerk, Shropshire Cllr C Motley and one member of the public.

**A Declarations of Interest** was made by Cllr R Morgan relating to planning application 24/03253/FUL and he took no part in the discussion relating to it.

**Public Involvement Session:** Mrs Worthington had reported that the previous night, and without warning, the road up to Westhope had been closed from the B4368 as far as the cattery, which had disrupted an event at the village hall. Cllr R Povall had visited the site and found Severn Trent had closed the road to repair a leak. The Clerk raised the frequent closures of this road with Highways, emphasising the inconvenience it caused and also sought a progress report on the road from the college to Hillside Coppice which had been omitted from the recent resurfacing works. DPC was advised the work is scheduled for 2025-2026.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting on 24th July 2024 were approved by councillors.

**Matters Arising:** Cllr Rattu said there was still no response from Mr Nick Newton about the proposed traffic calming measures along the B4368. Cllr Motley advised she is having a meeting with the Highways management team tomorrow and would raise this issue. The Clerk said no plans had been received from Connexus relating to the three empty houses in Mill Lane. It was agreed a letter be sent to Connexus seeking a progress report. DPC was now aware that green waste bins would only be emptied from 1st October 2024 onwards if the householder had paid an annual fee of £56. No food waste was to go in the bins. The Shropshire recycling centres would remain open but from 4th November 2024 only Shropshire residents could use the sites and would need to telephone or email ahead to book a time slot, when they would be required to give their name, address and vehicle registration number. Admittance would be denied if an appointment had not been made.

**Reports:** **The Chairman** had submitted a written report for the meeting in which he said he had responded to the 'Local Services Future Options' survey, also to the Place Plan Update and to the Police & Crime Commissioner's practices survey, in which he urged more police presence in Diddlebury parish. He had attended Cllr Motley's Chairs' Meeting at Culmington on 10th September. He had written an article for the Corvedale News about the new playground and thanked Cllr Pardoe for obtaining and installing an awning for the picnic bench.

**Cllr Motley** reported on the new planning measures being proposed by the Labour government. A considerable number of new houses was proposed, 70% of them in rural areas, but with no indication about the development of the infrastructure needed to support such houses. There was no mention of any enforcement measures relating to the vast number of sites on which permission had already been given but no work had commenced. There are 12 'land banked' sites in Diddlebury parish alone, Shirehall is being sold off as it was built to accommodate 4,500 workers but now barely 200 staff work at the Shirehall regularly. The staff were to relocate probably to the Guildhall.

**Westhope Village Hall** - Mrs Worthington reported on the many events held or being held at the hall. Mrs Mary Hall's passing had been commemorated by a minute's silence at a recent community

lunch. Grants were now being sought for replacement heaters.

**Flood Action Group Report:** Cllr Martyn reported on a FAG meeting held on 18th September which was poorly attended by locals despite extensive publicity. Remedial drainage works were being sought from the developer relating to the new site at Bache Mill. The possibility of a dam in Delbury Woods was discussed. A supply of Flood Warning signs were to be made available for areas susceptible to flooding. Flood water on the bridge on the B4368 and the blocked drainage system at Pinstones were discussed with the Highways representative. It was reported that flooding on the bridge on the B4368 had been exacerbated as some of the drains had been sealed by vandals inserting expanding foam into the outlets.

**Planning Applications:** 24/03023/FUL - Application for the erection of porch, steps and dwarf walls at Lower House Farm, Middlehope. Councillors supported this application.

24/03024/FUL - Application for the repair of existing timber frame and new lime render panels over existing brickwork at Lower House Farm, Middlehope. Councillors supported this application.

24/02804/PMBPA - Proposed change of use from an agricultural building to 2 dwelling houses south of Delbury Hall, Diddlebury. It was initially unclear how DPC was to deal with this application, so prior to the meeting the Chairman had established from the Planning Officers that they had taken a decision on it on 11th September 2024 and had refused permission on the grounds that it did not meet the permitted development criteria required for a PMBPA application. Thus, DPC needed to take no action on this application.

24/03253/FUL - Creation of two parking spaces on land adjacent to gravel drive to serve Jack's Cottage, Bache Mill. Councillors were unable to support this application.

**Highways/Environmental Issues:** The quotation from Mr J Woodhouse for strimming and cleaning works around the parish was approved. In addition to DPC's concerns about flooding on the bridge on the B4368, a request for assistance had been received from a resident of the Moors View about the frequent flooding of his property. The possible causes of the flooding were discussed and various views were aired. Cllr Rattu's property had suffered a lot of damage and since 2017 he had been trying to get action from SC. It was agreed that a Freedom of Information Request be sent to SC asking exactly what action they had taken about this perpetual problem, and specifically when any such action was taken.

**Communications and Correspondence:** Ten items were considered and noted.

**Finance Matters:** The Finance Report for August & September 2024 was considered and cheques totalling £1,596.87 were approved for payment, after which DPC held funds totalling £16,369.32, of which £928.46 were third party funds. Cllr Watson verified the reconciliation between DPC's cash book and HSBC's bank statements.

**Any Other Business:** Cllr R Povall confirmed the supply of stone has now been delivered to the new playground: Cllr Morgan would arrange for it to be laid. Cllr Martyn advised a survey of speeding vehicles would be published in the Corvedale News. Cllr R Povall said he would seek a resolution at the October meeting that the DPC meeting commencement time revert to 7.30pm

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 23rd October 2024, 7.15pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.**

Agendas and full copies of the minutes can be viewed on the Diddlebury Parish Council website [www.diddleburyparish.co.uk](http://www.diddleburyparish.co.uk) or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs J de Russett at No 12 Church Road, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, SY7 0DH, Tel: 01547 519282, [diddleburypc@outlook.com](mailto:diddleburypc@outlook.com)

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## ABDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Date Of Next Meeting:** 14th November 2024

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# CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2024

**Present:** Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mr Ian Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Ms J Mear, Mr I Steele. In attendance: Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Andrew Pike, Mrs M Holland, Mr J Turley and Ms J Watts.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Public Involvement Session:** No members of the public were present.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd September 2024 were approved and signed as correct.

**Reports from Members: Shropshire Council** - Cllr Motley reported that Shropshire Council was among a number of authorities that was experiencing financial difficulties. They had received nothing from the government on how it planned to deal with councils which were struggling. There was concern that the plans to build more houses might affect rural areas, particularly in areas where the infrastructure was already limited. Shropshire Council had responded to the new National Planning Policy Framework consultation. There had been a delay in the stickers for green bins being distributed: residents should continue to put green bins out as the refuse collectors know who has paid the fee. The new government wanted more devolution. Shropshire Council was in discussions with Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Staffordshire. Cllr Motley reported that she would not stand at the next election. Councillors were very saddened to hear this news as Cllr Motley had been an excellent councillor, acting on behalf of the Corvedale over many years.

**Village Hall Committee** - Cllr Mear reported that the Bluebird Belles event had been very successful. The Tractor Run would be on 13th October, with proceeds going to the MS Society and Culmington Village Hall renovations. The Corvedale Choir would hold a Christmas concert at the hall. The Clerk reported that an application to change the entry on the Land Registry for the village hall had been made.

**South Shropshire Area Committee** - This would be deferred to the next meeting.

**Planning:** An appeal had been made against Shropshire Council's

refusal to grant permission for the erection of a detached dwelling and garage at land to the north of Seifton House, Seifton (*Application reference: 23/04139/FUL*). It was agreed to refer the inspector to the submission made to Shropshire Council on 27th October 2023 as the circumstances were unchanged.

**Use of the Neighbourhood Fund to extend the speed limit to Clay Lane:** The council had not received a response from the Place Plan team despite two emails. Cllr Motley suggested contacting Mr Newton, Traffic Engineer for Shropshire Council.

**Shropshire Council's Local Council Survey:** The council was willing to enter discussions with Shropshire Council but it did not have funding to support services presently funded by Shropshire Council. It supported the Environmental Maintenance Grant being fully reinstated next year and having greater freedom about how the grant could be used within the parish.

**Blocked Bridleway:** Shropshire Council Outdoor Partnership Team was exploring options as to how to clear the bridleway.

**Waste Bin Collection:** Cllr Motley was asked to investigate why there was a VAT charge.

**Waste Bin near the Village Hall:** Shropshire Council would be asked to move the public waste bin to the southern entrance to footpath 0524/39/1 near Culmington Village Hall.

**Finance:** Expenditure was within budget except for a slight overspend of £20.80 for insurance.

The Lloyds Bank account held £13,524.45 as at 23rd August 2024, which included the Environmental Maintenance, Parish Paths Grants and the Neighbourhood Fund. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed as correct.

Replacement of the Neighbourhood Watch Sign in Culmington was included in the Draft Budget for 2025-2026.

Payments were authorised to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Inv 629 £135.00, H Coonick (Clerk, reimbursement for stationery, training) £21.43.

**Items for the Next Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 5th November 2024:** Consider requesting a Tree Preservation Order on the limes and pines opposite Culmington Village Hall

Heather Coonick Clerk/RFO

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# MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Chris Meeson, Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council).

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Public Forum:** No members of the public were present.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 4th September 2024 were approved, subject to an amendment of 10.3, which should read: 'Cllr Motley informed the meeting that it has not been decided whether there will be a booking system'.

**New Councillors:** Cllr Archer welcomed Cllr Richard Wilks. Both Cllrs Arnold and Wilks have completed and returned their Register of Interest forms and Cllr Wilks signed the Acceptance of Office Form.

**Reports: Chairs Report** - Cllr Archer reported that Lezley Picton (Leader of Shropshire Council) had reported that a booking system for all five recycling centres would start on 4th November 2024. They would remain open seven days a week until at least 31st March 2025.

**Shropshire Council** - Cllr Motley had sent a report. There had been a delay in getting enough stickers to put on green bins to show that the household was entitled to have the green bin emptied, but

residents could put their green bins out that week and they would be emptied. Once the stickers arrived, they should be put on the back of the bin (below the handle so they are easily visible to the bin men).

The Government wanted to move towards devolved local authorities with mayoralities introduced. This posed a problem for Shropshire as a large rural authority with a small population. Shropshire's Leader, Lezley Picton, had had a long conversation with the Leader of Telford & Wrekin Council. Nothing was ruled in or out but it was more likely that Telford would wish to join the West Midlands Combined Authority, which was not such an attractive proposition for Shropshire. Our Leader would, therefore, hold talks with Herefordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire to see if there were enough synergies to make a combined authority look viable. The Police & Crime Commissioner, John Campion, was advocating a devolution deal based on the West Mercia authorities (which included Shropshire). No-one was sure how far this had developed yet. Shropshire Council had decided it needed to move from Shirehall to the Guildhall at Frankwell in Shrewsbury. The Shirehall currently is not fit for purpose. Since Covid many staff work part-time at home or in the market towns. The building had been originally designed to accommodate 4,500 people and now had nearer 200 working there regularly: it was becoming very uneconomic. Nevertheless, there has been considerable push-back, not least from the 'Save our Shirehall' group and the Shrewsbury Civic Society. However, the plan is to start vacating the building before Christmas and complete the move by February. Finally, last week, she had had a meeting with Derek Buchanan, Andy Wilde

(AD in charge of Highways) Dan Morris (Cabinet Member for Highways) and Rob Macey (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture & Digital) to discuss the increasing demand for VAS signs and the rules that should apply to setting them up. There was an increasing demand for VAS signs but still confusion about who was responsible for what. The upshot of the meeting was that Derek Buchanan had been asked to come back with a set of rules for parishes to follow, acknowledging that there was an increasing demand for traffic calming measures and that most parishes were using some of their CIL Neighbourhood fund together with PC funding to obtain VAS signs and put them up themselves.

**South Shropshire Area Committee** - Cllr Archer reported on a meeting with the new MP, Stuart Anderson, and had raised with him the issue of speeding on the B4368. Mr Anderson had made a presentation to the committee stating that he had chosen to remain on the back benches so he could concentrate on constituency work. When comparing the rural with urban constituencies the rural areas were receiving much less government funding. There was a suggestion of moving the Ludlow Hospital to the Ecopark. He would like to see more building in Craven Arms. He was very concerned about the rate of rural crime in the County.

**Survey from Shropshire Council re Future Options with Town and Parish Councils:** The Parish Council's response would say that it had funded four vehicle activated signs and provided a defibrillator in the last two years. It would ask Shropshire Council to reinstate the full Environmental Maintenance Grant in 2025.

**Place Plan Project Nomination Feedback:** Cllrs Povey and Dobson would produce a Place Plan entry on Traffic Calming for

consideration at the next meeting.

**Highways:** The two new Vehicle Activated Signs were now in use. Volunteers were needed to help with charging and moving the signs. Notices had been placed on the website and Facebook page asking for volunteers. There were issues with hedges overgrowing the signs: landowners would be asked to cut back the hedges.

The Environmental Maintenance Contractor would be asked to continue with general winter maintenance and clearance.

**Application to the Police and Crime Commissioner 'My Community Fund':** This was deferred to the next meeting.

**Attendance at the War Memorial in Munslow on Remembrance Day and the Purchase of a Wreath:** Cllr Archer would attend and lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council on 11th November.

**Accounts:** The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation were deferred to the next meeting.

No income had been received.

The following payments were authorised: H Coonick, Clerk (reimbursement for stationery, stamps and training) £12.94, D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) inv 636 £76.50, Wreath £30.00.

**Draft Budget for 2025-2026:** Councillors would inform the clerk of projects for inclusion.

**Items for the Next Meeting at 7.30pm Wednesday 6th November 2024 at Munslow Village Hall:** None.

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16) Oberon 19) Tapioca 21) Nook 24) Image 25) Wearing 26) Sins 27) In the air  
**DOWN:** 1) Acts 2) Lairs 3) Time Out 4) Ending 6) Clearer 7) Overland 8) Fret  
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<b>BROADSTONE</b>			8:30 HC		
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<b>DIDDLEBURY</b>		6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	9:45 HC
<b>HOLDGATE</b>					8:30 HC
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