The Village Pump

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A newsletter

for Atcham, Berrington, Betton, Brompton, Cantlop, Cross Houses and Eaton Mascott

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Berrington Parish Council

Berrington Parish Council usually meets at 7pm on the 1st Thursday of every month (except August and sometimes December) at the Chapel Community Centre.

Berrington Parish Council consists of nine elected or co-opted Parish Councillors:

Claire Wild (Chair); Richard Purslow (Vice-Chair); Nick Biggs; Claire Bonsey; Henry Carpenter; Stephy Durkan; Sharlene Hess, Geoff Jones and Sue Mason;. Why not come along to one of our meetings. Guests are always welcome. If there is a local issue that concerns you then feel free to ask one of the Councillors for help in representing you in this matter.

Berrington Parish Council Website www.berringtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Clerk: Lorna Pardoe Tel: 07379 213308 Email: berringtonpc@gmail.com

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Deadline for the **April - May 24** issue is

Friday 15th March 2024



News from your Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild



SPEED REDUCTION SCHEME ON THE A458 THROUGH CROSS HOUSES

At the January meeting of Berrington Parish Council, a traffic engineer from Shropshire Council presented the final drawings for the scheme. The plan is available to view on the Parish Council website

www.berringtonparishcouncil.org.uk. The Parish Council asked for costings for additional Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and a gated entrance at both ends of the village. Once everything is agreed the amended drawing will be published on the website. This work also includes the extension of the 30mph speed limit at both ends of the village.

QUIET LANE, ATCHAM TO CROSS HOUSES ROAD

The proposals for the "Quiet Lane" were seen and commented on by Berrington Parish Council and will be looked at by Atcham Parish Council at their next meeting. Once the plans have been to Atcham PC they will be published on both Parish Council websites.

DRAFT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER PROPOSALS FOR ATCHAM

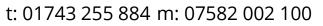
Atcham Parish Council have agreed to put various different proposals on display at their next meeting for local residents to view. There is not a consensus at this present time as to the best way to proceed. There is more information in the Atcham Parish Council update on page 6.

LITTER PICK - GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Thanks to those of you who regularly collect litter as you walk around our villages and country lanes. Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Springclean Campaign tales place in March this year. Berrington Parish Council will be holding a community Litterpick on Saturday 16th March at 10:30am. We will meet at the Chapel Community Centre, equipment will be provided. Please email the Parish Clerk to register that you will be coming along berringtonpc@gmail.com.

As always, if you think I can help, get in touch.

Best wishes,





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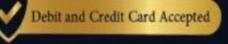


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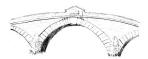
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Atcham Parish Council



Parking issues and roads

At the time of writing, the Parish Council is waiting for an update from Brunning & Price regarding their proposed additional car park. As soon we have any information, it will be shared online. In the meantime, the Parish Council proposes to further investigate the practicalities of a TRO (double yellow lines etc.) to restrict parking within the village. This will be fully discussed and next steps decided at our March meeting. March should also see Shropshire Council Highways starting work to repair the carriageway and replenish white lines, both along the Berwick Wharf road and at the village junctions.

Speeding

The Parish Council has decided to replace the two aged vehicle-activated signs (VAS) in the village. They would like to go with the type that shows driver's speed (with a smiley/frowny face) as these have been shown to be very effective. They will also look at designs that allow all speed data to be easily downloaded from the units, giving us much more information to help with speed monitoring exercises, etc. The options and costings will be discussed at the March meeting. There will also be a discussion on the problems of speeding between the Emstrey roundabout and the bridges.

Budget

At the January meeting, the Parish Council agreed its budget for 2024-25. The full document may be found on our website. Councillors then agreed to request a precept of £14,047. This will mean a 0% increase on the Parish Council's part of your Council Tax (based on average Band D).

Policing

Councillors agreed on the following policing priorities to be submitted to West Mercia Police:

- Speeding
- Rural theft
- Dangerous parking at junctions

These priorities are reviewed regularly and inform the local policing strategy - so if you think we've got them wrong please let us know. For contact details of our local policing team please visit the Parish Council website.

Chairman

It was with sadness that the councillors received the news that Cllr Colin Wildblood intends to resign from the Parish Council at the end of this administrative year. He will preside over the election of a new Chair at the May meeting, before standing down. Colin has given years of voluntary service to the village by serving on the Parish Council, including several years as Chair, and he will be much missed.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting (for all local residents) will be held on 8th May at 7pm and will be followed by the Parish Council's own annual meeting. There is a Public Participation item at the start of every meeting for residents to raise any questions, concerns or comments.

More information can be found on our website: atchamparishcouncil.org.uk

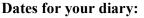
We also now have a Facebook page (Atcham Parish Council), which will be updated frequently with important local matters such as road closures. If you have a community event or local information that you would like us to share on our website and on Facebook, please contact the Clerk.

Parish Councillors: Colin Wildblood (Chair), Simon Adney, Stephen Cook, Keith Daley, Laura Dixon, Martin Ruston, Rob Trow.

Clerk: Alison Utting (atchampc@gmail.com)

<u>CHURCH SERVICES and NEWS from</u> <u>ST EATA'S at ATCHAM</u>

There will be a Service with Holy Communion every Sunday at 11am. Everyone most welcome.



Candlemas - Sunday 28th January - 11am.

Ash Wednesday - February 14th Services in St Giles - 10am and 7.30pm.

Mothering Sunday - March 10th this will be a Family Service at 11.15am. No Communion. Posies of Spring Flowers will be presented to all Mums and candles will be lit for those no longer with us. Refreshments served afterwards.

Palm Sunday - March 24th - Communion at 11am with the distribution of Palm Crosses. Maundy Thursday - March 28th - 6pm.

Good Friday - March 29th - Service at 11am at St Eata's.

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH - DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR. Easter Day - Sunday 31st March 11am.

Christmas 2023 - a large congregation for the Carol/Christingle Service, 1st Communion of Christmas on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Church was beautifully decorated and a very big "Thank you" to the team who dedicated their time to do this, not forgetting the Christingle Oranges. The contributions to the Food Bank collection - including cash towards meat vouchers, was amazing. Thank you to everyone who responded. It is hoped to arrange another collection for the Food Bank on Easter Day - Sunday 31st March. All contributions very welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE - OPEN AFTERNOON - LONGNOR HALL GARDENS More information on this in next Village Pump and on Notice Boards in Church and around the Village.

PETS' SERVICE at HOME FARM, ATTINGHAM

It is hoped to repeat this in 2024. Watch Notice Boards for more information.

LENT - GIVING UP

"We so easily misrepresent Lent as a miserable time of depriving ourselves - of giving up sweet treats or alcohol, other nice things and even joy. But it is really about reflecting Jesus's time in the desert in contemplation and resisting temptation, preparing himself for his years of public ministry that were about to start. It is a great time for us each to reflect on our own ministries - we all have them, to family, friends and communities around us. Some are very public as clergy and lay ministers, others quietly through supporting neighbours, or words of encouragement or praying for others."

A short extract from a letter from Jonathan Hill, Lichfield Diocese. Copy of the complete letter is on the Church Notice Board.



Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice

Practice News

February 2024

Thank you!

On behalf of all the Practice team we would like to say a big thank you to patients for their kindness and generosity during the festive period. We received many lovely Christmas cards, boxes of chocolates, biscuits, and mince pies and more which were shared and very much appreciated and enjoyed by the whole team. Thank you.

We would also like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

Call Back System – Delay in launch of Service

We had planned and organised that from the 1st December we would have in place a new callback system called "Keep My Place in Queue". Unfortunately, due to problems encountered beyond our control we were unable to launch the service.

We are still planning to introduce this service. We will update information on the Practice website; <u>www.muchwenlockandcressagemp.co.uk</u> with any developments.

Patients Previously Registered with Dr Hay

Following the retirement of Dr Hay from the Practice, all patients listed with Dr Hay as their registered/usual GP have been reallocated to Dr Price. Please note that this is an administration process and for information only.

Patients are not required to take any action and may still request to see/speak to any of the other doctors in the Practice.

Do You Need Support?

We have a newly appointed Community Care Co-Ordinator, Sarah, Sarah is able to signpost patients to various help and support organisations within the community.

Sarah can help with advice on local respite care, transport services, sourcing medical equipment in the home, help in the home or around the house and much, much more.

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12th March

Demonstration by Barbara Evans (on "Dame Agnes Hunt")

<u>26th March</u>

Workshop with Guest Tutor Jane Williams

<u>9th April</u>

Demonstration by Suzanne McKie (on "Betty Webb - a Codebreaker") Annual Club Membership: £35.

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CRESSAGE Gerdening Club

I can't believe that I'm already writing this article for February's Village Pump when we still haven't had the Gardening Club's first meeting in January!

This will have been our AGM, always short, followed by a few activities to give our members time to catch up with each other or to get to know new members. We will have planted different types of seed, trying to get a head start on the planting season, and have had a gardening quiz. All of this followed by tea and delicious cakes, a constant and very pleasant end to all of our club meetings.

On Thursday 15th February we welcome Nancy Lowe to give us a talk on Gardening with Wild Flowers.

Our meetings start at 7.30pm in Cressage Village Hall and we always welcome visitors. Who knows, you may decide to join us more often!

If you would like any further information about our Gardening Club please contact Sally. Do consider joining our friendly Garden club. You'll enjoy it even if you don't have 'green fingers' Contact: Sally on 01694 771271 or 07506 351032



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FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact David Crosby, Chief Officer, Partners in Care, at david.crosby@partnersincare.org.uk / Partners in Care, 6 Farriers Business Centre, Annscroft, Shrewsbury SY5 8AN, tel: 01743 860011.

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CROSS HOUSES



We are a small group of very friendly ladies who meet on the third Monday of the month, 10am - 12 noon at the Community Room, Noel Hill Road for a chat and to make items for charity events which we run twice a year for local causes - everyone is welcome and you don't have to worry about ability - we are all different and learn from each other whilst having a laugh.

We welcome new members, please come along and join us.

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Bok Club

Cross Houses Book Club

Do you enjoy reading and would like to discuss your ideas and thoughts with like minded people - then please come and join our small, free, friendly and local book club.

> 2024 Reading List February "Gone to Earth" - Mary Webb

March "Shrines of Gaiety" - Kate Atkinson

April

"Horse" - Geraldine Brooks

For more information please call Sue on 01743 761355 or email sueshedden52@gmail.com

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Cross Houses Community Centre

Saturday 16th November

Christmas Fair

Ideal time to pick up those Christmas gifts



Hardwood

LOGS

TWO LOAD SIZES AVAILABLE *NO DELIVERY CHARGE*

Lengths cut to suit your needs



m: 07860 419025

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Complete the grid so that every row, column, diagonal and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 - 9 inclusive.



News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School Preparing, Sowing, Growing

Pride in our Performance!

January saw children from Christ Church perform at the NEC Arena in Birmingham with Young Voices and 5,810 other children.

We had the most amazing time singing medleys from Matilda, Moana, Pop and Folk music with a professional band, singers and musicians including the jazz singer Natalie Williams and the hugely talented 13 year old drummer, Nandi Bushell who has played with Foo Fighters and at the Platinum Jubilee.





We were so proud of Willow Class who have been practising songs since September and who worked so hard during the afternoon rehearsal to be performance ready as the Arena filled up.

The children sang their hearts out and the experience of working with professionals and taking part in such an event will live with them. Arts performance are really important and we make sure that each year children have an opportunity to perform whether that is musically at events like this, through the Dance Festival, at Much Wenlock Live Arts and with our own plays at Christmas and the end of the year. Who knows what talent we might have in our midst? We certainly want to give every opportunity to inspire and encourage.

A New Toddler Group

We are really excited to offer a Baby and Toddler group on Monday afternoons in term time 1.30-3.00pm in the School Hall. Come along – parents, carers and families welcome – we have a great selection of toys and activities and refreshements too (£1 donation). No need to book, just come to the main school entrance. If you need any information, please phone Wendy or Charlie on 01952 510383 and they will be happy to chat.

Nursery Places

If you have a child who is about to turn 3 or will be in the near future and you would like to discuss nursery places, please ring or email us and we would be happy to show you around school and you can meet Mrs Martin who heads up our EYFS unit.

Tracey Cansdale, Headteacher

Follow us on FaceBook or Twitter for regular news and updates:

Our website is also full of updates and information: christchurchcressage.co.uk





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Samaritans	01743 369696
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
Shrewsbury Police Station	0300 333 3000
Bromford Housing Association	0330 1234 034
Homes Plus	0800 048 8955
Councillor Claire Wild	01743 255 884 / 07582 002 100
Citizens Advice Bureau (Shrewsbury)	0344 499 1100
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Domestic Abuse Helpline	0808 2000 247
Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline	0808 808 1677
Berrington Parish Council Clerk	07379 213308
Gas Emergency Services	0800 111 999
National Rail Enquiries	03457 48 49 50
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NHS Direct	111
NHS Direct Text Phone (for deaf/hard of hearing)	18001 111
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Severn Trent (water and sewerage)	0800783 4444
Shropshire Home Point	0300 303 8595
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Bins & Recycling (Missed Collections)	0345 678 9007.
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital	01743 261000
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National Grid (Emergency)	0800 6783 105
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