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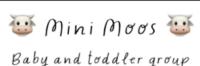
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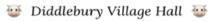


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Westhope Village Hall SY7 9JL



Enjoy singing?

CORVEDALE CHOIR

is looking for new members who love to sing.

We are a mixed voice choir based in the Corvedale. We sing an eclectic mix of harmony songs

> at Diddlebury Village Hall on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm during term time.

Come along and join us for a taster evening for free any Monday evening.

If you would like further information, please contact Avril Lines: avril.fossilsinshropshire@gmail.com or 01584 861 339

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 12th September





Corvedale Folk Club

at The Seven Stars, Broadstone on Monday 23rd September 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 lan on 01584 841 331 or email ianfotheringham@btinternet.com

RSPB Walks & Talks

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

WALKS

Thursday 12th September 10:30am

Christopher Cadbury Reserve and The Moors. Upton Warren

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

10th September 8th October 12th November Shropshire Mammals Wildlife of Shropshire Barn Owl Rescue Stuart Edmunds Tim Preston Paul Tillsley

RSPB

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Get the word out with the Corvedale News.

Contact the editor to include your poster in the next edition:

editor@corvedalenews.co.uk

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP

Working parties are usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month and the following Friday and Sunday, beginning at 9.30am.
Please ring Jenny Vine on 01584 841596 to confirm work location.

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

The current planned dates are: **Sept: Wed 25th, Fri 27th, Sun 29th**

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE



CURRY

Atia will be bringing her delicious homemade Punjabi curries, Samosas & Bhajis to DVH again!

Friday 13 Sept.

BAR STEFANO 17:30

With a full bar and draft Ludlow Gold!

EAT-IN ONLY 17:30-21:00

This is a DVH Social Evening so EAT-IN our lovely Hall with your friends and neighbours

Takeaways may be available after 20:00





SAT. 12 OCTOBER

Hog Roast, Salad & Dessert

Adults £12 | Under 10's £6

pre-purchased tickets only – no tickets will be available on the night

GREAT FOOD, FUN & MUSIC

Come & celebrate the harvest with your family, friends & neighbours at our community Harvest Hog Roast Table bookings available

HOW TO BUY TICKETS - don't leave it too late though! Village Hall on Quiz Night (4 Sept) or Curry Night (13 Sept)

Aston Munslow Garage (cash only) Bank Transfer (email for details)

For more details & to book the vegetarian option diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com | 07396 730 342

NOT **BONFIRE NIGHT**

Remember, Remember the 15th November... NO Gunpowder, NO Treason & NO Plot?

DVH is celebrating the 15th November with



No Bonfire **No** Fireworks

Just

Chilli & Jacket Potatoes

A barrel of beer, a full bar and a little music

And a get together with your friends and neighbours

Tickets and more details to follow so

SAVE THE DATE

That's the 15th November

NOT the 5th !!!



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CORVEDALE VILLAGE HALLS

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

It's been a busy month with work going on at the hall.

After professional advice we have now had the floor treated. At long last we have also had a new fence erected around the village hall car park, and how smart it looks!

So now we are going forward into the Autumn with a variety of events, to continue our fundraising efforts.

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

Betty Manley

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Weekly Whist Drive. Every Monday 7.15pm start.

Yoga returns after the summer break

Thursdays, 9.45pm - 10.45pm

Please contact Sue Pugh 07432 349 933.

Community Lunch

Thursday 5th September, 12.30 for 1pm
Two-course meal with tea/coffee £10pp.
Pre booking essential. Please contact Betty 07860 447 397.
All ages welcome.

Jumble Sale

Saturday 7th September, 10am - 12.30pm.

We have been collecting during the summer months and we have an incredible selection of bric-a-brac, ladies clothes. Quality children's clothing, books, and toys. Homewares. A nearly new and 'expensive mistakes' stall. Come along and grab yourself a bargain. £1 entrance. Including a cup of tea/coffee. Refreshments available.

Skittles Social Evening

Friday 13th September.

Refreshments available, licensed cash bar. Entry £1.

Harvest Supper

Saturday 19th October.

Rag Wreath Workshop

Sunday 20th October

Including refreshments and lunch.

All enquiries to Jacqui White 07976 866

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Race Night at Culmington Village Hall

Saturday 16th November

Concert with Newtown Male Choir

Saturday 23rd November

Probably the highlight of our calendar is when we have the privilege to host the amazing Newtown Male Voice Choir, who recently performed at the Royal Albert Hall.

This promises to be a great night and will be ticket only. All enquiries 07860 447 397

Christmas Prize Bingo

Saturday 7th December

Christmas Whist Drive and the Second Lottery Draw *Monday 9th December*

ABDON VILLAGE HALL

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS – SEPTEMBER

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

On the second Saturday of every month at Abdon Village Hall – **Saturday 14th September** 10.30am - 12.30pm. 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 28th September , 10.30am - 12.30pm. Last Saturday of the 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

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS – SEPTEMBER

Coffee Morning

Monday 2nd 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 2nd and every following Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm Contact Peter Whitehead pst.whitehead@gmail.com

Bluebird Belles

Saturday 28th September

Back by popular demand!

Contact Jo Mear on 07872 109 936 or 01584 861 486.

PLANNING AHEAD

Beefy Boys

Saturday 5th October

Tractor Run

Sunday 13th October, Details to follow.

Jordan Brown

Saturday 26th October

Singer and acoustic guitarist, and dancing replaces Friday social night. Contact Jo Mear on 07872 109 936 or 01584 861 486.

STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL

What a treat we have for you all coming up in September! Not only do we have our monthly regular events, Coffee morning on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday, Community Market taking place on the last Saturday of every month, plus Pub Night every Wednesday from 8pm we also have a fun packed month.

On **Saturday 7th September** why not try a night of karaoke fun, this is an open mic night for all ages and the bar will be open from 7.30pm. On Friday 13th September there will be an additional pub night and joining us to serve you will be the 'Pizza Girls'. To keep you entertained we have the newly revamped band '*Undaunted*'. So please show your support by popping in for a drink, a bite to eat and a little boogie! Back by popular demand to finish off the month is our fantastic family friendly Car Treasure Hunt followed by a BBQ; this will be on Sunday 29th September from 2pm. No need to book, family fun for all.

On **Friday 20th September** Stanton Lacy Village Hall has been invited to play a game of rounders against Stoke St Milborough. This is an old favourite which used to be played in the 1990s and we're so excited to be invited back to rekindle an old tradition. Please note this game will be taking place at Stoke St Milborough Village Hall. This is set to be a fantastic evening, so come down and support your village. First bat off at 5.30pm.

Once again, thank you for your continued support for Stanton Lacy Village Hall.

Jenna Hossbach

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS – SEPTEMBER

We open our doors for **Pub Night** every Wednesday 8pm – late. Games and crafts are available on pub nights to keep the kids entertained. Everyone Welcome!

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 4th & 18th, 10am - 12noon Join us for tea, coffee and delicious cake.

Open Mic Night

Saturday 7th September, Bar open from 7.30pm. Why not try a night of karaoke fun!
Open mic night for all ages. All welcome.

Pub Night

Friday 13th September, Bar open from 6.30pm - late. Joining us for yet another fantastic Friday pub night are the Pizza Girls to serve you up a treat! And to keep you entertained we have the newly revamped band *Undaunted*.

Community Market

Saturday 28th September, 10am - 12noon

We hold our community market on the last Saturday of every month. See what our wonderful small local businesses have to offer. Also serving tea, coffee and cakes.

Car Treasure Hunt & Barbecue

Sunday 29th September

Back by popular demand is our fantastic family friendly car treasure hunt, followed by a barbecue. No need to book, just turn up.

Follow us on Facebook - Stanton Lacy Village Hall Events



MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to announce the return of 'The Big Breakfast' at the village hall this year. We are repeating this very successful event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We will be serving a freshly cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast, on **Saturday 28th September** between 9am and 11am. The cost will be £8 per person and £2.50 for under twelves. We hope you will come and support this great cause and spend a very enjoyable morning with us. To book your place please contact me by email at <code>lesleydobson42@gmail.com</code> or text / WhatsApp on 07714 458 933.

The village hall has contracted a local builder to refurbish the ladies toilet at the hall. This work will be carried out at the end of September and should not affect the usual activities at the hall.

Please remember that the hall is available for your events and celebrations at very competitive rates. The hall has a capacity for 70 people and has full kitchen facilities. We also have gazebos, tables and chairs for hire for your outdoor events.

Coffee mornings will resume in November: dates to be announced.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Lesley Dobson

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DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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







	The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact corvedale.book.group@gmail.com	Thursday 12 th September 19:00
EAT @ DVH NIGHT	Atia and her family will be bringing you more of their delicious and authentic homemade Punjabi curries , onion bhajis, samosas and other delights. Bar Stefano with draft beer, wines, beers and spirits And PIZZA SLICES for kids EAT IN ONLY from 5.30 – 9.00 pm. No takeaways until 8pm	Friday 13 th September EAT IN from 17:30 – 21:00
HARVEST HOG ROAST	Tickets on sale now (selling quickly) £12 adults £6 Under 10's Available at: DVH on Quiz Night (4 Sept) & Curry Night (13 Sep) Aston Munslow Garage (cash only) or Bank Transfer Email for bank details to diddleburyvillagehall.com or text 07396 730 342	Saturday 12 th October 18:00 start
***	Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group £2.50 per Family - Term time	Mondays 10.00 - 12.00
900	The Corvedale Choir. Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	Mondays 19.30 -21.30
· Common of the	The Blue Hills Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00
No.	Zumba Contact Cat: zumbawithcat@outlook.com /07817 448832	Tuesdays 18.00
X	Tai Chi Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250275 hello@goldenthreadscic.com	Thursdays 10.00 - 11.00
	Pilates with Tina Bookings only via pilateswithtina@outlook.com	Thursdays 18:00 – 19:00
Plates	Physiotherapist-Led Pilates. Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412	Fridays 9.15 - 10.15



3rd Corvedale Festival 20th-28th September 2024

International in Scope – Local in Feel

www.corvedalefestival.org



the Festival has established itself as a significant event in the musical and artistic life of Shropshire. (David Matthews, Composer & Festival Patron)



All Saints Church Tower Restoration



An evening of fun and surprises. Star promises include a 'Make your own gin' evening at a distillery. Pillion ride on a special Harley Davidson, private shopping experience at a famous fashion shop including a £100 voucher and many others.

Your Auctioneer is: Bill Wathes

Further information: hardwick@sparchford.com 0748 323 5751

Friday 6 September 7.30pm **Culmington** Village Hall





join us for

- steady speed sessions
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- sociable music-making

Wednesday evenings at the Pilgrim Centre, Craven Arms

More info: Kitty, 01584 841564

www.KittyGreenwoodMusic.com

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

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3rd	Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
4th	Wed	Coffee Morning	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	10am
4th	Wed	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
4th	Wed	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
5th	Thu	Community Lunch	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
5th	Thu	Westhope Clover Club Anniversary Lunch	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
6th	Fri	Auction of Promises	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
7th	Sat	Jumble Sale	Westhope Village Hall	10am
7th	Sat	Corvedale and District Autumn Show	Diddlebury Village Hall	2pm
7th	Sat	Open Mic Night	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
10th	Tue	RSPB Talk - Shropshire Mammals, Stuart Edmunds	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
12th	Thu	RSPB Walk	Christopher Cadbury Reserve	10.30am
12th	Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
12th	Thu	Hayton & District WI Meeting	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
13th	Fri	Curry Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	5.30pm
13th	Fri	Skittles Night	Westhope Village Hall	TBA
13th	Fri	Pub Night with the Pizza Girls	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	6.30pm
14th	Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
14th	Sat	Corvedale Garden Group	Hereford Cathedral Gardens	10am
14th	Sat	Shropshire Federation WI Day	Shrewsbury Abbey	10am
16th	Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
17th	Tue	Caring for God's Acre	Munslow Churchyard	10am
18th	Wed	Coffee Morning	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	10am
18th	Wed	Flood Action Group Meeting	Diddlebury Church Room	2pm
20th	Fri	Rounders Match - Stanton Lacy vs Stoke St Milborough	Stoke St Milborough Village Hall	5.30pm
20th	Fri	Corvedale Festival runs to 28th September	Various	Various
23rd	Mon	Corvedale Folk Club	The Seven Stars, Broadstone	7.30pm
25th	Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
25th	Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Westhope Village Hall	7.15pm
27th	Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
28th	Sat	The Big Breakfast	Munslow Village Hall	9am
28th	Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
28th	Sat	Community Market	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	10am
28th	Sat	Bluebird Belles	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
29th	Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
29th	Sun	Car Treasure Hunt & BBQ	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	

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CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

As someone who spent more than half his career so far in teaching, September for me is always associated with the start of the new school year. Having always taught in primary schools, this meant new beginnings in various ways – getting to know a new group of children, sometimes moving to teach in a new room, or to teach a new age group, sometimes grappling with a new curriculum or even (in 1992, 1998 and 2002) starting in a new school. With this in mind, it will be good to welcome Mr Davda as he comes to be the new headteacher at Corvedale School.

For others, of course, September means continuing things that are ongoing. The poor weather up to the time I'm writing this means that, for many of our farmers, there is still considerable harvesting to be done - let's hope that at some point the weather makes this work easier than it has been so far.

This September sees the return of the Corvedale Festival for its third year. There is an amazing range of music and concerts to enjoy, a chance to experience really top-quality music performed live in our communities. This year we have music performed by groups and by soloists, by professionals and amateurs, by people with years of experience and by some who are still at school.

Education, farming and music are all activities which require skill and time. None of this comes without effort, quite often unseen and in the background. The same, of course, can be said of many other skills and activities too. Putting in that effort can sometimes be enjoyable or can sometimes feel like a slog. Through it all, however, we are accompanied by the God who, in Christ, lived on Earth as one of us, who walked alongside the disciples on the Emmaus Road, who accompanies us though all the ups and downs that life brings and who can inspire us as we seek to serve Him and each other, day by day.

Rev'd John Beesley

MUNSLOW'S CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

In need of some gentle but useful exercise, then why don't you join our happy and sociable band of volunteers in Munslow on **Tuesday 17th September**, from 10am until 3pm.

As we all know, this year, our gardens have gone into overdrive, growth has been excessive and so it has been in Munslow churchyard. The wildflowers have had a wonderful season but now everything needs to be cut back to allow the seed to set for next year.

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

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

The time you give will benefit us all, be it an hour or a full session.

Anne: 841 213 (anne7donnelly@gmail.com) Alex: CFGA 01588 673 041.

Anne Donnelly

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDING

20th July Tia Eggerton and Luke Chidley Diddlebury
27th July Egle Zinkute and Nicholas de Serra Munslow
17th August Louise Burns and Will Howard Tugford

BURIAL OF ASHES

24th July Christopher Cornes Culmington

FLOWERS & BRASSES

September 2024

1st Liz Beazley 8th Liz Beazley 15th Zena Morgan 22nd Zena Morgan

HELP NEEDED

Do you have any spare jam jars? If so, please could you drop them off at Jan Kennedy's house - The Old Byre, Diddlebury, SY7 9DH.

Jan (and others) will put the jars to good use filling them with the most delicious homemade jams, marmalade, relishes and chutneys for sale at various fêtes, shows and events in aid of church funds and other charitable causes.

Thank you for your help.

WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

Westhope Clover Club meet for their anniversary lunch on **Thursday 5th September**. We will be joining the Westhope community lunch, 12.30pm for a 1pm start at Westhope Village Hall.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all again, after our summer break.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

HAVE YOU PAID?

The Corvedale News still has over £1,000 of subscriptions unpaid!

Please see our amended subscription notice on page 3 where you can find information on how to pay or find out if your subscription is owed.

Thank you.

The Corvedale News Team

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CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

NIGHT BOAT TO TANGIER BY KEVIN BARRY



In the novel, two Irish former drug dealers in their early 50s, Maurice 'Moss' Hearne and Charlie 'Red' Redmond, wait at the Algeciras ferry terminal to Morocco: they are desperately hoping to find Dilly who is the estranged daughter of one of the men. The novel is reminiscent of Waiting for Godot: all that transpires for much of the book is the passing of time, their dialogue and the apparent futility of their endeavour. The humour is very black, the writing evocative. The prose is written in short, stark, gritty paragraphs, the language is blunt, explicit and the loquacious dialogue full of blasphemy, metaphors and the wit and wisdom of the Irish. While they wait, they intimidate anyone who they feel may have met her, terrorising a young man and his dog, leaving the reader with an early sense of menace. Their constant description of her as small, pretty and with dreadlocks speaks of their desperation and shame at having lost touch with her three years previously.

The timeline bounces between the wait at the port and some of the earlier key events in Moss's life of violence, sex, love and betrayal with events that have erupted between the two men and the tangled relationship that has bound them together. We get glimpses into Moss's early life and the mental health battles of his father and the waxing and waning of his relationship with wife Cynthia and lover Karima: fear and paranoia persist throughout. There is a desperately sad scene between Moss and the four-year-old Dilly and a gripping scene in a bar, full of tension and cleverly described through the eyes of the barman and the various other unsavory characters there who circle around the protagonists trying to eavesdrop on the conversation and gauge the level of imminent violence. We never really discover the full extent of the betrayal though we get hints throughout the narrative of a lifelong love triangle. The end of the scene is as shocking

as it is violent. The money made was quickly lost and a fairy fort on the land purchased by Moss which triggers a string of bad luck is a clever Irish trick. The pair of them ending up in adjacent beds in the mental institution is also a touch of poetic magic. There is a sense of their co-dependency throughout the novel.

Most of us felt Moss and Red had no redeeming features and we did not warm to them, though from other reviews we can see that many readers did. I did enjoy much of their banter, others found the dialogue unfamiliar and difficult to follow. All our empathy was really for Cynthia and particularly Dilly, who though absent for much of the book is a central character. We meet her towards the end of the novel when she arrives at the ferry terminal with a bleached pixie haircut, chic clothes and a wheelie suitcase. She spots the men immediately but even when she makes eye contact with them, giving them a hard stare, they do not recognise her though they are left with a chilling suspicion after she has gone. We too are left with questions at the end. What if she had declared herself? Has she inherited her father's criminal lifestyle within an even more sinister type of trafficking?

Some in the group felt the story seemed to lack purpose and be more of a collage of ideas and images. There was a sense of hopelessness about Moss and Red and the probability that they will be back at the ferry port tomorrow and forever, perhaps victims of their new addiction. The story spoke of challenging relationships and lifestyles, the difficulty of shaking off a family past and of Irish charm: many of us felt the audio version might be interesting. There were mixed feelings within the group as to whether and to whom we might recommend this book: some had already done so. Next month we are reading **Bluets by Maggie Nelson.**

Cathy Beardes

CORVEDALE FESTIVAL

September has arrived and with it the third edition of the Corvedale Festival. We are looking forward to welcoming highly skilled artists from many corners of the world, both young and young-at-heart. There is a wide variety of events - do please look through the brochure or visit the website to find your favourites! It's hard to choose 'highlights,' but on **Saturday 21st** at 7.30pm there is what promises to be a very special evening featuring Cristian de Sa, Violin and John Lenehan, Piano. Later in the week opera comes to Corvedale in the form of a semi-staged Opera Gala, with a small live ensemble conducted by Bedwyn Lloyd Phillips and four fabulous young singers. There are two early music events as well as string quartets from artists-in-residence, The Jarualda Quartet, with guest pianist Roelof Temmingh joining them for Dvořák's sparkling piano quintet.

Tickets are already selling steadily so to be sure of yours either go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-festival, send the tear off slip from the brochure, email corvedalefestival@gmail.com, or phone 07745 825 700. All the events include refreshments.

Finally, remember the evening events at Munslow have the option of a 'Park & Ride' from the Wildegoose Nursery car park to the church, and back again. Seats for this must be pre-booked either on TicketSource or by phone as above.

Full details can be found on the website www.corvedalefestival.org.

Ruth Henley



3rd Corvedale Festival 20th-28th September 2024 *International in Scope – Local in Feel*

www.corvedalefestival.org

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE



HEDGEHOG HAVENS

Hedgehogs need our help. Their numbers have significantly declined over the past few decades. By managing our gardens, churchyards, and parks thoughtfully, we can create environments that support their nesting, feeding, and hibernation needs, giving these charming creatures a better chance to thrive.

Hedgehogs are nocturnal creatures, travelling one to two miles each night within a home range of about 40 acres. They forage for food, seeking invertebrates like slugs, snails, worms, beetles, as well as carrion and fallen fruit. Hedgehogs breed from May to September, with litters of 2 to 6 hoglets. The young remain in the nest for around four weeks before joining their mother on nighttime foraging trips. They soon become independent and are often seen alone in late summer and early autumn.

From late autumn, hedgehogs hibernate in nests made of old dry leaves, grass, and other vegetation. These nests can be found in places such as the bases of hedges, in compost heaps, among tree roots, or under log piles.

We can all help hedgehogs:

- Facilitate their movement through your garden, park, or churchyard. Avoid confining them, as barriers can cause them to expend unnecessary energy. Provide ramps out of drains or steep drops.
- Areas with long grass, dead wood, the bases of stone walls, compost heaps, and leaf litter, are often rich in invertebrates that hedgehogs feed on. Avoid being too tidy. Pile up deadwood in a shady spot.
- Be cautious of hibernating hedgehogs that resemble leaf footballs! Use sharp tools carefully, especially brush cutters, and avoid leaving bonfire piles overnight to prevent hedgehogs from crawling into them.
- Avoid using chemicals like slug pellets and wood preservatives unless they are known to be non-toxic to mammals.

Although hedgehogs are elusive and primarily active at night, you can still spot signs of their presence. Look for their distinctive droppings, which are almost black and often contain shiny beetle parts. By creating a hedgehog-friendly environment and being mindful of their needs, we can all help these charming nocturnal creatures.



FLOOD ACTION GROUP

As we come into September perhaps it's time for a yearly reminder about keeping places clear of the autumn leaves etc. which can quickly block drains and gullies. Recently a group of happy volunteers have, once again, done a marvellous job on clearing the annual growth in the stream beside the footbridge in Diddlebury. Thank you. This year, in periods of high flow through the village, it should be interesting to see the effect in the stream level since Jack Wrigley improved the water flow under the road to Delbury Hall.

On **Wednesday 18th September**, the Flood Action Group has its next meeting with the Flood Forum and representatives from Shropshire Council agencies. At the meeting, our Action / Resilience Plan will be updated. This will be held at the Church Room in Diddlebury at 2:00pm. All are welcome to come. A guick update on our current plan

- 1. If you want email updates of flood warnings, please contact me (details on the parish website) with your email address and permission for me to include you on the automated system set up by Shropshire Council.
- 2. Bache Mill development: I am still awaiting an update from M Laidlaw, the planning enforcement officer with regards to the flood storage / attenuation measures.
- 3. The drains which flow from the B4368 bridge into the Diddle have now been split to ensure that there is no impediment to the water flow from the road gullies.
- 4. The Pinstones road drains have been assessed with further works to be carried out to improve the flow into the drain to alleviate the volume of water flowing down the road onto the B4368.
- 5. There is still no change at the Corfton chicken shed development.
- 6. At Bouldon there is no change in the situation of the damaged riverbank opposite the Tally Ho.

A reminder: if you have a blocked drain or ditch or any other issue with the potential for causing flooding, please log the issue onto FIXMYSTREET website for the council to action.

The brown weed growth in the Diddle stream this year has been noticeable due to the low levels of the stream. I followed this upstream to beyond Mill House in Bache Mill. Anecdotally, the level of growth is felt to be no more than normal with such a low flow.

Shropshire Council has again engaged Shropshire Wildlife Trust to explore further possibilities for extending the 'slow the flow' campaign. A representative from Shropshire Wildlife Trust is currently taking stock of what is currently in place. They hope that local landowners will engage with them to improve the water management across their lands.



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CORVEDALE PAST & PRESENT

CIVIC ART AND THREE - A NUMBER TO CONJURE WITH

If you are reading this then the exhibition on the theme of 'time' in the Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery – part of the July and August Art Trail – will have already closed. If you didn't see it, you missed something really good.

The large striking image here by Jacob Chandler was part of a series depicting various human forms mainly by the use of triangles. The triangle has the number three at its heart – it has three sides and three angles. As I contemplated these shapes certain thoughts came into my mind.

How very apt to use the triangle! The human body is full of triangles, like the chest with its apex at the root of the neck. If you look at the belly (more particularly the lining of the belly) the peritoneum forms a triangle with its apex at the bottom end. Inside the chest the heart is triangular in shape, though it's popularly always displayed upside down for some reason! The lungs are triangular in multiple planes and

so are a lot of other organs like the liver. The neck and the limbs contain lots of triangles formed by different muscles... and so on.

It turns out that the number three has always been important – here is a quote from the Welsh National Opera programme notes for a production of 'The Magic Flute':

The ancient Greek philosopher
Pythagoras postulated that the meaning
behind numbers was deeply significant.
In his eyes the number three was
considered as the perfect number,
the number of harmony, wisdom and
understanding. It was also the number
of time - past, present, future;
birth, life, death; beginning, middle,
end - it was the number of the divine.

Later it became central to Christian symbolism, but the Old Testament is also packed with significant threes. As you would expect it is important in Islam, and the God Shiva is depicted holding a trident in Hindu iconography. I feel sure that there will be hundreds of examples from many other cultures, too.

Now, I have sometimes mentioned the prevalence of the oval in our historical and modern landscapes and another idea struck me. I have often wondered how ancient peoples, presumably without instruments or geometrical knowledge, managed to 'describe' these important shapes on the ground. Well, maybe the triangle could have helped. Although it doesn't work particularly well here, take Nordy

Bank (that many of us know), where we could maybe see the principle. With an observer and pole at each point on the oval and one at each point of the triangle (seven of course is a highly significant number too!) it would work even on the steeply sloping ground.

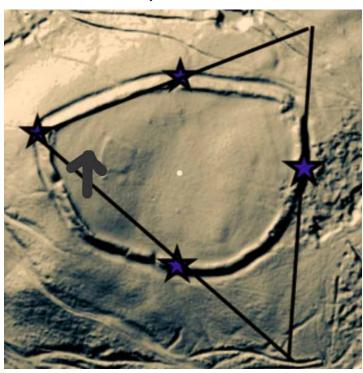
Of course, they could have used the rectangle to much the same effect, but the number three was very special to the Celtic Iron Age peoples. If the springs rising on the Clee above Nordy were sacred (as they may well have been), they would surely have been protected by three goddesses.

It's odd to note, also, that the long axis of the fort is east west, just like your local parish church! Come to think of it I don't know if that is a general principle – anyone fancy a project?

Not for a moment am I suggesting that any of this stuff was in the mind of the artist as he planned his work: he was portraying characters from 'As you like it,' which apparently has a Shropshire connection. It gave me pause to think: all our ancestors over millennia, barring only the last few generations, have been aware of tides of energy snaking through nature, the earth and the cosmos, which, far from being dead mechanical things, were living interdependent creations. We think we have controlled and managed everything with our technology and blinkered knowledge. Are we becoming ever more foolish? Answers on a postcard please...

Peter Cornah, villageadamandeve.uk

PS: it will have passed nobody's notice that our whole locality is bounded to the east by three hills!





GREAT RECIPES TO TRY AT HOME

September's recipes are from the kitchen of Martin Jones

HOME MADE MAYONNAISE

This is the real thing, infinitely superior to what you can buy in jars. But two words of caution: although not difficult it requires care; and it takes time. For your first attempt allow a good half hour, although with practice it will take much less.

For two reasonably greedy people you need:

- 1 egg yolk
- About 125ml good olive oil
- Salt
- Vinegar or lemon juice

How to:

- 1. Put the egg yolk in a cup or small jug and whisk or stir briskly to break it up. Add ONE DROP of oil from a teaspoon and whisk or stir it in vigorously. Then add two drops and incorporate this: then two drops again. Then three drops three times... up to six drops six times. By now you will probably be wondering whether you will ever get this finished, but don't despair! The mixture should look smooth and silky, and it will have already thickened noticeably.
- 2. Next, add and incorporate about a quarter of a teaspoonful of oil several times, gradually building up to 1 teaspoonful. Don't be impatient: if the oil is difficult to blend in keep whisking or stirring till it does, and don't add quite so much next time. If you add the oil too quickly the whole emulsion will break down and the sauce will be wrecked.
- 3. By the time you have added all of the oil you will have a smooth, glossy, cream, almost thick enough for a teaspoon to stand up in it.
- 4. Add salt to taste and stir it in.
- 5. To balance the richness of the mixture you need to add something sharp. Traditionally this would be white wine vinegar, but I prefer lemon juice: probably from about half of a smallish lemon. The mixture will go lighter in colour when you add the acid but that's ok.

Leftover mayonnaise will keep for 24 hours, if covered, in a fridge. It will probably have thickened somewhat and may need thinning with a tiny drop of water.

HOME MADE YOGURT

A really simple recipe which only uses two ingredients! There is no need to sterilise the equipment.

Ingredients:

- 550ml any sort of milk
- Bought natural yoghurt

How to:

- 1. Take the milk and heat it to just short of boiling. Put it in a Pyrex bowl which is just big enough. Cover, and leave to cool to till the bowl is comfortable to hold but not hot. Remove any skin which has formed.
- 2. Put about 1 tablespoonful the natural yogurt in a cup and mix with 3 or 4 spoonfuls of the warm milk. Then stir it into the rest of the milk. Cover with cling film and put in a warm place for around 24 hours (if you have such an old-fashioned thing as an airing cupboard that is ideal).
- 3. By now the yogurt should have set. There will probably be a thin film of whey on the top: remove that and your yogurt is ready to eat. It will keep in a fridge for several days.
- 4. When your yogurt is nearly finished take a tablespoonful to start another batch. In theory you can continue this process indefinitely but it's better to start again with a fresh bought yogurt every 4 to 6 weeks.

Be featured in the next edition of Corvedale Kitchen.

Send your recipes to: editor@corvedalenews.co.uk

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OLD CORVEDALE NEWS

We have recently acquired some old editions of the CORVE NEWS (as it was known then) dating back to the early 1970s. The magazine was A6 size and the cost in 1972 was just 3p per issue!

Unlike today when our cover photos feature local images by local photographers the cover photo was a national, bought-in image.

There were eight pages of local / church news and details of church services which bookended fourteen pages of 'bought in' news content and more national adverts. Your magazine today is thirty-two pages of local content.

Recipes still featured and in the issues we have included raisin, honey and walnut cake; shortbread; and mushrooms in sour cream.

There were just three pages of adverts including Bodenhams in Ludlow, a family butchers in Munslow and G Good who still advertises in the Corvedale News today.

The Corvedale News Team











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ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Shropshire residents are being warned not to lose their voice on decisions that affect them by making sure their electoral registration details are up to date.

Voters are being encouraged to complete their online registration process by **8th September 2024.**

The annual canvass ensures that the electoral register is kept up to date, identifying any residents who are not yet registered, so that they can be encouraged to do so. They would then be able take part in any future elections.

Over the coming weeks, Shropshire Council will be contacting many of its residents about this by email, although some residents will get a form in the post.

Andy Begley, the electoral registration officer for Shropshire Council, said:

'It's important that residents keep an eye out for messages from us, which for many people will be in the form of an email, rather than a form through the post.

'The email will contain a two-part security code and a link to a secure registration website. Electors should carefully follow the instructions contained in the voter registration message, so that we can make sure that we have all the right details on the Electoral Register for every address in our area.'

Voters are being encouraged to complete their online registration process by **8 September 2024**, but may, if they do not have online access, contact the council's Customer

Services Team on 0345 678 9015, who can assist them with their registration over the telephone.

If someone is not currently registered, their name will not appear in the messages the council sends.

If anyone needs to register, the easiest way is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

People who have moved recently are particularly encouraged to look out for the voter communications and check the details.

Any residents who have any questions can contact Shropshire Council on 0345 678 9015 or by email at registration@shropshire.gov.uk.

The electoral register lists the names and addresses of everyone who is registered to vote in public elections. The register is used for electoral purposes, such as making sure only eligible people can vote. It is also used for other limited purposes specified in law, such as: detecting crime (e.g. fraud), calling people for jury service or checking credit applications.

Research by the Electoral Commission indicates that recent home movers are far less likely to be registered, than those who have lived at the same address for a long time. Across Great Britain, 92% of people who have been at their property for more than 16 years will be registered, compared to 36% of people who have lived at an address for less than one year.

Andy Begley Electoral Registration Officer, Shropshire Council

THE BIG AUTUMN QUIZ

- 1. What is Autumn known as in North America?
- 2. Which English Romantic poet composed 'To Autumn' after a walk near Winchester one autumnal evening?
- 3. Pumpkin fragments dated between 7,000 and 5,500 BC have been found in which country: China, Egypt, Germany or Mexico?
- 4. Who did Autumn Kelly marry in May 2008?
- 5. Bonfire Night takes place every November but in which year did Guy Fawkes try to blow up Parliament?
- 6. And which king did Mr Fawkes try to blow up?
- 7. What are hedgehogs' spines or quills made from?
- 8. With around 400 players participating, what are the WCC, which are held annually on the second Sunday in October in Northamptonshire?
- 9. In Australia, Autumn begins in which month?
- 10. In 2009, Autumn was the 81st most popular name for girls born in which country?
- 11. Name the pigment which trees stop producing, thus causing leaves to lose their green colour?
- 12. Pheasant shooting season starts at the beginning of which month?
- 13. Which federal holiday in the United States is often said to mark the end of summer and the start of Autumn?
- 14. In Britain, the Autumn internationals or November internationals take part in which sport?
- 15. SAD is sometimes known as Autumnal depression, what do the intials in SAD stand for?
- 16. The Oktoberfest is held annually in which German city?
- 17. Which celebration is influenced by the Celtic Autumn festival, Samhain?

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CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP 🕏



PREEN MANOR AND THONGLANDS 'BIRD BUFFET'

The rain on Saturday 10th August did not prevent twenty-five members of the Corvedale Garden Group enjoying the beautiful historic garden at Preen Manor. Originally, in 1150, a small cell of the Cluniac Priory of Much Wenlock was established at Preen but it was sold

in 1536 and became a farm until the 1850s. In the 1870s a mansion was built by Norma Shaw and subsequently demolished in the 1920s. In 1978 the house was bought by Philip and Ann Trevor-Jones who created the gardens based on the Victorian framework. The plethora of garden rooms with a wide variety of plantings, which included a kitchen parterre, the monks' bathing pools, formal terraces plus woodland and, of course, the stunning views. The design also includes a chess garden, an unusual avenue of pink Cornus florida f.rubra, fine examples of pruned fruit trees to form arches



The Chess Garden



One of the Seating Places

and low hedges and a beautiful bee attracting Eucryphia Nymansensis. The formal box and yew gives a traditional structure in places and the range of perennials in the garden rooms was a delight and kept us all entranced throughout the morning. The rooms, too many to count, were round every corner with seating areas, pots, paving and covered areas and secret hiding places, and just when you thought you had reached the end there was more. The garden is open under the NGS schemes and comes highly recommended.

After leaving Preen Manor some of the Garden Group continued, with their picnics, to Thonglands to look at one of the fields recently planted as part of the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI), which spends public money on public good. The planting is a mixture of species to attract insects and birds

and the group was invited to see how many of the plant species they could identify without an app, and I am pleased to report they did pretty well, identifying guinoa, buckwheat, chicory and millet to name but a few and, of course, the sunflowers were easily spotted even though they were not yet flowering. The field was alive with butterflies and bees. Birds will follow as the flowers seed and the field has been nicknamed the 'Bird buffet'.

The next visit of the garden club is 14th September and will be led by Owen Towndrow. A private visit to the late C15th renowned gardens at Hereford Cathedral. The cost is £7 and refreshments will be available in the cafe. Anyone interested please contact the garden club via Corvedale.Garden.Group@gmail.com

Alison Benbow

VISITS AND TALKS

All distances and times are from The Swan at Aston Munslow. New members welcome, 10am Starts

September 14th **Owen Towndrow**

Private visit to late 15th C renowned gardens. Courtyard, Cloister & Vicars Choral Garden, Dean's Garden & Bishop's Garden.

Cathedral Gardens Hereford HR1 2NG 48 mins • 33 miles • £7 Refreshments in cafe

October 12th Mr & Mrs William **Corbett-Winder**

5 acre traditional garden, stunning views wide herbaceous borders, box edged rose parterres, formal topiary, woodland garden.

Vaynor Park, Berriew Welshpool, SY21 8QE 46 mins • 29 miles • £6

November 9th Kevin Alviti

Unusual Fruit and Vegetables An entertaining speaker with examples of produce.

Diddlebury Village Hall 3 mins • 1.4 miles • £10

NEW FEATURE COMING SOON...

We are working hard to bring an exciting new feature to the magazine. We are planning to do in depth feature articles on some of the businesses who advertise in the magazine.

The first article in this occasional series will feature Westhope College. This is the fascinating story about one woman's interest in crafts some forty years ago which led to the founding of an independent educational establishment run on a shoestring with no external funding. This renowned local college has many links with other national and international establishments.

If you would like your business to be featured in a spotlight article, please contact our advertising manager Jacqueline Turner: advertising@corvedalenews.co.uk.

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AUTUMN QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. The fall
- 2. John Keats
- 3. Mexico
- 4. Peter Phillips (nephew to King Charles III)
- 5. 1605
- 6. James I
- 7. Keratin
- 8. World Conker Championships
- 9. March

- 10. United States
- 11. Chlorophyll
- 12. October (October 1)
- 13. Labour Day (first Monday in September)
- 14. Rugby union
- 15. Seasonal affective disorder
- 16. Munich
- 17. Halloween

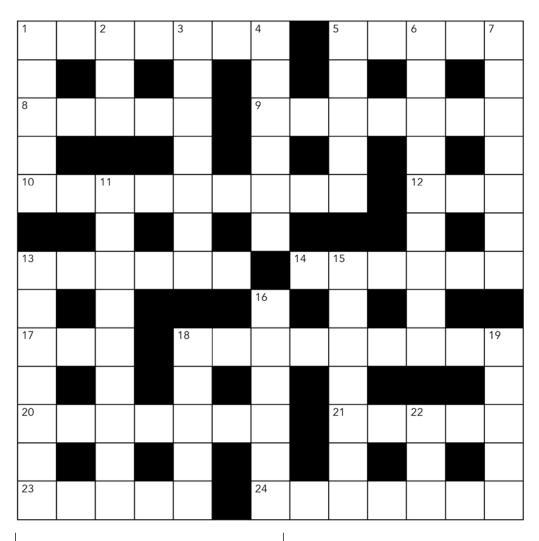
SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD

BY ARTEMONAS

Answers to this month's crossword can be found on page 22 in this edition of the magazine.

ACROSS

- 1) Brief account of sunny weather I hear (7)
- 5) Nice surprise in Portreath (5)
- 8) Two motorways before Carlisle are first to copy (5)
- 9) Salvation Army service provided meat product (7)
- 10) Alsatians savaged attacker (9)
- 12) Little brother returns to the ball (3)
- 13) A traveller by train around Arabian state (6)
- 14) In a predicament due to naughty capers 6)
- 17) Small seed had great expectation (3)
- 18) Cover places to rest and quietly read 9)
- 20) Nixon joins Mao but excludes Marx for Top scholar (7)
- 21) I find new uses for my children (5)
- 23) Pal has no right to be a monster (5)
- 24) Official southwest trade changed (7)



DOWN

- 1) American uncle has a degree in dance (5)
- 2) The quiet one in the family (3)
- 3) Sale with lots on offer (7)
- 4) Don't say no when Island is in agreement (3-3)
- 5) Have confidence to first treat corrosion (5)
- 6) Fancy a beer a lot drunk (9)
- 7) Shake Mel and Bert badly (7)

- 11) Hear poems in a signal (9)
- 13) Rebuke salesman on top of building (7)
- 15) Turn over measured by milliner (7)
- 16) A professor is a handsome youth(6)
- 18) The construction is reportedly advertised (5)
- 19) Adder cause a lot of fear (5)
- 22) Health resort in St James' Park (3)

SEPTEMBER 2024

NEWS FROM THE CORVEDALE DIVISION

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

Corvedale residents will have heard that the Government has announced a consultation on major proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The changes could result in developers being allowed to override plan-led development, thereby ignoring the wishes of communities when considering planning decisions.

Corvedale parishes, like many town and parish councils in Shropshire, have already worked hard to agree Neighbourhood or Parish Plans, or are committed to doing so. Currently, these plans are produced by – and for – local residents. Proposed Government changes will risk superseding such plans, negating the expertise (and expense) that has already been invested. The Government is suggesting that agreement on housing numbers and land allocation should be determined by a 'regional body,' thus removing local influence. Unfortunately, this raises the suspicion that Shropshire may be subject to another backdoor attempt to force the local authority into a Combined Authority arrangement. If this comes to fruition local people will have absolutely no say in what is built, or where.

As your divisional Councillor I try not to burden Corvedale residents with political opinions and speculation but on this occasion, I feel I should point out that the Labour manifesto talked of a commitment to build some 300,000 houses a year, 70,000 fewer than now being proposed. This mimics the levels of building proposed in the Liberal Democrat manifesto, but the numbers allocated to Shropshire seem excessive and probably unattainable.

The Government's allocation system is likely to result in huge numbers of houses built on green fields and green belt sites in our county and other areas of rural England, whilst the major cities and conurbations will be permitted to under-achieve their fair share of housing numbers, despite having greater demand for development and more advanced infrastructure. It is hard to see the logic of imposing heavy housing targets on rurally productive areas with poor road and rail infrastructure and few services; and situated a considerable distance from the conurbations and urban hubs.

By returning to the discredited five-year Land Supply model developers will have even more control over deciding on housing numbers and where they should be imposed. The hard-won requirement to avoid more identikit, soulless modern estates by raising housing standards through introducing the requirement for 'beautiful' development, is being summarily dropped whilst density figures are being increased.

Housing numbers allocated to Shropshire are particularly punitive since the county has consistently achieved housing targets laid down by previous governments. The Government is now setting our requirement at 2,059 per annum, up from the proposed level in the draft Local Plan of 1,450. In short, they are almost doubling our current housing target.

It is illogical that rural England should be expected to supply thousands of houses that the major cities, with plenty of brownfield sites, cannot organise themselves to build. Democracy is not served by local communities losing their voices in the planning process through a proposed new edict permitting approval of the vast majority of applications without any democratic involvement. Furthermore, there is a strong implication that major infrastructure applications, roads, wind farms, solar farms, pylons etc. will be determined without consultation with local communities. This is unacceptable and further erodes confidence in the whole planning process.

Changes to the NPPF will make it almost impossible to demonstrate sufficient housing supply by local authorities, regardless of what is actually delivered, whilst opening up even more green belt to development regardless of local views. The suggestion of a 50% affordable housing target is highly dubious given that local authorities struggle to achieve a 10% affordability threshold now due to viability rules.

To be clear, if Shropshire as a Planning Authority fails to comply with the proposed changes and fails to allocate sufficient land for housing, we will have our planning function taken over by Whitehall.

Alarmingly, recognition of the value of our most productive farmland is set to be deleted from planning law. In a world where climate change makes our food supply from abroad increasingly precarious and home-grown food production more important, the Government is seeking to build on the very land we need most. With a growing population we must not just maintain but increase our ability to grow our own food, or we run a real risk of food shortages and sky-high food prices in the future.

The Government also suggests scrapping the current rules around nutrient levels. These have certainly created problems over determining applications, especially in south Shropshire, but to scrap them without delivering an alternative solution seems extremely short-sighted.

Shropshire is a beautiful and unique county, and our rural environment is one of our greatest assets. Whilst we accept the need for a level of new homes, the Government's proposals would put developers in charge without local accountability and could see irrevocable change to Shropshire without any input from local communities. It would also impose huge infrastructure burdens on a seriously under-funded rural Unitary Authority, ranging from over-stretched health services with waiting lists at every level, poor road infrastructure, inadequate bus services and inefficient rail links.

Councillors at Parish, Town and County levels, together with Shropshire residents, need to take the opportunity to respond to the Government's consultation. Shropshire needs a robust response to these proposals, and it is critical that we make our voices heard by this Government. The

consultation closes on 24th September, and you can respond below:

Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Cecilia Motley

Corvedale Division Councillor, Shropshire Council

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY 2024 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: Cllr T O'Boyle, Shropshire Cllr C Motley.

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

Declarations of Interest: None.

Presentation by Connexus Housing: DPC had asked Connexus to send a representative to its meeting to explain why three Connexus houses in Mill Lane had remained empty for a considerable length of time, in the midst of a severe housing crisis: for example, recently there were 48 applicants for one house in The Moors. DPC also wanted an assurance that the houses would not be sold off but brought back into use for local people to rent. In the event three representatives attended, Ms F Whittingham, Ms A Knowles and Ms Tina Porter. They gave assurances that the houses would not be sold off. Their plan was to demolish the houses and replace them by four units - plans to that effect were shown to the councillors and were discussed at length. An ecology report is awaited, after which final plans will be drawn up and submitted for planning permission, hopefully by December and will be shown to DPC for its comments before submission to the planners, to ensure they suit the local demographic. If funding is available, it is hoped the houses will be built by next summer. The Chairman thanked the representatives for their attendance.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 26th June 2024 were approved by councillors and Matters Arising were considered.

Reports: The Chairman said he had spent a lot of time on the new playground site checking the progress of the works. He had also completed the Police & Crime Commissioner's survey. It appeared none of the household recycling centres were to be closed but would work on restricted hours and a booking system would operate. Further details were awaited.

Westhope Village Hall: Mrs Worthington reported that although the resurfacing of the Westhope lane from the B4368 was originally to go past Hillside Coppice it had in fact stopped short at the college. Events at the hall had been cancelled in the expectation of road closures, which had not materialised. The committee has had problems with the electricity supplier overcharging them. The hall's floors had been inspected and needed treatment, which would, when done, give the floors a further 20 years of useful life. Many events were held at the hall, and a male voice choir would perform shortly to raise money towards the cost of a defibrillator. Groups were invited to use the range of available sporting equipment for sports centred meetings.

Planning Applications: Councillors discussed application 24/01809/OUT – an outline application for the erection of a single dwelling and garage (to include access) on land adjacent to The Sun Inn, Corfton. Despite DPC's objections, planning permission had been granted without being heard at Planning Committee level. If any further applications were received for Corfton, DPC would insist on their being heard by the Planning Committee.

Highways/Environmental Issues: The Clerk confirmed she had written to two Highways engineers querying why the resurfacing works in Westhope had stopped short at the college, rather than proceeding on past Hillside Coppice. No response had been received as yet.

Cllr Pardoe advised that Cllr R Povall had cut many of the hedges around Diddlebury at his own time and expense. The Chairman thanked Cllr R Povall on behalf of the parish. Cllr Rattu was concerned that the verges in the parish were very overgrown, hiding signs and restricting visibility for motorists. The Clerk was asked to get a quote for the work from Mr John Woodhouse.

Communications and Correspondence: Eleven items were considered and discussed.

Public Access Playground: The Chairman reported the fencing and rubber mulch surface works had now been completed and the new twin balance bar installed so the playground is open for use. Cllr Pardoe would investigate hanging an awning above the picnic table.

Finance Matters: The Finance Report for July 2024 was considered and cheques totalling £16,079.96 were approved for payment, after which DPC held funds totalling £17,141.19, of which £928.46 were third party funds. Cllr Watson verified the reconciliation between DPC's cash book and HSBC's bank statement.

Any Other Business: It was agreed that the new equipment in the playground was a donation to the community and would not form part of DPC's registered assets. Insurance and periodic safety checking of the equipment would be assumed by the school.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 25th September 2024, 7.15pm at Westhope Village Hall. There is no meeting in August.

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

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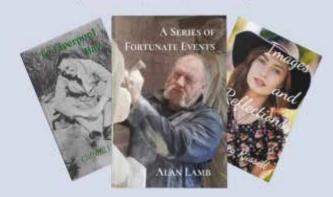
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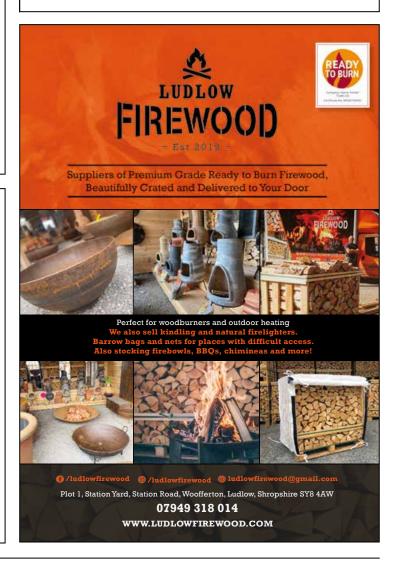
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