

# The Village Pump

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

## 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](http://www.berringtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

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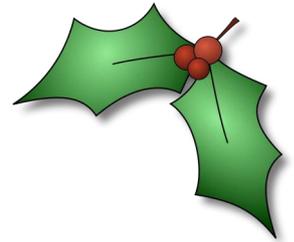
## IMPORTANT

**Deadline for the Feb - Mar 24 issue is  
Friday 19th January 2024**





# News from your Shropshire Councillor **Claire Wild**



## **ATCHAM AND CROSS HOUSES CHRISTMAS FAIRS**

We were spoilt on Sunday 19th of November with two brilliant Christmas Fairs. One in Atcham and the other in Cross Houses. It was great to see so many local people supporting our communities.

Community spirit is so important and we are so lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers in both parishes. Those that give their time as Parish Councillors, those that put on events, run our village halls, look after our churches, work allotments, look out for our residents and much, much more.

Christmas is a time to celebrate all the good things about where we live and I am sure you will join me in thanking all our volunteers for the great work that they do. You make a huge difference! Aren't we lucky to live where we do.



## **ALLOTMENT WALL**

Berrington Parish Council has received lots of positive comments from residents regarding the rebuilding of the Allotment Wall. It was joint effort between the Parish Council and the Allotment Committee. The gap by the wall will replanted with native hedging plants. It certainly looks much more secure than it did before. The work was undertaken.

## **PARKING IN ATCHAM**

Brunning and Price, the owners of the Mytton and Mermaid, and the Longnor Estate are hosting a public meeting on Tuesday 5th December, 7.30pm in the Malthouse to discuss their car park proposals and consult on these proposals with Atcham residents. I do hope that Atcham residents will attend this meeting.

Sending my best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year.

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

Best wishes,

*Claire*

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# How to stay warm and well this winter



Winter is coming, and with it comes the challenge of keeping ourselves warm and healthy. Cold weather can affect anyone, but especially older people, people with long-term health conditions, pregnant women, young children, and people living in poor housing conditions. Exposure to cold can increase the risk of illnesses such as flu, pneumonia, asthma, and falls. Therefore, it is important to follow some tips to stay warm and well this winter.

## Keep your home warm

One of the most effective ways to protect yourself from the cold is to keep your home at a comfortable temperature. The UK Health Security Agency recommends heating rooms you spend a lot of time in, such as the living room or bedroom, to at least 18°C<sup>1</sup>. You can also reduce draughts by fitting draft excluders around doors and windows, and closing curtains at night. If you have a fireplace, make sure it is clean and safe to use. You can also use electric blankets or hot water bottles to warm up your bed, but be careful not to burn yourself.

If you are worried about the cost of heating your home, you may be eligible for some financial support, such as grants, benefits, or discounts on your energy bills. [You can find out more about the available schemes on the government website](#) or by contacting [Shropshire Council](#) or your energy supplier.

## Eat well

Another way to keep warm is to eat well and drink plenty of fluids. Hot food and drinks can help you maintain your body temperature and boost your immune system. Try to have at least one hot meal a day and several hot drinks throughout the day. You can also snack on foods that are high in energy, such as nuts, cheese, or chocolate. Aim to eat a balanced diet that includes fruit and vegetables, which can provide you with vitamins and minerals that are essential for your health.

It is also a good idea to stock up on some basic food items in case you cannot get out to the shops due to bad weather or illness. You can use frozen, tinned, or dried foods that have a long shelf life and are easy to prepare. For example, you can make soups, stews, casseroles, or pasta dishes with canned tomatoes, beans, lentils, or meat. You can also use bread, crackers, cereal, or biscuits for breakfast or snacks.

## Get your winter vaccinations

Winter is also the season when infectious diseases such as flu and coronavirus are more common and can cause serious complications for some people. Therefore, it is important to get vaccinated against these diseases if you are eligible. The flu vaccine is free for people who are aged 65 or over, pregnant women, people with certain health conditions, and carers. The coronavirus vaccine is free for everyone aged 12 or over in the UK. You can book your appointments online or by calling 119.

Getting vaccinated not only protects you from getting sick, but also helps prevent the spread of these diseases to others who may be more vulnerable. Vaccinations are safe and effective and have been tested by experts. They may cause some mild side effects such as soreness at the injection site, headache, or fever, but these usually go away within a few days.

## Keep moving

Physical activity is another way to keep warm and well this winter. Moving your body can help you improve your blood circulation, strengthen your muscles and bones, and lift your mood. You do not have to do strenuous exercise to benefit from physical activity; even gentle movements can make a difference. Try not to sit still for more than an hour at a time; get up and walk around your home or garden every now and then. You can also do some simple exercises such as stretching, bending, or lifting your arms and legs while sitting on a chair or sofa.

If you feel confident enough, you can also go outside for a walk or a bike ride when the weather is fine. Just make sure you dress warmly and wear appropriate footwear to avoid slipping on ice or snow. You can also join a local group or club that organises outdoor activities for older people or people with health conditions. This can be a great way to meet new people and have fun while staying active.

## Stay connected

Last but not least, staying in touch with your family, friends, neighbours, and community can help you stay warm and well this winter. You could join a local club or group and socialising with others can lift your spirits and prevent loneliness and isolation.

Stay warm and well this winter.



### Christmas Crossword Answers (page 18):

**Across** 1. Gift 4. Chimney 6. Reindeer 9. Decorations 11. Beard 15. Boxing Day 17. Elves 18. Christmas Eve 20. Snowflake 25. Coal 26. Stocking 28. Lights 30. Rudolph 31. Santa Claus **Down** 2. Tree 3. Presents 5. North Pole 7. Candy Cane 8. Milk and Cookies 10. Card 12. Under 13. December 14. Peak 16. Red 19. Star 21. Frosty 22. Workshop 23. Sleigh 24. Angel 27. Carol 29. Toys

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# THE WENLOCK TEAM OF PARISHES

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For details of services, more information and contact details regarding the Wenlock Team of Parishes please visit [www.wenlockchurches.co.uk](http://www.wenlockchurches.co.uk) or call 01952 727396

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Church	Date	Service	Time
Harley	Saturday 2nd December	Festival of Light	6-8pm
Harley	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Nativity	5.00pm
Harley	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service	6.00pm
Church Preen	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service	7.30pm
Kenley	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service	6.30pm
Cound	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service	6.00pm
Much Wenlock	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service	6.30pm

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Church	Service	Time
Much Wenlock	Carols on the Square	9.30am
	Blessing of the Crib	5.30pm
	First Communion of Christmas with Incense	9.15pm
Hughley	Community Carols	11.00am
Sheinton	Community Carols	8.00pm
Kenley	Holy Communion by Candlelight	8.00pm
Harley	Waiting for Christmas	11.30pm

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Church	Service	Time
Much Wenlock	BCP	8.00am
	Holy Communion All Age Communion	9.30am
Harley	Carols around the Crib	10.00am
Church Preen	Carols around the Crib	11.00am
Cound	Carols around the Crib	11.00am



# **CHURCH SERVICES and NEWS from** **ST EATA'S at ATCHAM**

There will be a Service with Holy Communion every Sunday at 11am

## **DATES for your Diary:-**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Advent Sunday Service at 11am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Carols at The Mytton Hotel from 6pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service combined with Christingle Service at 11am

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Service with Holy Communion at 11am

Please Note :- NO EVENING SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day Eucharist at 11am

New Year's Eve Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December - Service with Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 - Epiphany - Service with Holy Communion at 11am

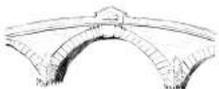
Better Clothes Sale on September 30<sup>th</sup> was a huge success raising nearly £4,000 so far. Thanks to all who worked so hard before and on the Saturday and Sunday of the sale to raise funds for the Church Fabric Fund.

A Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November with a full Church for the laying of wreaths on behalf of the Parish and RAF Shawbury and the observance of the 2 minutes silence. Poppy crosses were laid on the War Graves in the Churchyard - LEST WE FORGET.

Food Bank - it is hoped to start collecting items for this early in December in time for distribution to the Food Bank and The Ark. A Notice will be displayed soon with suggestions for donations of much needed items which can be left at the back of Church.



A BLESSED and PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON from all at St.Eata's



## **Atcham Parish Council**



### **New councillor**

We are very pleased to welcome Keith Daley as a new member of the parish council. He brings a wealth of relevant experience to the role, and we hope that he will be a great asset.

### **Parking issues**

At the last meeting, parish councillors reviewed the comments that had been submitted by residents in response to the draft TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) as a possible way of tackling the parking problems within the village. A summary report of these responses may be found on the parish council website. Also at the meeting, the Brunning & Price representative put forward a proposed plan for extra parking provision. This plan will be available to view and discuss in detail at a public meeting to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Council decided to postpone any further actions until after this meeting.

### **Surfacing and white lines (junctions)**

Shropshire Council plans to repair the road surface and refresh the white lines in its upcoming programme of works.

### **Speeding**

West Mercia Police have been doing their best to implement mobile speed traps in

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dangerous areas. Is there more we can do to reduce speeding through Atcham? This matter will be discussed at our next meeting.

### Grant

The parish council was very pleased to be able to help the Memorial Hall with a grant for the installation of wifi. This will really help all community users at the hall.

### Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, with further meetings on 13<sup>th</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> May (annual meeting). Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. There is a Public Participation item at the start of each meeting for residents to raise any questions, concerns or comments.

**More information can be found on our website: [atchamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://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, 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](mailto:atchampc@gmail.com))

## Support service returns to help keep people well this winter

The Winter Support Service has returned for a fourth year. During the coming months the service will assist residents (18+) who may need a little additional support to maintain their independence and remain well at home or following a hospital discharge. The Winter Support Service, running until 31 March 2024, has been reinstated to support people to avoid a health and care crisis over the winter period.



Shropshire's Winter Support Service will be run by Shropshire Council, in partnership with British Red Cross, Shropshire Mental Health Support, Age UK Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, Qube (in Oswestry), Mayfair Community Centre (in Church Stretton), Royal Voluntary Service and, new to the partnership this year, we are delighted to welcome Hands Together Ludlow.

### What will the service provide?

The service will connect people to a range of support including: –Collection and delivery of medications –Shopping and delivery –Wellbeing 'check in and chat' –Companionship for isolated or lonely people –The expertise of a mental health outreach worker –Signposting towards meals provision –Community transport (subject to local availability, fees may apply) –Cost of living advice and support –Connectivity into wider support offered across the voluntary, community and public sector.

It will also ensure safe and supported discharges home from hospital. This includes: Transport returning home from hospital, Settling people in at home following discharge from hospital and Simple aids and equipment following hospital discharge.

Shropshire's Winter Support Service does not offer a crisis response or personal care, but will work as part of the health and care system to ensure people get the support they need through appropriate referrals and signposting to local sources of support.

Shropshire's Winter Support Service is part of the council's commitment to support people to remain both physically and mentally well, particularly during the winter months.

**How do I find out more?** Individual residents, their families and those who support people across Shropshire's communities can call the Winter Support Service helpline on **0345 678 9012** to find out more and be referred where appropriate. The phonenumber will be open Mondays-Fridays, 9am to 5pm.



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If you are interested  
in getting involved

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**28<sup>th</sup> November**

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guest demonstrator **Debbie Wellington**

**12th December**  
**Club Christmas Social Evening.**

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**9th January**

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### CRESSAGE Gardening Club

As I write this Cressage Gardening Club members are looking forward to our November meeting when Kathryn Robby, curator for Dorothy Clive Gardens, will be giving us 'A Visual Tour Of Dorothy Clive Gardens' and telling us all about the history, design and plants of this beautiful garden.

In December members will be visiting The Huntsman in Little Wenlock for our Christmas Celebrations. This is always a very enjoyable and social evening accompanied by delicious food. A great introduction to Christmas.

We begin the New Year with our first meeting on January 18th with our AGM. This never takes very long and is followed by something entertaining alongside very welcome coffee and cake and a chance for a chat.

We welcome new members and visitors to all our meetings which start at 7.30pm in Cressage Village Hall.

**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**



## **Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice Update**

As we approach the end of another year, we are reflecting on yet another busy year in Primary Care. Over the past 14 months we have seen 2 of our long-standing Partners retire, Dr Bailey in October 22 and Dr Hay in October 23. In November 23 we welcomed Dr Maurice Price as a new Partner, who is working 3 days a week at the Practice.

Dr Moussa and Dr Hmon completed their GP Placements with us, and Dr Moussa has since returned as a long-term locum, covering maternity leave. Dr Redgate joined us in April 2023 on a 12-month contract. We also welcomed Dr Ruemu and Dr Amara on their 12-month placements as GP Registrars.

We have consolidated our nursing team with the additional of Zoe Williams as Practice Nurse and Holly Hensley as Health Care Assistant. Our Clinical Nurse Lead, Sister Leitch, gained her spirometry qualification enabling this service to be restarted at the Practice. Our Health Care Assistant, Leonie Emery obtained her General Practice Assistant qualification enabling her to work closely with the GP's and hopefully reduce some of their administrative burden and provide clinical support to the administration team.

In March 23 Chloe Allmark, a member of the reception team, completing a Business Administration Apprenticeship with us and continues to develop within the Practice. Chloe was awarded "The Most Committed Apprentice" County Training Award. The Practice also received the "Employer of the Year" County Training Award.

Changes in administration and dispensary teams; all settling into their roles, including a member of our reception team, Sarah Fenton, who has taken over the Community Care Co-Ordinator role.

In the 12 months from 1 Nov 22 to 31 Oct 23 over 44200 appointments (including flu clinics, homes visits, visits to care homes) were provided by the Practice and associated clinicians caring for a total of 6737 patients (with 1225 DNA's).

## **2023 GP National Survey**

In the 2023 National GP Patient Survey we achieved a score of 83% for good or very good the overall experience of this Practice compared to the national score of 71% and score for Shropshire Telford and Wrekin in of 73%.

97% of patients said their needs were meet either definitely or to some extent. The Practice scored less highly on satisfaction with the general practice appointment times available, scoring 44% as compared to the national average of 53% and Shropshire Telford and Wrekin average of 52%. We have introduced an easier online appointment system this year via 'Online Triage' to improve patient access and have introduced additional roles such as Health and Wellbeing Advisors.

We will continue to review and develop our systems in the coming months.

## *Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice News Continued*

### **Prioritising Our Patient Calls -We are making contacting us a little bit easier**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> December we will be using a new call queuing and callback system called “Keep My Place in Queue”

At busy times, we will be using our new call queue system which will give you the option to select a callback. There is no additional charge for our patients for any callback. We will call you back on the number displayed, please note this service will not work with withheld telephone numbers. For further information; please visit the Practice website:

[www.muchwenlockandcressagemp.co.uk](http://www.muchwenlockandcressagemp.co.uk) or see the posters displayed in the Practice.

### **Christmas and New Year Opening:**



Monday 25th December – Bank Holiday – Closed

Tuesday 26th December – Bank Holiday - Closed

Wednesday 27th December – Open – Business as usual

Thursday 28th December – Open – Business as usual

Friday 29th December – Open – Business as usual

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – Bank Holiday – Closed

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – Open – Business as usual

If you require medical advice over the holiday period when the Practice or Dispensary is closed, call NHS 111 or visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

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The Practice would like to take this opportunity to thank the Patients' Voice for their contributions to the practice and for their support over the past year. We would also like to thank the Compassionate Communities Group (CoCo) for their continued support as a valuable resource for those patients who have felt lonely or vulnerable following illness or injury; many thanks to the volunteers for all their hard work.

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How you can tell that Santa is real? You can always sense his presents!

Who is Santa's favourite singer? Elf-is Presley!

What's Santa's favourite type of music? Wrap!

What do you call Santa living at the South Pole? A lost clause!

What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"? Santa walking backwards!

What do you get if Santa forgets to wear his underpants? Saint Knickerless!

What does Santa spend his wages on? Jingle bills!

What's the difference between Santa Claus and a knight? One slays a dragon, the other drags a sleigh!

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson!

What did Santa say to his wife? It's going to reindeer!



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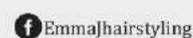
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# A big thank you from the organisers of the Cross Houses Christmas Fair 2023

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We raised £990 for The Harry Johnson trust a children's cancer charity for Shropshire and mid Wales. **STOP PRESS** had a donation of £10 to make it up to £1,000.



Massive thanks to all the helpers (some are pictured below) and all the stall holders and all those who made the day so special.



We will be returning on Sunday  
24th November for the BIG Cross  
Houses Christmas Fair 2024.



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# PUB NIGHTS



## BERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

**Friday 8th December**

Come join us for drinks,  
turkey baps and plenty of  
festive cheer

From 6.30pm.

All very welcome



And pencil these provisional dates into your diaries for 2024

Friday Feb 2nd, Friday April 5th, Friday June 7th, Friday August 9th.

# RECYCLING AND WASTE

over the

# Festive

period



 Shropshire recycles

## The day of the week your recycling and waste is collected will change over the festive period.

Usual collection day				Revised collection day			
Monday	25	December	2023	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>2023</b>
Tuesday	26	December	2023	Wednesday	27	December	2023
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**Red = earlier collection**   **Blue = later collection**

These changes start **Saturday 23rd December 2023** and end on **Saturday 6th Jan 2024**.

Collections will return to normal from **Monday 8th January 2024**.

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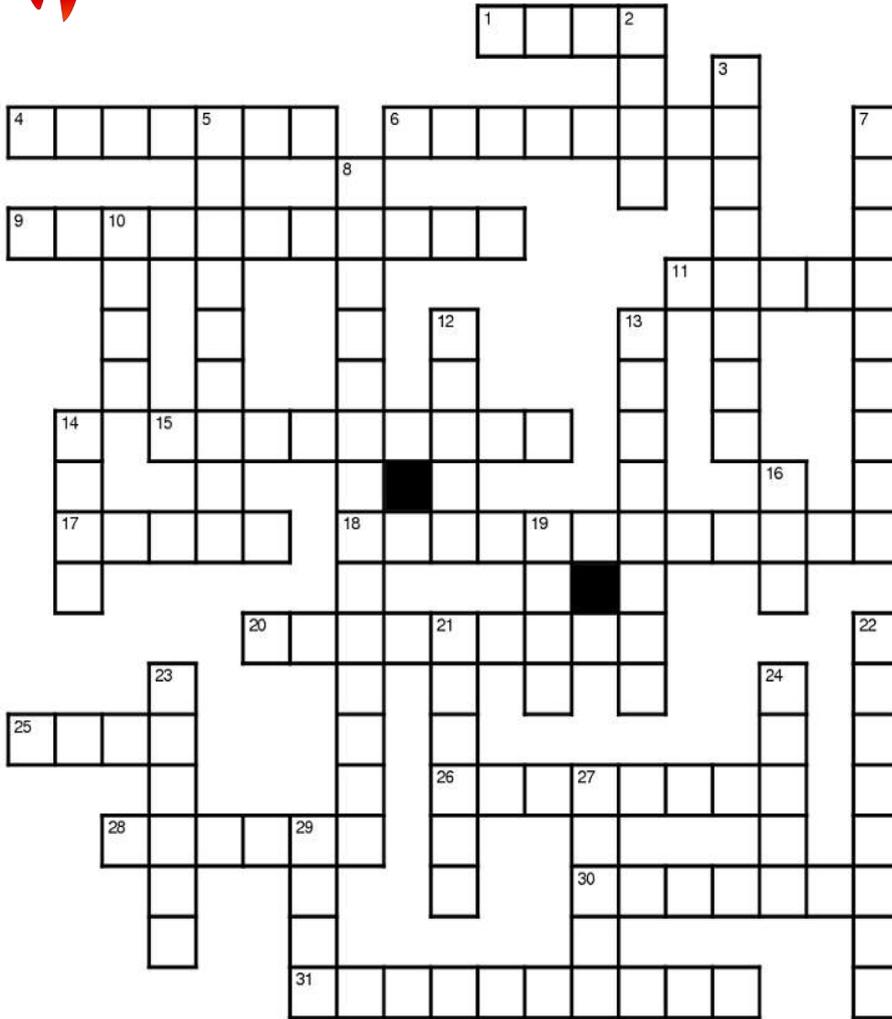


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# Christmas Crossword



Merry Christmas!

### Across

- 1. Another word for present.
- 4. Santa's door?
- 6. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh.
- 9. What people put on their Christmas tree.
- 11. Something on Santa's face.
- 15. The day after Christmas.
- 17. Santa's helpers.
- 18. The day before Christmas.
- 20. A piece of snow.
- 25. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys.
- 26. A sock that hangs by the chimney.
- 28. People put these bright things on there house.
- 30. A reindeer with a red nose.
- 31. A jolly man in a red suit with a beard.

### Down

- 2. Something people decorate.
- 3. What people give each other.
- 5. Where Santa's workshop is located.
- 7. A striped Christmas treat.
- 8. Drink and food left for Santa.
- 10. Something people send to each other to say 'Merry Christmas'.
- 12. The presents are usually \_\_\_\_\_ the tree.
- 13. The month of Christmas.
- 14. Look at a present before you should.
- 16. The color of Santa's suit.
- 19. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
- 21. A famous snowman.
- 22. The place where Santa makes toys.
- 23. Santa's car?
- 24. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
- 27. A Christmas song.
- 29. What Santa gives to good girls and boys.



Answers can be found on page 5



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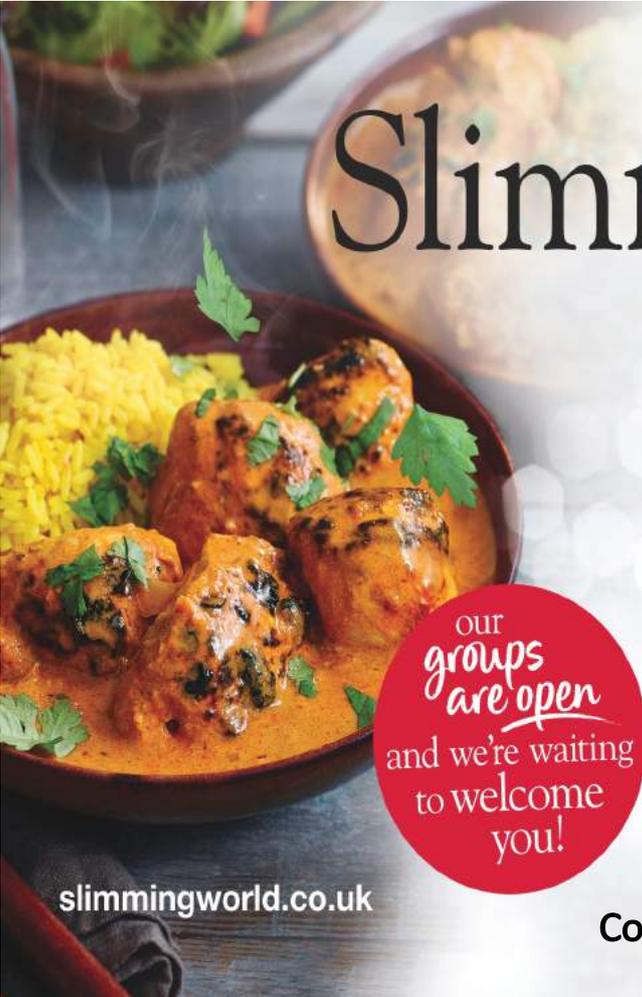
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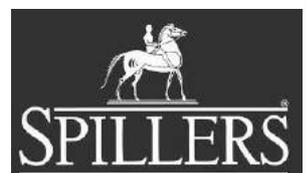
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Friday 8th December  
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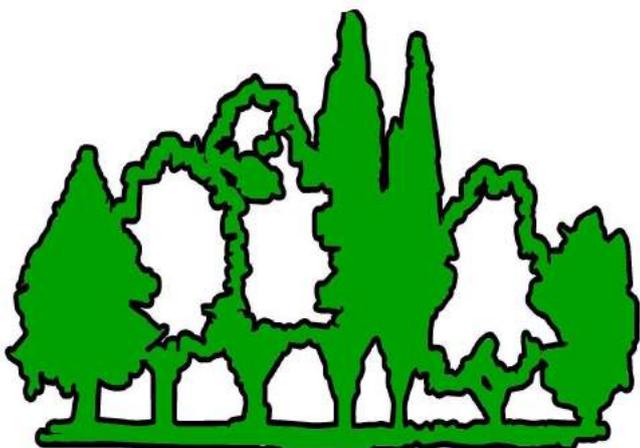
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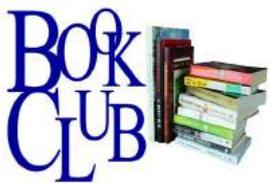
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# News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School

## Preparing, Sowing, Growing

### The best time of year to be in a Primary School!

“There are only 19 days of school this half term until the Christmas performances!” words to strike a note of panic into any primary school teacher’s heart as we worked out that the late half term holiday meant a lot of practising to be ‘shoehorned’ into the school days once we returned.

However being in a Christmas performance is one of the special memories that most of us have from primary school. Whilst there is a lot of pressure on schools to spend less time on Music and the Arts and fit in more English and Maths, we believe the best way for children to flourish is to be fully rounded – so we are spending plenty of time singing, learning lines and dressing up ready for our Christmas performances in the first week of December. Our older Y4 and Y5 children are also getting ready to perform in Birmingham in January at Young Voices Concert and can’t wait to sing along with thousands of other children – a great experience and development of wider performance skills that shows village schools can also offer great opportunities.

Alongside performance we are also looking forward to welcoming any retired members of the community to a Christmas Afternoon Tea on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. If you would like to attend, or know someone who would, please give us a ring and we can send them an invite. It is really important for our Y6 children to connect with our wider community and learn about volunteering and we do need people to come along so they can practise serving you and using their ‘small talk’ skills – do be in touch.

We will also be contributing Cribs to the display at Much Wenlock church during the first week of December. Each class are making their own crib scene and I know they are keen to show woodwork skills, crafting and creativity – do go along to the open church and see them alongside Cribs from other schools and Christmas trees from local community groups.

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**Tracey Cansdale, Headteacher**

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