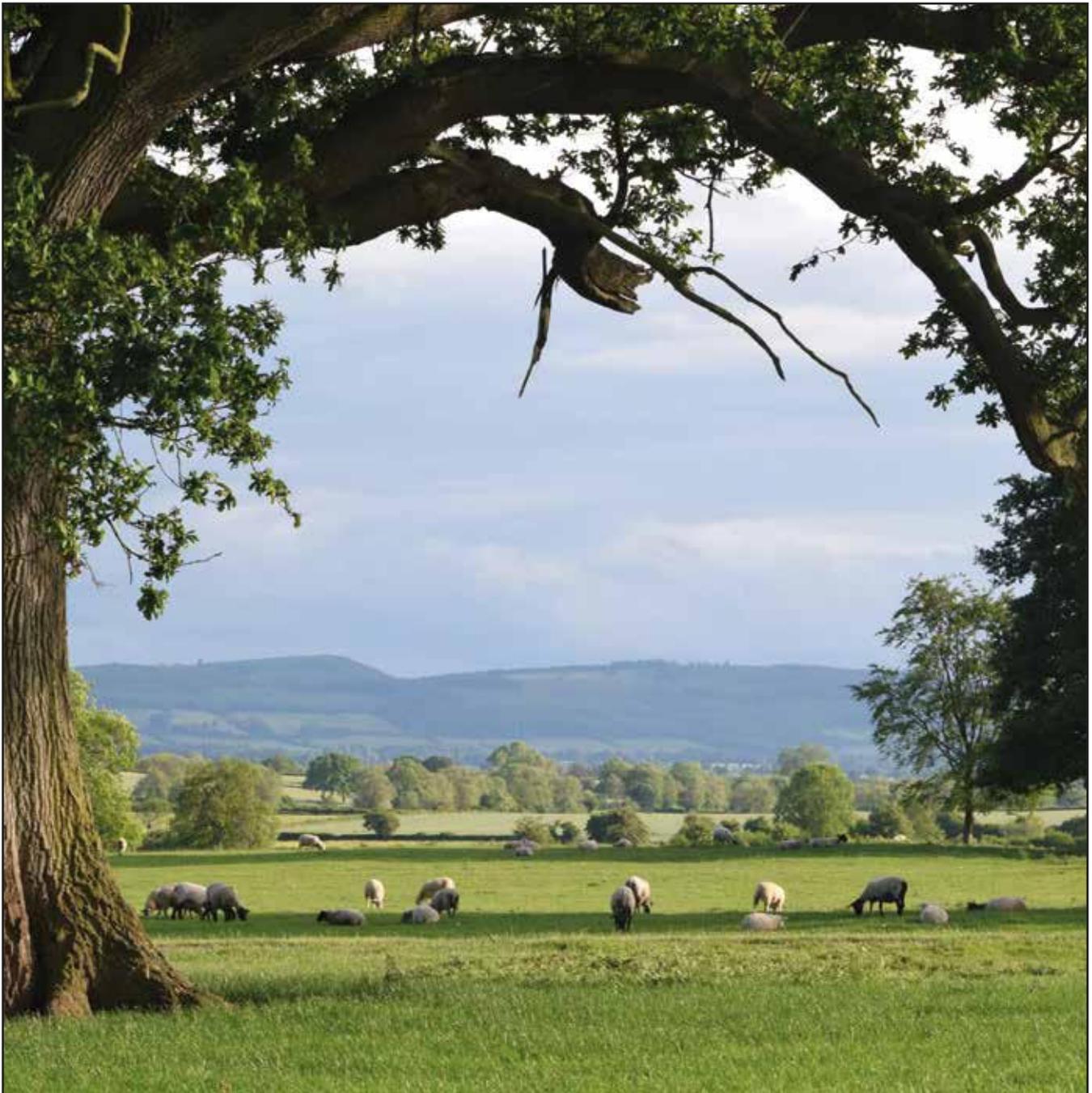


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If you or anyone you know of is in need of help or wants to help during the current Coronavirus crisis, please contact your local parish councillor who will initially try to coordinate help. It is not going to be a short crisis and obviously as time goes on and the Government/Shropshire Council adapt and legislate, things will change.

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Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic

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Food provision during lockdown

Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic

Did you know there are lots of local groups and services available to help you access food parcels, secure delivery slots and other essentials:

Shropshire Larder – www.shropshirelarder.org.uk

Call Shropshire Council's COVID-19 Helpline for help to access food phone 03456 789 028

Mid-Counties Co-Op also offer delivery slots – call 0800 435 902 to book

For all other food and support needs visit – www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/ or call 03456 789 028

For further support visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus or call the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shropshire Council Helpline on 0345 678 9028



Looking after your mental health during lockdown

Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic

Looking after your mental health is important, and there are lots of local services available to support you and your loved ones:

www.togetherall.com - an online community for Shropshire residents who are stressed, anxious or low
Shropshire MIND – Call 01743 368647 or email: manager.shropshiremind@gmail.com

Samaritans – call 116 123 for a confidential safe place to talk about whatever is getting to you

Young Minds Parents Hotline – 0808 8025544 (9.30am – 4.00pm) free, confidential online support any adult worried about the mental health of a child or young person

Free bereavement counselling – 0345 678 9028

Kooth – free safe and anonymous online support for young people: www.kooth.com

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For further support visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus or call the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shropshire Council Helpline on 0345 678 9028

COVID-19 Coronavirus

Corvedale Helping Hands

If you, or anyone you know of, is need of a 'helping hand' and would like to take advantage of these kind offers of assistance, please feel free to contact any one of the people listed below.



Location	Name	Contact	I am happy to help with...			
			Picking up shopping	Collecting prescriptions	Urgent errands	A friendly phone call
Abdon	Margaret	01746 712296				✓
Aston Munslow	Linda	01584 841723	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aston Munslow	Peter	01584 841443		✓		✓
Aston Munslow	John	07718 637001	✓	✓	✓	
Beambridge	Mary	01584 841381	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corfton Bache	Carole	01584 861855	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culmington	Jayne	01584 861387	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culmington	Peter	01584 861339	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Carole	01584 861554	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Robert	01584 861554	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Tony	07779 323845	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Johanna	01584 841359		Ditton Priors	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Becky	01584 841588	Morning/Evening			
Diddlebury	Helene	01584 841017				✓
Diddlebury / Bache Mill	Karen	01584 841393	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury / Bache Mill	Sharon	01584 841346	✓	✓	✓	✓
Earnstrey	Ragni	01746 712282				Not Mon/Wed/Thu
Holdgate	Claire	07837 361196	✓	✓	✓	✓
Holdgate	John	07866 565966	✓	✓	✓	✓
Holdgate	Harry	07528 458680				✓
Lower Corfton	Karen	01584 861607				✓
Lower Corfton	Ray	01584 861607				✓
Middlehope	Colin	01584 841513	✓	✓	✓	✓
Munslow	Brian	01584 841719	✓	✓	✓	
Peaton/Bouldon	Nic	01584 841753	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peaton/Bouldon	Lesley	01584 841753	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seifton	Loren	01584 861873	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seifton	Mark	01584 861754		✓		
Seifton	Bryan	01584 861433	✓	✓	✓	
Stanton Lacy	Ann	07901 935435	✓	✓	✓	✓

If you would like to join the team of volunteers please send details of your name, the village where you live, your phone number, email address and the kind of help you are able to offer to corvedalehelpinghands@gmail.com

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE

You can access information and advice at our South Shropshire Bureau by calling into the Ludlow Youth Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow:

10am - 3pm
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

or by ringing the
Countrywide Telephone Advice Line:
03444 991100

10am - 3pm Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
and
Tuesday 10am - 6pm

or www.adviceguide.org.uk

Patients of Shrewsbury Road Doctors' Surgery in Craven Arms are able to book appointments directly with the existing CA outreach by contacting the surgery.

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE OFFICER

Diddlebury Parish Council has a contract with a local resident, Mr Gary Trim. He is our EMO (Environmental Maintenance Officer) and carries out minor maintenance work around the parish, excluding along the B4368.

If you are aware of any ditches which need clearing, vegetation which needs to be cut back, road signs, bus shelters, noticeboards or bridge railings which need cleaning, repainting or repairing, please let either the Chairman or the Clerk know, so that instructions can be passed on to the EMO.

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Methodist Chapel

Craven Arms: for service times and ministers, please contact the Shropshire and Marches Circuit Office
tel: (01743) 874923
circuitoffice2803@gmail.com

Church News



Letter from the Rectory

Writing this in mid-May I am only a few days after Ascension Day which this year fell on May 13th. Ascension Day marks the time when, forty days after his resurrection at Easter, Jesus ascended into heaven to return to God the Father. If we think about the disciples who were with Jesus, in less than two months they had witnessed his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his arrest, crucifixion, death and burial, then his resurrection - and now Jesus was being taken away from them again, but this time it really was permanent. This is something of a roller-coaster of events and emotions and we might expect that the disciples would have been downcast having lost the presence of Jesus with them for a second and final time - when Jesus had come back to them at Easter they had probably hoped that life would now return to normal. St. Luke tells us that after the Ascension the disciples were, in fact, continually in the Temple praising God. This has to be because they had come to understand more about Jesus, about his life and his ministry and about their part in spreading the kingdom of God. Ten days after the Ascension comes Pentecost, when we think about the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, an experience which helped them and strengthened them to go out and start the task of spreading the message of the gospel to people around the world. This is still the task of Christians and of the church today. Whilst those first disciples may have known what the task ahead of them was, they probably had very little idea of what life in the future would turn out to be like, although they would have known that it would be different to how life had been before.

In some ways I think we could see life at this present time in a similar way. I am writing on the day more of the restrictions have been lifted - small groups can now gather inside and more travel is permitted. It is a step on the journey towards the return of 'normal life' which, after so long, is very welcome. It is, however, difficult to know what life will be like in the future - at least in the short-term. Will we get back to life as it was before, or will some things never be the same again? Is this perhaps an opportunity for us to make some aspects of life better than they were?

'Change and decay in all around I see' wrote Francis Lyte in his hymn 'Abide With Me', but change is not necessarily always for the worse. Perhaps a more appropriate hymn to remember at this time is one written in Germany around 1680 by Joachim Neander and translated into English in the late 19th century: 'All my hope on God is founded, he doth still my trust renew, me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.'

Rev'd John Beesley

St Catherine's, Tugford



Those with long memories may recollect that last year we were due to open our garden at Marlyns and that of The Old Rectory as part of our community activities associated with our Lottery grant for the internal restoration of St Catherine's.

Along with all our other planned activities, this had to be cancelled due to the Covid restrictions, but we are delighted that this will now take place on **Sunday 20th June, 2.00 - 5.00pm** as part of **Shropshire Historic Churches Trust's Open Gardens** scheme, with whom we will share the proceeds.

Admission is **£5**, teas will be available and there will be plenty of car parking space in the field next to the church, courtesy of Mr & Mrs Bury. Despite the easing of restrictions, we still need to be cautious, and a Test & Trace system will be in operation at the gate. We look forward to seeing many of our old friends, some of whom we may not have seen for many months at what is sure to be a glorious mid-summer's day - well, almost.

P.S. Another date for your rapidly filling diaries; on **Sunday 10th October at 10.00am**, Bishop Richard will be with us to lead a **service of re-dedication and celebration** following the restoration. More details nearer the time.

Maggie Teague / Colin Porter

St Peter's, Diddlebury



Our **Plant Sale** was a great success despite miserable weather on Saturday 15th. Many people commented on what a good idea it was to use the marquee in the churchyard, and it would seem that we have made a virtue out of necessity. There was plenty of room to display plants, and for people to socialise outdoors. We had a vast range of plants, and many people brought plants to sell as well as buying others. **The grand total raised was a magnificent £1,000.26**, which is all the more remarkable because we did not have cakes this year. We may very well use the marquee for this event in the future - on which note, may I thank all those who helped to erect it and take it down, particularly Paul, who had the whole operation very well organised. Very many thanks to all those who helped on the stall, brought plants to sell, and of course bought them. A splendid effort, which will help to refill the Church's coffers, which have been sadly depleted over the last year.

Martin Speight

From the Registers



Funerals

21st April

David Jones

Diddlebury

Church News (continued)

Rev'd Joe Simons

Many people will remember Joe Simons, who spent three years with us in the Corvedale Churches whilst he was training for ordination. In June last year Joe left us to take up a post as curate in Cleobury Mortimer but, because the churches were closed at the time, we weren't able to gather to wish him and his wife Karen well, as we would have hoped. Having been ordained deacon last year, Joe will be ordained priest in the cathedral on July 3rd. We hope that (restrictions permitting) he will be able to join us for a service in July - details next month when we have a better idea of what we'll be allowed to do. At the service we hope to be able to present Joe with a token of our thanks for

all that he contributed to the life of our churches. If you would like to make a financial contribution towards this, please give any donation to either myself or one of the churchwardens, in an envelope suitably labelled to remind me of what it is for. Many thanks.
Rev'd John Beesley

Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



June 2021

6th	Mrs. Baynham	13th	Mrs. Beazley
20th	Mrs. Beazley	27th	Mrs. Beazley

Please only do this if you feel you are able to



Diddlebury Village Hall
Charity Registration Number: 522511

NOTICE OF 2020 AGM and 2021 AGM

Diddlebury Village Hall Committee hereby gives public notice of the **2020 Annual General Meeting*** and the **2021 Annual General Meeting** to be held on **Thursday 1st July 2021 at 7.30 pm** at **Diddlebury Village Hall**

To transact the following business:

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM
- Committee Report
- Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts
- Confirmation of Appointed Committee Members
- Election of Committee Members**
- AOB
- Date of Next Meeting
- Close

Jayne Kirk, Secretary
01584 861241

*Because of Coronavirus GOV UK guidelines it was not possible to hold the 2020 AGM at the usual time. The Charity Commission granted an extension to the deadline.

**Three committee members are elected from those living in Diddlebury parish, aged 18 or over. Anyone wishing to stand for election to the committee should contact the Secretary or any of the other committee members as soon as possible and no later than 28th June. Please note that voting is restricted to residents of the Diddlebury parish aged 18 or over.

Dick McNally

Now that we have taken a step towards normality, I thought that the time was right to arrange a Memorial Service for Dick. It will be at 2.30pm at Culmington Church on **Saturday, 31st July** with refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards. James, Stuart and I would be delighted to see you if you are able to come.

Judy McNally

Stop press... Road Closure

Mill Lane, Diddlebury will be closed on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd June between 08:00 - 18:00 from the B4368 road junction to the corner by Glebe Farm Cottage.

Access will be given to emergency vehicles and residents within the closure. Delivery vehicles will not be permitted access and will need to use the diversion route. If you live

within the closure, please arrange for any deliveries to be made before June 1st or after June 2nd.



The work being done is to install new fibre cable, there will be no disruption to phone or broadband services.

SWIM through lockdown

SEE WHAT I MADE through lockdown

This year, have you made a toy or a tapestry, upholstered a piece of furniture, learned to make a lino print, used long forgotten woodwork tools, got that dried up box of paints out, made a model or even a sculpture, written a poem or even a book, done a special item of knitting or felting? Some people have discovered untold dormant creative skills which have been liberated during lockdown. If you made something, and can show it, we'd love to see it. Be proud of yourself and show it off!

There will be an **exhibition** open to all, for anyone to share their creations from lockdown. It will be in **St Milburga's Church, Stoke St Milborough, from Saturday 28th**



August to Monday 30th August 2021. We would like work that is as varied as possible, but we do reserve the right not to display anything that is considered to be inappropriate for exhibition in St Milburga's Church. If you would like to exhibit, please contact Sue Cornah (telephone 01584 823 858 or email suecornah@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible or at least before 1st of August to get details of entry.

If you gave it away, borrow it back, if it needs finishing off, no excuses, get it finished for showing in August.

Sue Cornah

Mobile Library Service Update

Shropshire Mobile Library Service has decided to continue with the Ready Reads (click and collect) service until the end of June. Borrowers pick up a bag of staff selected books at their normal stop. They will be doing two weeks on the road, two weeks off. They will make a decision in June as to what will happen after that but are hoping to return to a more normal service.

These dates may change if Government guidance changes.

No stops have changed route number or day over the last year but some stops may have changed their timings slightly so please check the Mobile Library stops map on the website:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/

Any enquiries to: libraries@shropshire.gov.uk

Ellen Powell



On the road dates are as follows:

Route	Date		
2	Tuesday	15th	June
3	Wednesday	16th	June
4	Thursday	17th	June
5	Friday	18th	June
8	Monday	7th	June
9	Tuesday	8th	June
10	Wednesday	9th	June
11	Thursday	10th	June
12	Friday	11th	June

What's on in the Dale

garden OPEN

Tugford Gardens Opening
(The Old Rectory & Marlyns)

Sunday 20th June, 2.00 - 5.00pm

Admission £5 per head, all proceeds in aid of
Shropshire Historic Churches Trust
& St Catherine's, Tugford

Teas

Plenty of parking at the Church - SY7 9HS

(Please Note: A Track & Trace System will be in operation)



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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.

Also, 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 as follows:

June:

Wednesday 23rd, Friday 25th, Sunday 27th

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Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch (CSW)

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Firstly, a warm welcome to the newest trained volunteers to join our Parish CSW team. Their help has already proved invaluable. Also, many thanks to other residents of the Corvedale who have indicated an interest in receiving CSW training from West Mercia Police.

I understand that Mark Booth, Community Speed Watch Coordinator, Road Safety Team, West Mercia Police is very busy training up other CSW teams within the county but hopefully he can offer us a training date soon.

Despite a regular police presence along the B4368 and our own CSW sessions in Munslow, too many road users are still entering Munslow at excessive speeds. Several were recorded passing The Crown at 50 mph plus and a motor bike was independently recorded at 86mph! To come to a halt from a 'mere' 70 mph, a motor bike would require a total stopping distance of 96 metres - or 24 car lengths. No doubt many Corvedale residents will confirm that such seriously excessive speeds are not unusual through some of our villages.

Another road user was observed overtaking across the double white lines next to The Crown, directly in front of the CSW team. Our Police Road Safety support team

will be following up where possible. I am sure that many residents in the Corvedale will support the police in their efforts to prosecute such reckless and life-threatening behaviour.

On a lighter note, I have just read in the March 2021 edition of the New Scientist that driftwood makes an excellent raw material for a form of carbon used in car battery technology, now being considered for electric cars. This is a potentially interesting possibility as a more eco-friendly alternative to the currently expensive lithium-ion batteries. As a matter of interest, it is predicted that from 2027 onwards electric cars will become cheaper to produce than the currently mainstream petrol and diesel-engined vehicles. Of course, after 2030, no new petrol or diesel-engined cars will be allowed to be sold in the UK. I would be interested to know from any riders whether similar rules are in the pipeline covering motor bikes.

In the meantime, whether you are travelling on foot or on wheels, remember to keep a safe distance from others and have a safe journey on our roads.

Rebecca Bull - peter17bull@btinternet.com

The Corvedale Kitchen**Spanish Braised Pork****Ingredients (Serves 4-6)**

1kg	boned shoulder of pork cut into 3cm chunks	300ml	chicken stock
150ml	red wine		Leaves from 3 large thyme sprigs
2	small onions chopped	1	heaped tbsp dried oregano
5	garlic cloves, finely chopped	4	bay leaves
200g	chorizo sausage, skinned and chopped	3	tbsp sherry vinegar
1	tbsp smoked paprika	2	tsp caster sugar
2	tbsp tomato puree	1	can butter beans – or 100g pitted black olives
1	can chopped tomatoes		Salt and pepper

**Method**

- Season the pork with salt and pepper. Heat 2 tbsp of olive oil in a large flameproof casserole. Sear pork in batches until nicely browned then set aside in bowl.
- Add wine to pan and as it bubbles scrape the base of the pan to release all the caramelised juices. Pour over the pork.
- Add more olive oil to pan then add onions. Cover and fry gently for 15 mins, stirring every now and then, until they are very soft and lightly browned.
- Add garlic and chorizo and fry for another 2-3 mins with lid off. Stir in paprika and cook 1 minute. Then add tomato puree, tomatoes, stock, thyme, oregano and bay leaves. Stir in pork and all juices. Season well with salt and pepper.
- Put into oven at 160C for 1½ - 2 hours.
- Put sherry vinegar and caster sugar into small pan and boil until reduced to about 1 tsp. Stir into casserole along with butter beans or olives and return to oven for 20 minutes or until pork is tender and sauce is nicely reduced.
- Adjust the seasoning to taste and serve with small crisp roast or fried potatoes.

Buen provecho - Kim Simm

Don't forget! If you have any favourite recipes you would like to share, do email them to editor@corvedalenews.co.uk. Please don't include anything that's tricky to make, has too many ingredients, or contains anything we can't spell, pronounce, or buy locally!

Corvedale Division Annual / Election Report. April 2020 - May 2021

I would like to thank all those who voted to return me to Shropshire Council on 6th May, as member for the Corvedale Division. I am delighted to continue to represent this unique and beautiful part of south Shropshire and would like to assure all residents - not just those who voted for me - that I am here to help with any problems they may have with Shropshire Council.

As we start a new four-year stint after local government elections it's timely to reflect on the last four years of unprecedented events: a general election in 2017, the demise of Mrs May's government and rise of Boris Johnson in 2019, the Beast from the East, serious flooding, the signing of the Brexit deal and the scourge of the Covid-19 pandemic which descended on us in February/March 2020 and from which we are now slowly emerging in May 2021.

The last four years have not been kind to local government. Pressing issues such as the comprehensive spending review of public services, local government funding review, business rates reform, progressing the Green Paper on Social Care, Environment and Agriculture bills were stymied by Brexit negotiations, a change of government and the imperative need to deal with the Covid crisis and support the NHS.

As the threat of Covid recedes these national problems are still on the back burner and it is particularly disappointing to see the government still unable to give a timetable for sorting out social care. This service is still desperately underfunded and is one of the greatest responsibilities faced by principal authorities like Shropshire, which bear the brunt of escalating need and have to take money from other deserving budget areas to meet demand.

On the brighter side Shropshire seems to have come through the Covid crisis relatively well, though the strain on both acute and primary health care services has been severe. When lockdown struck, Shropshire council staff were mobilised into different teams to organise support with benefits, government grants and the furlough scheme as well as distributing grants to help community buildings which had been forced to shut down. The vast majority of staff were ordered to work from home, and councillors likewise. Our public health directorate was on call 24/7 and did a fantastic job dealing with and closing down Covid outbreaks quickly.

After a hiatus of some eight weeks, council committees started to get back into action through remote Zoom and Teams meetings and parish councils followed suit. Soon it was almost business as usual. In our case remote working served us well, despite enduring full Council meetings that sometimes took 6 hours to wade through, depriving us of the will to live.

As lockdown lifts it is unfortunate that Government cannot extend the legislation to allow parish/town councils the

flexibility of meeting remotely, particularly in the cold winter months. Hopefully, this decision will be reversed later in the year.

I kept busy throughout lockdown with my usual range of responsibilities: the Communities Overview Committee, which I chaired, covered a lot of ground ranging from reviewing options for rural public transport to revising the rules for Homepoint housing applications. The Planning Committee kept going with full agendas as did AONB Partnership and Strategy Boards and the numerous committees and sub committees I sit on, some 17 in all.

Rural Services Network has had a productive lockdown: the 2020 Annual Rural Conference was held remotely over five days and attracted over 400 participants; we have delivered a full range of seminars on issues such as rural health, housing, and rural economies and are still bombarding government with facts and figures through our Revitalising Rural campaign to level up the rural areas.

Touching briefly on the election campaign, it was good to have the opportunity to get out and about round the Corvedale and Apedale and meet people who are obviously feeling more confident about the future. Many people praised the success and efficiency of the vaccination roll-out in Shropshire. The biggest issue for residents was the dire state of our rural roads. This will be an absolute priority for the incoming administration.



Finally, the election count on 7th May was a surreal experience, held at the Shrewsbury Sports Village. Due to Covid restrictions there was none of the usual scrum of people looking over each other's shoulders at ballot papers and making emotional speeches whether they won or lost. Instead, the atmosphere was sterile (not just due to face masks and quantities of sanitiser); we were called into an empty cavernous hall individually, the votes were counted, the results announced and our prize for winning was a box of Covid lateral flow tests! Then we were ushered out by the back door and that was that.

In my longish political career, I now think I've seen it all!

Cecilia Motley, May 2021

Poetry Corner *Some verses for June.***Stevie Smith (1902 – 1971)**

Although she reportedly avoided contemporary poetry, echoes of Smith's favourite poets (William Blake, Emily Dickinson, Samuel Taylor Coleridge) sound again and again throughout her work. Whether they love her or hate her; people tend to use the same language to describe her. She's eccentric, twee, terrifying, peculiar; whimsical or grim.

Not waving but drowning

Nobody heard him, the dead man,
But still he lay moaning:

I was much further out than you thought
And not waving but drowning.

Poor chap, he always loved larking
And now he's dead

It must have been too cold for him his heart gave way,
They said.

Oh, no no no, it was too cold always
(Still the dead one lay moaning)

I was much too far out all my life
And not waving but drowning.

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Edmund Waller (1606 – 1687)

A paean to underwear from the times of the Commonwealth and the Restoration!

On a Girdle

That which her slender waist confin'd,
Shall now my joyful temples bind;

No monarch but would give his crown,
His arms might do what this has done.

It was my heaven's extremest sphere,
The pale which held that lovely deer,
My joy, my grief, my hope, my love,
Did all within this circle move.

A narrow compass, and yet there
Dwelt all that's good, and all that's fair;
Give me but what this ribbon bound,
Take all the rest the sun goes round.

This poem is in the public domain

**Thomas Gray (1716 – 1771)**

Partly inspired by Gray's thoughts following the death of the poet Richard West in 1742 and originally titled "Stanzas Wrote in a Country Church-Yard", the poem was completed when Gray was living near St Giles' parish church at Stoke Poges. It was sent to his friend Horace Walpole, who popularised the poem among London literary circles. It is too long to reproduce in full so I include only the first four verses. The poem's primary message is to promote the idea of "Englishness", and the pastoral English countryside. I find them utterly evocative of a peaceful summer's evening in a country Churchyard in the Corvedale

Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd wind slowly o'er the lea,
The ploughman homeward plods his weary way,
And leaves the world to darkness and to me.

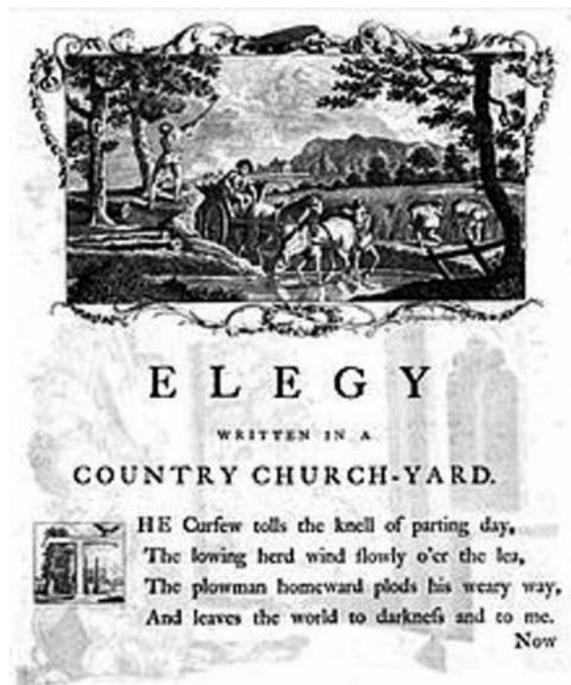
Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight,
And all the air a solemn stillness holds,
Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight,
And drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds:

Save that from yonder ivy-mantled tow'r
The moping owl does to the moon complain
Of such as, wand'ring near her secret bow'r,
Molest her ancient solitary reign.

Beneath those rugged elms, that yew-tree's shade
Where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap
Each in his narrow cell for ever laid
The rude Forefathers of the hamlet sleep

First page of Dodsley's illustrated edition of Gray's Elegy with illustration by Richard Bentley

This poem is in the public domain



If you have written any poems, or have any favourites you would like to have printed in future editions of the Corvedale News, please send them to editor@corvedalenews.com

Corvedale Book Group



The Bees, by Laline Paull

Laline Paull is a playwright whose debut novel, *The Bees*, was nominated for the 2015 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction. The many themes of her book are common to her plays and screenplays too, and cover what it means to belong, the impact of race and culture on an individual and society, and the impact of power.

The tale takes place in and around a beehive, where Flora 717, a common sanitation bee, is expected to clean the hive. The mantra of the hive is 'Accept, Obey, Serve' and each bee has a role they are expected to fulfil within the community. The all-powerful Queen creates a sense of community through laying endless eggs to create the hive family and through wafting her love as a scent and a message throughout the hive. Each strata of bee society has a role to play, and the hierarchy is linked to the type of pollen they collect. The Sage bees at the top wield the most power but are not indomitable.

The story is told through Flora's eyes. She is a dark, strong, mutant bee, different from the other sanitation workers in that she can understand and use speech. The bees follow messages transmitted along the floor of the cell pathways. Flora breaks away from her regular route, and unlike other mutant bees is not killed, but is reassigned to the nursery to feed the newly hatched eggs. She meets the Queen, for whom she develops an abiding love. She learns the lore of the hive. She also recognises within herself the desire to give birth and the sadness at the loss of her first egg. Her strength enables her to become a forager and we learn of the disasters that monoculture such as excessive rapeseed planting or overuse of insecticides can bring to the fragile community. Her strength and her position at the bottom of the hierarchy also enable her to fly higher and further to look for food and to try all sorts of plants which more superior bees might reject. Threats to hive life, whether humans extracting honey, or predatory wasps and supercilious spiders, are well described.

The life cycle of bees, their fascinating, detailed bee dance to inform other bees of where and how to forage, the very limited role of the macho but largely useless and dependent drones and the flight of the princess bee to form a new colony add to the depiction of this society. The book continues to tell the story of Flora's life cycle, the challenge of winter and a late spring and the way the community chooses to sacrifice some members to ensure the strongest survive.

It was a book which was informative, flowed well and was easy to read, but it was repetitive and lacked a clear focus and sufficient depth to be a book to treasure. Some people felt it had too much detail about the life cycle of bees, but we agreed that the descriptive passages were stronger than the dialogue. The opportunity to highlight more political parallels to other totalitarian states wasn't

realised, nor the potential to focus on the gender bias that led the parodied Etonian-type drones making exhausted female bees feed and clean them at the expense of their own health and well-being. In some ways it was more fact than fiction, and the crossover into fantasy, at times, annoyed some of the group.

As a group we recalled messages from similar dystopian books - *Watership Down*, *Animal Farm*, *1984*, *Lord of the Flies* - about the abuse of privilege in society and who was seen to be expendable. There was a resonance in our discussion about the impact of religion, excessive state control or the importance of individual choice and what each of those do to wider society. As 'Hands, Face, Space' has been our mantra for over a year, we wondered whether we too had been conditioned to 'Accept, Obey, Serve!' We discussed the strong environmental message and the importance to our lives in the countryside and as gardeners and what we can do to influence our world.

Next month we will be discussing *How to be both* by Ali Smith on Thursday 10th June at 7.30pm, still by Zoom.

Cath Burley



June Crossword - by Artemonas



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ACROSS

- 1) Reportedly supervises abroad (8)
- 7) Deal in extra departments (5)
- 8) Drunk about to take in work for balancing act (8)
- 9) Sick state (3)
- 10) Eastern deity makes a comeback as Italian ruler (4)
- 11) Smart Daniel's first paper round (6)
- 13) Hound a nocturnal animal (6)
- 14) A wicked form of light (6)
- 17) Hand warmer in place of mule (6)
- 18) Leave almost in silence (4)
- 20) The rest is not true (3)
- 22) Verges can provide for forager (9)
- 23) Young girl takes back new child (5)
- 24) Beaten buy turn of fate, indeed (8)

DOWN

- 1) Chose a different depot (5)
- 2) Busy cooking an egg for the editor (7)
- 3) Place it in Kent perhaps (4)
- 4) Coat from a swagman or a kangaroo (6)
- 5) Holy man is just round the King's head (5)
- 6) Let down, even in the river? (7)
- 7) Trample over the crusader (7)
- 12) Egotistical where flesh is concerned (7)
- 13) Is unwell in front of the ship. It's the wave that does it (7)
- 15) Dust first the rug and get new floor covering (7)
- 16) End French beer. It's a show stopper (6)
- 17) Intends to give me half an answer (5)
- 19) Tried to reform but was too exhausted (5)
- 21) Mrs Hercules last in the beer garden (4)

ANSWERS TO MAY'S CROSSWORD:

ACROSS: 1) Suspect; 5) Sauce; 8) Value; 9) Wayward; 10) Drastic; 11) Ester; 12) Drench; 14) Ascent; 17) Veldt; 19) Acclaim; 22) Lucidly; 23) Brill; 24) Extol; 25) Nonagon

DOWN: 1) Saved; 2) Salvage; 3) Elect; 4) Thwack; 5) Shyness; 6) Unapt; 7) Endured; 12) Divulge; 13) Citadel; 15) Erasing; 16) Canyon; 18) Licit; 20) Cabin; 21) Melon

Corvedale School



The school is continuing to offer pre-school and wrap-around care whilst the suspension of Corvedale Centre for Children’s registration is reviewed by Ofsted. The suspension was imposed following an inspection at the beginning of April. It is likely that it will last for a few more weeks yet. All enquiries regarding pre-school provision should be through the school office.

Class 1 is working on a project about dinosaurs at the moment and Class 2 is studying the stone age which is including some ‘stone age forest school’ where they have been making clay pots and creating fire from flints! Class 3 is learning about the difference between human features and physical features in the world around us. Class 4 is learning about the geography and history of our local area – hopefully, weather permitting, with plenty of opportunities to get out and about and enjoy our wonderful countryside.

Thank you to Rowan Cowley who has supplied the school with a number of trees which our Y6 children have planted in the school grounds. Our school pond which we started a few years back is very nearly full now – it has been filling naturally. The plants we added last summer to attract dragonflies and amphibians are becoming established and

certainly doing their job as several newts have been spotted this spring.

We are hoping to return to some forms of normality this term with the easing of the Covid epidemic restrictions. However, the current relaxation of regulations does not affect school very much. We are still operating a staggered start and end of the school day. Children remain within ‘bubbles’ in school for the time being. Our planned residential trip to South Wales has been postponed for the second year running (fingers crossed for next year) but we are planning to add some level of normality for our Y6 leavers this term. All being well, there will be a shelter camp experience for them in early July and plans are unfolding for an end of year musical production – which will be either a live or filmed performance. We have also pencilled in dates for a sponsored walk and a sports day.

For more information on what is going on, to keep up with the latest happenings / news at school, visit the school website - www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk or on Twitter @CorvedaleSchool.

*Jonathan Brough,
Headteacher, Corvedale CE Primary School*

RSPB Walks 2021



Group walks with a maximum of 6 people

Date	Time	Location	Contact
6th June	10.00am	Ashes Hollow, Long Mynd SO 44145 91969	Dave Stafford 07407 150213
10th July	10.30am	Brown Clee SO 605874	Carol Wood 07807 068304

Missing Vowels

Answers to last month’s puzzle.

WORDS WITH FOUR Ns

NC NVN NT	Inconvenient
NN NCM NT	Announcement
NN TNT NL	Unintentional
TRNS CNT NNTL	Transcontinental
NC NTN NT	Incontinent

IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITIES

CRNL LNV RSTY	Cornell University
CLM BNVR STY	Columbia University
DRT MTHC LLG	Dartmouth College
NVR STY FPN NSY LVN	University Of Pennsylvania
PRN CTN NVR STY	Princeton University

OXYMORONS

PNS CRT	Open Secret
RS DNT LN	Resident Alien

HL LS NG LS	Hells Angels
CTN TR LLY	Act Naturally
FND MS SNG	Found Missing

MERGED SINGERSONGWRITERS¹

JMST YLR SWFT	James Taylor Swift
CRG DVD GRY	Craig David Gray
LTN JHND NVR	Elton John Denver
MC HL JCK SN BR WN	Michael Jackson Brown
LYNS YD PL MCC RTNY	Lynsey De Paul McCartney

COUNTRIES WITH AT LEAST FIVE SYLLABLES

LT HN	Lithuania
BR KIN FS	Burkina Faso
SR RLN	Sierra Leone
STK TT SND NVS	St Kitts And Nevis
TRN DDND TBG	Trinidad And Tobago

Westhope Village Hall

It's great to be able to look forward to some normality post Covid. We have everything in place to be Covid-secure and are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to our Programme of Events.

**CORVEDALE TOTS - PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP & BUMPS TOO**

Every Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00noon

A small friendly group run by mums, come along for a cuppa, cake and a chat whilst making new friends. Lots of fun activities for babies up to school age. All are welcome.

Find us on facebook or contact 07486 414 742 for more information.

**YOGA with SUE PUGH**

Thursday mornings 10.30am - 11.30am

Limited numbers, only a few places left.

Contact Betty Manley 07860 447 397

**BINGO**

Friday 25th June - 7.30pm

Licensed Bar

Come along and have a fun night

**PUB NIGHT**

Friday 16th July - 7.00pm

Curry and a pint or a drink of your choice. £6.00.

Come and enjoy a social evening a game of pool, darts, cards, dominoes. Everyone welcome.

**WHIST DRIVES**

Our fortnightly whist drives begin 5th July at 7.30pm

We look forward welcoming all our whist players back and please bring along family and friends who would like to enjoy a game of whist.

**WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB**

The clover club is hoping to resume their meetings on 8th July

Full details to follow in next month's magazine.

**WESTHOPE HARVEST SUPPER**

Save the date Saturday 16th October

3 course meal with entertainment

All enquiries to: Amie Watson 07486 414 742 or Betty Manley 07860 447 397

Find us on facebook @westhopevillagehall.

Diddlebury Village Hall

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL RE-OPENS!!

END OF LOCKDOWN PARTY

SATURDAY 26th JUNE

12.30pm onwards

Join friends and neighbours new and old.
Music - including Corvedale School Choir.
Bouncy castle for the children.



£1.50 per ticket (children free)

Buffet & one free drink included
(bar open for further purchases).

All proceeds to the Corvedale School
and its supporters (SoCS).

Tickets: dvhallbookings@gmail.com

Sally Woodhouse (Diddlebury) 01584 841 265 / Jayne Kirk (Corfton) 01584 861 241



NEW FILMS COMING SOON!

See Corvedale News & Geoff Neden's Newsletter

FUN AND FUND-RAISING!

Future events hosted by DVH and St Peter's Church

Harvest Supper - Saturday 9th October

Christmas Fair - Saturday 27th November



TAI CHI & PILATES

Risk assessments & current Covid precautions are to be in place to ensure that all activities remain compliant with Government guidelines. Please make direct contact with the instructors for confirmation of Covid measures, class dates, and to book your place.

TAI CHI

Classes from Thursday 10th June: Thursdays, 10.00-11.00am.

All participants must book in advance. Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014 498 / enidgill21@hotmail.com.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST-LED MODIFIED PILATES

Classes:

Tuesdays: 6.30 - 7.30pm & 7.45 - 8.45pm

Fridays: 9.15 - 10.15am.

Beverly Chumber will contact her existing participants.

Otherwise contact Beverly on: 07967 814 412 / beverleychumber@sky.com.

**All dates are subject to current Government Guidelines which can change at short notice.
Please refer to our Facebook and Website pages for news of any changes.**

*Sutton Court and the Powell family***Part Five: The End of the Line.**

Thomas Powell died on 11th February 1915, having enjoyed his rôle as master of Sutton for just over a decade. Norah, his widow lived for a further 15 years before joining her husband in Diddlebury churchyard. He was succeeded by his only surviving child Lionel, who had been born in 1875. A daughter, Ethel, had died at the age of five in 1882. Lionel had followed his parents' journeying from Church Stretton, where he was born, through Yorkshire to the Wirral. In the 1901 Census he is listed as a mercantile agent on his own account living with his parents at Lower Bebington. However, he was destined for much higher things, and was probably the most notable person to live in Diddlebury in the twentieth century.

Lionel Powell entered the music business and achieved international fame as an impresario. His career began in the firm of Alfred Schultz-Curtius, a German who had come to England in 1876 with the aim of popularising Wagner in this country. Later he became a partner and ran the firm while Curtius was interned as an enemy alien, despite forty years living in England. Lionel Powell also had a mission – to bring the highest quality concerts and operas to Britain at popular prices. He was extremely successful in achieving this aim and became famous for his weekly Sunday afternoon concerts at the Royal Albert Hall at which all the great names in European music performed. He even succeeded in bringing the great Toscanini to conduct before the King and Queen at the Albert Hall. The maestro had previously refused to appear in London, because he thought that London orchestras were too slapdash about rehearsals.



*The Music Room added by Basil Stallybrass in 1921,
(Shropshire Archives)*

These glitterati were often invited to Sutton as house guests, and Basil Stallybrass was brought back to build a Music Room, with guest accommodation provided above in a somewhat incongruous turret-like extension. In this Music Room Powell's famous guests would have sung for

their suppers, while others, no doubt, drifted in and out of the French windows with their cocktails. Such a lavish lifestyle came at a price, and in 1927 there were ominous hints of financial troubles to come. On 6th June 419 acres of the estate were put up for auction with 'Charlie' Edwards at the Craven Arms Hotel, but this was a bad time for agriculture, and the most valuable lots – Sutton Court Farm and Sutton Cottage Farm failed to meet their reserve and were withdrawn. Another lot of 85 acres was subsequently sold privately for £2,875 after being withdrawn, but otherwise the sale only realised a few hundreds of pounds.

In 1924 Lionel Powell entered into a new partnership with Harold Holt, whose firm survives to this day, and to all appearances was at the height of his reputation. In 1928 a huge concert was held at the Albert Hall to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Schultz-Curtius firm, and the following year Powell became the manager of the London Philharmonic Orchestra. All might have been well, but at the end of 1931 he accompanied the pianist Paderewski on a European tour, where he contracted a chill. This turned to pneumonia, and, combined with an operation for a gastric ulcer, sealed his fate. Lionel Powell died on 23rd November 1931 leaving a wife and daughter, and a mountain of debts for his partner to clear. He lies in his parents' grave in Diddlebury churchyard. His obituary in the New York Times stated that he had staged some 15,000 concerts in his career and made forty trips to the United States – quite an achievement, as transatlantic passenger flights did not begin until 1938.

Powell had married Louise Elizabeth Peckett, an accountant's daughter, in Birkenhead in 1905, and their daughter Norah Manning Powell was born four years later. There was no alternative for the widow but to sell the estate, and the following year it was bought by P.G. Holder for the bargain price of £12,000 - less than the reserve on two of the plots which were withdrawn in 1927. Holder had been buying and sometimes re-selling estates in the Corvedale for twenty years, and I hope to say more about him in a future article. Louise left the area and died at Usk in 1947. Her daughter Norah married in 1934 and was survived by two daughters.

Acknowledgements. I have been working on Sutton Court sporadically for the past 25 years. During this time, I have received help from members of the family, namely Catherine Barnwell and Ann de Montfort, and past and present owners including the late Sir Leslie Fielding and his widow, Lady Sally, and Mr and Mrs Andrew Tapp. To them and to the staff of Shropshire Archives I extend my grateful thanks.

Corvedale Past and Present**‘Miri it is while sumer ilast...’**

‘Sumer is a icumen in’, ‘Miri it is...’, two prized 12th century songs that have come down to us; it is wonderful to have them, but a far greater heritage is all around us, though like any treasure that we encounter every day, we can easily neglect it and not feel its real worth.

The gems I refer to are our village and topographically names! They are fabulously old, multilingual (just about), and endlessly fascinating.

I say, ‘just about’, as the vast majority derive from the Germanic speech of our continental forebears, Old English. There are amazingly few local names that derive from Welsh, which at first sight is a big surprise given our history and geography.

Language, then as now, is mobile and changes. It turns out that the Anglo-Saxons did not change the words for topographical features such as rivers or hills, when scratching out a foothold in the country - in the 400s and 500s A.D. The element ‘ham’ is *never*, we are told, linked with ‘later’ Old English, and therefore when it occurs as a placename it is reliably ‘early’. It also seems true that these ‘early’, ‘hams’ are found especially associated with rivers as in the ‘corridors of settlement’, along the Severn and Avon rivers to the east of our area.

Another argument for the ‘late’ nature of Saxon settlement locally is the lack of the term ‘cumb’, which is an Anglo-Saxon ‘borrowing’ from the Welsh *cwm*, meaning valley... the story here is that the Saxons (the word used generically) ‘adopted’ this word in the late 400s, frequently in the South of England, during that earliest settlement phase. In the Welsh March, where settlement was generally later, the habit of borrowing the word had been lost, and ‘ton’ (think town big or tiny), names by contrast occur frequently in the area. This element is fairly ubiquitous during most Anglo-Saxon settlement periods, though is not associated with ‘early forms’.

So much for the generality, now let’s look at a few interesting exceptions:

Bouldon (SO 545 851): Now, the English place name scholars who work in Nottingham University have suggested that the first part of this name derives from the Welsh ‘*bwlch*’, which you could render in English as a ‘gap in the hills’. I gather this is a tentative suggestion and if you look on their website kepn.nottingham.ac.uk, they say that the first part of the name is uncertain. Although this sounds like a topographical reference, *bwlch* can also be, certainly in modern Welsh, a place where people live. So, this is a tantalising possibility. Did our Saxon forebears arrive in this ‘neck of the woods’ when it was not permanently inhabited, and ‘ripe for the taking’, or did they take over by assimilation or even fighting?

Corfeham (SO 526 848): Here is another interesting exception because the ham name is certainly ‘early’, but it is pretty exceptional in our area (as far as I know, but I can already hear people correcting me!). Perhaps we should regard it as not a ham but the ham in the Corvedale, maybe a prime site in a remote tertiary tributary of the River Severn.

Culmington (SO 492 813): Here the ‘ing’ bit is interesting, as this is said to indicate a collective around a tribal leader; so, the ton of ‘Cul’s Folk’, or whatever this gentleman might have called himself! This is really interesting as it may be that this represents a time when English society was embryonic, and the organisation was very local, not regional, and certainly not national.

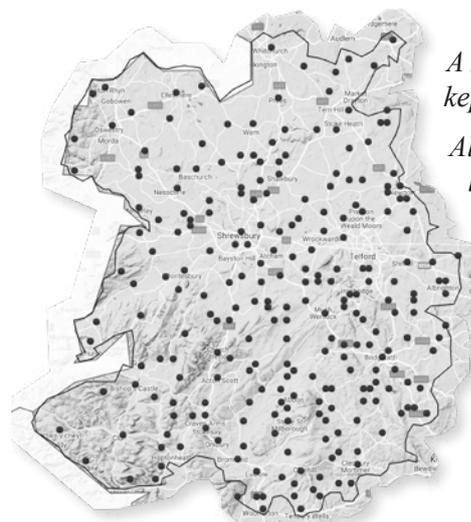
Peter Cornah

Afterwords:

1. If you want to pronounce the word *bwlch*, and you are not familiar with Welsh, the *ch* is ‘hard’ and rasping and the *W* is not a consonant, it’s a vowel. Think about a rather guttural *U*. Try Ullswater... Now there’s a thought, perhaps that was also originally a *W*, after all, Cumbria and Cymru, we are told, are the same words - just separated in time and space! (or maybe not; the ‘*ull*’ bit could refer to an owl or wolf in Old English!)

2. When I first came to this area I was told that Burf as in Abdon Burf, was Norse in origin. When I saw we had dales and not valleys and Norncott meant the Northman’s Cottage and Holdgate also sounded very Norse I got excited and started wondering whether there was a Norse enclave here well outside ‘The Danelaw’ of antiquity. The place-name folks in Nottingham, I confess, were less than impressed with this idea!

3. Here’s another place-name interest - please let me know if there are any ‘Green’ place-names - even a field, in your readership area petercornah@gmail.com or 01584 823858.



*A screenshot from
kepn.nottingham.ac.uk*

*All Shropshire
locations with
investigated
name origins.*

Readers' Photos June's theme is My favourite Corvedale Tree



*Ancient Tree, Delbury Park
- Gwyn Edwards*



*Aston Hall Pear Tree
- Ian Fotheringham*



- Clare McNally



*Oak in Autumn
- Jill Warle*



*Tree at Hill House Farm, Corfton
- Catherine Crowther*



*Silver Jubilee Lime
- Laurie R...*

**PHOTOGRAPHS
WANTED**

Thank you for all your wonderful and varied photographs of My favourite Corvedale tree. Our theme for next month is

NATURE / WILDLIFE

(so please send us photos of bees, butterflies, moths, dragonflies, damselflies, frogs, toads, dormice, birdlife etc.)

The following theme will be

GARDENS.

Please send all photos to:
photos@corvedalenews.co.uk



Willow at Glebe Farm, Munslow - Lydia Taylor



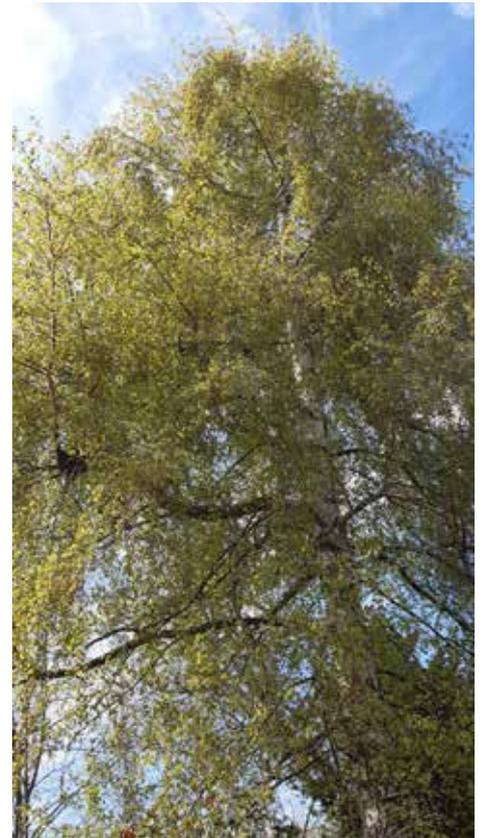
Cornus 'Eddies White Wonder' - Jayne Husband



- Guy Owens



Lone tree in Munslow
- Don Cockman



Silver birch in the garden
- Alison Knott



in Middlehope
- Robinson



Silver Jubilee Chestnut in
Middlehope - Scott Donovan



Yew in Middlehope
- Scott Donovan



Tree at Bouldon
- Martin Steer



Scots pine on Middlehope
Hill - Colin Stanford



Damaged but still beautiful
- Alison Knott

*Parish Councils***DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 28th April 2021 via Zoom.

Prior to the meeting commencing, the Chairman read out legal advice DPC had obtained as to the recording and filming of meetings.

Present via Zoom: Cllr. D Hedgley - Chairman, Cllr. O'Boyle, Cllr. Woodhouse, Cllr. S Povall, Cllr. R Povall, Cllr. Watson.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. S. Thomas and Unitary Cllr. Motley.

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

Declarations of Interest: The Chairman made a Declaration re planning application 21/01298/LBC.

Public Comments: Mrs Alison O'Boyle stated she and many others were pleased to hear that the Chairman had been exonerated by the Monitoring Officer re the Code of Conduct complaint made against him.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 24th March 2021 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman. Two matters arising were dealt with.

Reports: The Chairman reported on numerous matters: he had attended a meeting re the DVH car park and DPC's CIL funds, which looked encouraging. He had dealt with a planning enquiry from a Middlehope resident, queries from parishioners re Law's Yard in Diddlebury and an issue involving a fall by a lady down the church steps. He had been in contact with PC Steve Davies of the local policing team and discussed farm machinery and livestock thefts, property thefts and speeding on the B4368. He had been involved in investigating the four planning applications; had discussed the insurance for the FAG and had liaised with the Clerk over various ongoing issues. He was pleased to report that the Code of Conduct Complaints made against him had not been upheld by the Monitoring Officer. He thanked everyone in the parish who had supported him through this stressful and time-consuming matter.

Unitary Cllr. Motley reported by email. SC is in election mode and most council meetings are suspended until after 6th May. RSN has been very active and is presenting a new Rural Strategy to MPs, Defra and civil servants and is also lobbying the government for an increase in the planning law to allow higher masts (5 metres) to improve mobile phone connectivity. Cllr. Motley hopes to still be the Corvedale Councillor after the election and she wishes all DPC councillors good luck in the forthcoming election.

Village Halls: Reports from Cllr. Watson and Cllr. Woodhouse indicated that both village halls are resuming a programme of events in line with current legislation, details of which can be accessed in the Corvedale News. Cllr. Woodhouse felt the recent meeting between a SC representative, Cllr. Hedgley, Cllr. Motley and others hinted that the CIL money may be forthcoming: he was asked by the SC representative to get a quotation for the work from SC highways contractors and he is now doing this.

Planning: Four applications were considered

21/01606/FUL - application for conversion and extension of agricultural buildings to flexible Class E use (commercial, business and service) and associated operational development, erection of a bin/bike store, installation of package treatment

plant, provision of parking and turning area and landscaping at Great Sutton Farm, Stanton Lacy, SY8 2AJ: DPC supported this application, with a request that all exterior lighting be kept to a minimum.

21/01296/LBC - Listed building consent application for replacement of 5 windows, re-tile roof, renovate & refit rainwater goods, replace bargeboards, repair and re-paint render to front elevation affecting a Grade II listed building namely 16 Corfton, SY7 9LE. DPC supported this application.

21/01298/LBC - listed building consent application for replacement of windows, re-form arch heads over windows to west elevation, increase length of window to north elevation, work to spindle on waterwheel and relocation of photovoltaic panels on to new metal ground floor level frame to rear of existing shed, affecting a Grade II listed property namely Bouldon Mill, Bouldon, SY7 9DP. DPC supported this application.

21/01597/TCA - various works to trees within the Diddlebury Conservation Area at The Old Vicarage, Diddlebury, SY7 9DH. DPC had no issues to raise regarding the S.211 Notice regarding work going ahead.

Highways And Environmental Matters: Still no response from Highways re the supply and installation of a mirror for the Bache Mill/B4368 junction. Councillors resolved to purchase and install their own mirror.

Communications & Correspondence: 13 items of correspondence were considered and dealt with.

Finance: The Finance Report for April 2021 was considered by members and cheques totalling £653.77 were approved. Cllr. O'Boyle confirmed he had verified the bank statement/cash book reconciliation. HSBC has paid the £100 compensation offered and the VAT refund of £655.24 has now been received.

Audit 2020/2021: In preparation for the audit councillors approved the Schedule of All Receipts and Payments for 2020/2021 and the Bank/Cash Book reconciliation for the year. It was agreed DPC's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Strategic Risk assessment require no revision this year. The revised and up-dated Register of Assets was considered. Cllr. Woodhouse agreed to locate a missing tourist information notice board which was previously attached to Diddlebury Village Hall.

Revision of DPC's Complaints Policy: An updated version of DPC's Complaints Policy was approved by members.

Adoption of an Unreasonably Persistent & Vexatious Complaints Procedure: A first draft had been circulated by the Clerk. Members agreed to consider this document fully once the new councillors are present. This matter is therefore deferred to May or June.

Format of Annual Parish and Annual General Meetings – 19th May 2021: It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting be held first so a Chairman can be appointed. At the Annual Parish Meeting reports will not be delivered in person, but by copies being made available on the night and on the website in order to keep the meetings as short as possible. It was agreed that the AGM, APM and following ordinary business meeting will be held in Diddlebury Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Covid-19 precautions will be in place.

Parish Councils (continued)**DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL (CONTINUED)**

Any Other Business: The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to three councillors who are retiring from Diddlebury Parish Council as of the 5th May 2021. They are Selina Thomas, Mike Woodhouse and Mervyn Thomas: it is believed Mervyn has served on the parish council for 40 years. All three councillors have contributed to supporting the Chairman, the parish generally and the parish council: sincere thanks are offered to them all.

The Chairman is preparing certificates of service.

Cllr. O'Boyle proposed a detailed vote of confidence in Cllr. Hedgley as Chairman of the parish council and the councillors supported the vote of confidence unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the councillors and all members of the public who had supported him through recent events.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 23rd June at 7.30pm at Westhope Village Hall.

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www.diddleburyparish.co.uk or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs J de Russett, No. 1 Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow SY8 2HG.

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**Draft Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2021**

Present: Cllr Steele (Chair), Cllr Pike, Cllrs Alderson, Byng, Holland, Mear, Seabrook, Turley and Watts. In Attendance: Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick, (Clerk/RFO)

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Cllr Steele was proposed for Chair by Cllr Turley and seconded by Cllr Byng. Cllr Pike was PROPOSED for Vice Chair by Cllr Watts and SECONDED by Cllr Mear. Cllr Steele thanked Jenny Norton for her many years as a Councillor and wished her well for the future and welcomed Cllr Byng onto the council.

Complete Acceptance of Office and Disclosable Interest Forms: Completed by all 9 elected councillors.

Apologies for Absence: None.

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None.

Minutes: RESOLVED (unanimous) that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on 6th April 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Election of Representatives Village Hall: Cllr Mear, South Shropshire Area Committee: Cllr Steele,

Flood Committee: Cllr Byng, Emergency Representative: Cllr Byng, Finance Checker: Cllr Mear.

Consider Issues Raised at the Annual Meeting: Issues raised will be dealt with by the Footpath Group

Review and Adopt the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct: All adopted.

Review the dates of the Meetings: All dates agreed.

Finance: The following payments were approved - J Williams (Footpaths) £103.41 for fencing tamper and maul hammer. The Clerk will add the Footpath Group equipment to the Asset Register. H Coonick (Clerk) £101.07 for stamps, stationary, inks, website domain and antivirus software.

Review and authorise payment of Insurance: Only two of three requested quotes had been received. Once the third has

been received the Clerk will pay £363.83 or less provided the cover is equivalent.

Review And Authorise Donations: Payments to: Severn Hospice £25, Hope House Children's Hospice £25, Citizens Advice £20, Ripples Magazine £30, Buzzard Bus £20, West Shropshire Talking Newspaper £10, County Air Ambulance £30, Ludlow Hospital League of Friends £20. A donation to the Clover Club will be discussed at the next meeting. The Clerk reported that an error of £5 had been made in last year's payments.

Planning: 21/00887/PIAPA Address: Seifton Village Hall, Seifton, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY8 2DH Proposal: Although this application was supported when last submitted, local circumstances have changed, and Councillors no longer support it. There have been numerous complaints about noise and traffic regarding the Laundry works opposite the site. An additional entrance/exit in this area will increase the concerns already raised by the Parish Council over road safety. The plans and accompanying form are dated 2016 and are not current. The septic tank may not be adequate for the occupancy planned.

Update on Environmental Maintenance Contract: The Clerk reported that Gary Trim has terminated his contract with the council. The contract has been advertised in Ripples with one enquiry, but no tender submitted. The contractor presently working for Stanton Lacy Parish Council is willing to be considered for Culmington and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Decide on Action Regarding Risk of Fire at Laundry Works: The Clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency to ascertain the risk assessment in place at the Laundry Works. Cllr Mear will discuss the matter with a contact in the Fire Service.

Items for the Next Meeting: Donation to the Clover Club; Environmental Maintenance Contract; lorries travelling through Burley (the Clerk will report to Shropshire Council).

The meeting Closed at 8.55pm.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm 1st June 2021 at Culmington Village Hall.

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*Parish Councils (continued)***CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2021****Apologies for Absence:** None.**Annual Report of the Parish Council and other groups/committees for the year 2018/19***Chairman of the Parish Council:*

Cllr Steele (Report will be on culmington.org).

Shropshire Council:

Cllr Motley (Report will be on culmington.org).

Village Hall:

Cllr Mear reported that due to Coronavirus the hall had been closed since March 2020 and many planned events had been cancelled. During the closure the hall has been completely redecorated by Mike Phasey who is also a committee member and CCTV has been installed. Thanks to Carol Byng and Jeff Williams the hall has received two grants, so the accounts are healthy. There are lots of bookings once the hall reopens in early July starting with a walk to the Tally Ho, however the Flower Show is on hold this year. Cllr Steele thanked all the committee for their work during a trying year.

Flood Action Group:

(Report will be on culmington.org).

Culmington Footpath Group:

Jeff Williams went through the footpath and bridleway work the group has worked on over last two years. Shropshire Council have only one person working on this in South Shropshire so although materials are available it takes some time to get them. Cllr Steele thanked the group for their work.

Open Forum: A member of the public wished to raise that the footpath over the ford on Seifton Lane is uneven and causes a trip hazard. The clerk stated that this had been reported to Shropshire Council last year. There was also concern over the hedge growing into the path. Cllr Pike and Jeff Williams will take investigate and do whatever they can to improve the situation. Cllr Motley asked the Clerk to let her know of outstanding reports.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.**MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL****Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd June 2021***Clive Leworthy, Clerk, Munslow PC. Tel: 04528 164345. Email: munslowpcclerk@gmail.com www.munslow.org.uk***MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL****APPOINTMENT OF CLERK / RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER**

A vacancy has arisen for a part time Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer to commence on 1st July 2021.

For this varied position, candidates must be computer literate and have internet access. Candidates should have previous experience working as a Parish Clerk and have knowledge of local government, although training can be provided.

The Clerk is responsible for preparing agendas, taking minutes, dealing with correspondence, liaising with contractors and local government officials, managing of accounts to include keeping of cash book, bank reconciliation, preparing budgets, VAT returns, PAYE, organising Internal & External Audits and administration of the Parish Council website.

The Clerk ensures that correct procedures are followed and advises the Council to ensure that it acts within its powers. The ability to communicate well at all levels is essential. The salary is based on 4 hours a week (worked flexibly) and will be calculated according to the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) rates dependent upon qualifications and experience but will be within the range LC2 SCP 18-24.

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To apply, please send a letter of application and CV stating your experience to munslowpcclerk@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is Thursday 10th June 2021.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 15th June 2021 (venue to be arranged).

If you require further information, please contact Chair, Barbara Archer: 01584 841 641 or Clerk, Clive Leworthy 07528 164 345, munslowpcclerk@gmail.com.

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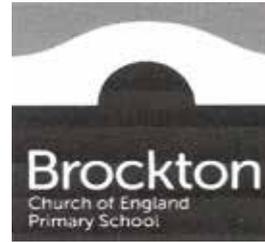
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Contact Numbers for Local Services

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	Contact	Phone	Email
<i>Local Services and Emergencies</i>			
Electricity Problems/Power Cuts	Western Power	0800 6783 105	
Water Supply Problems	Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444	
County Flood Management	Shropshire Council	0345 678 9006	flood@shropshire.gov.uk
Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group	Geoff Neden	841815	gneden@googlemail.com
Ludlow Minor Injuries Unit (out of hours 111)	Community Hospital	874297	
Shropdoc (out of hours service)	Doctors Co-operative	111	
Ludlow's Doctors' Surgeries	Station Drive Portcullis	872461 872939	
Craven Arms Medical Practice		01588 672309	
Police (non-emergency)	West Mercia Police	101	contactus@westmercia.police.uk
Voluntary Car Scheme (9.00am to 12 noon weekdays)	Craven Arms Good Neighbours	01588 673732	
<i>Clubs and Societies</i>			
Abdon Wildlife Group	Penny Unitt	01746 712530	artypenny2017@gmail.com
Blue Hills Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Artists	Juliet Hole Ann Hankinson	01299 832603 01584 841460	
Corvedale Badminton Club	Val Fotheringham	841331	
Corvedale Book Group	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
Corvedale Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Community Environmental Group	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
Corvedale & District Autumn Show	John Woodhouse	07980 207253	
Corvedale Folk Club	Ian Fotheringham	841331	
Corvedale Garden Group	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group	Jenny Vine	841596	jcvedarwood@hotmail.co.uk
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Diddlebury Dancing Group	Sally Woodhouse	841265/ 07813 019010	sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk
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<i>Parish Clerks and Websites</i>			
Abdon & Heath Parish Council Clerk	Wendy Richards	07813 271274	abdonandheathclerk1@outlook.com
Culmington Parish Council Clerk	Heather Coonick	07817 607355	culmingtonpc@googlemail.com
Diddlebury Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Jean de Rusett	01568 770741	diddleburypc@gmail.com
Munslow Parish Council Clerk	Clive Leworthy	07528 164345	munslowpcclerk@gmail.com
Diddlebury Parish Website:	www.diddleburyparish.co.uk		
Corvedale Google Group:	This is a free service and issues purely local information such as road closures, flood warnings and so on to its members on an occasional basis. It also alerts members to new items appearing on the DPC website. If you would like to join this service, send an email to: Geoff Neden - gneden@googlemail.com		

Village Hall/Club Room Bookings

Abdon Village Hall	Penny Unitt	01746 712530	artypenny2017@gmail.com
Beambridge Club Room	Frances Sutton	841654	
Culmington Village Hall	Jeff Williams	07561 838271	culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall	Sally Woodhouse	07375 326381	dvhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall website:	www.diddleburyvillagehall.org		
Diddlebury Church Room	Jan Kennedy	841372	
Westhope Village Hall	Betty Manley	07860 447397/ 861617	mbm3049@icloud.com

Children's and Youth Organisations

Corvedale Brownies	Catherine Crowther	861276	
Corvedale Primary School	Jonathan Brough	841630	admin@corvedale.shropshire.sch.uk
Playgroup & Nursery	Colin Jones	841707/841630	

Women's Institutes

Diddlebury & Westhope WI	Jane Cockburn	841483	pmc1989@btinternet.com
Munslow WI	Jenny Rose	841251	gandjrose@mypostoffice.co.uk

If you represent a local Corvedale group and would like it to be considered for inclusion in this list, please contact the Editor.



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SERVICES FOR JUNE 2021

	June 6th Trinity 1	June 13th Trinity 2	June 20th Trinity 3	June 27th Trinity 4
Abdon		9:45 HC		6pm EP
Broadstone				
Culmington			6pm EP	8:30 HC (BCP)
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP		11:15 FS
Holdgate	8:30 HC			
Munslow	6pm EP			9:45 HC
Tugford			9:45 HC	

Key: HC = Holy Communion, EP = Evensong, FS = Family Service.

There will also be an online service of Holy Communion on Sunday 6th June and Sunday 13th June at 11am (in the YouTube/Zoom format). We will continue to upload services to the Corvedale Churches' YouTube channel.

If the Coronavirus situation locally changes, we may have to cancel these services. We currently still have to keep a record of attendance for track-and-trace purposes.