

CORVEDALE NEWS

THE CORVEDALE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



*Top: Corvedale in Spring - Gemma Morgan
Bottom: Primula - Rosemary England*

*Top: Spring flowers - Gwyn Edwards
Bottom: New kids in the Dale - Sam & Kate Davies*

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Consumer helpline is available
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- Your local **parish councillors**
 - Shropshirelarder.org.uk
- **Shropshire Council** on 0345 6478 9028 or at www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus
- **Corvedale Helping Hands** - email corvedalehelpinghands@gmail.com

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What's on in the Dale

Spring Craft Fayre

at Craven Arms Community Centre

on Sunday 10th April 2022

10.00am until 3.00pm

Sales tables will include jewellery, paintings, knitted and embroidered items, honey and beeswax items, toys, soaps and lots more.

Tables are £12. Please ring to book yours.

Please ring for more details 01588 672 847

Corvedale Folk Club

at The Sun Inn, Corfton

on Friday 15th April

at 8:15pm

and on the 3rd Friday of each month thereafter

Free entry! Everyone welcome!

For further information contact Ian on 01584 841 331



CORVEDALE TOTS
For Bumps, Babies, Toddlers & Parents!

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10AM - 12PM
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AND SELECTION OF RIDE ON TOYS.
HOT DRINK AND CAKE INCLUDED.



£2 PER FAMILY



WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL,
WESTHOPE,
CRAVEN ARMS,
SY7 9JL

Arts@St Laurence April 2022

Friday 8th - Sunday 10th April

English Song Weekend returns to St Laurence's.
See www.stlaurences.org.uk/events for more information.

A concert to celebrate the centenary of
the poet A E Housman's Last Poems

Sunday 24th April - 4.00pm

With Alexander Pratley, bass baritone
and Jonathan French, piano.

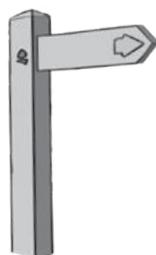
Tickets: £12 from www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk

A Musical Miscellany

Saturday 30th April - 7.30pm

A recital of Chamber Music and Songs presented by
Ludlow Palmers. With Sally Bradshaw, mezzo soprano,
Sebastian Comberti, cello and Igor Kennaway, piano.

Tickets: £18 from www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk



CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP

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

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:

April	Wednesday 20th	Friday 22nd	Sunday 24th
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What's on in the Dale



Launch Event
for
The Corvedale Festival
International in Scope - Local in Feel

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The
Jarualda Quartet

Mendelssohn ~ Quartet Op.44 No. 2
Vaughan Williams ~ Quartet No1
& Debussy ~ Quartet Op.10

Alex Postlethwaite & David Joyce ~ Violins
Jane Park ~ Viola & Ruth Henley ~ Cello

Saturday 9th April 2022 ~ Diddlebury Village Hall
6.00 pm Buffet ~ 7.30 pm Concert

Tickets £20 including Finger Buffet with Pay Bar
available from
Aston Munslow Garage, or by Tel: 07745 825700,

Corvedale Festival 16th to 24th September 2022
www.corvedalefestival.org

PLAY WITH CLAY



Let your imagination and creative inhibitions run wild!
Established ceramic artist/sculptor offering informal fun and friendly classes, in hand-building with clay to realise your creative ideas.
Plenty of one to one tuition

Be creative whilst coming together with like-minded local people for a chat & a brew, use your imagination to create your own designs and ideas in clay!

Make a gift for a special occasion, for your home, your garden, or a present

7pm - 9pm, annually, term time only

2021/2022 course dates:

- 28 September – 19 October (4 weeks)
- 2 November – 14 December (7 weeks)
- 4 January – 15 February (7 weeks)
- 1 March – 5 April (6 weeks)
- 26 April – 24 May (5 weeks)
- 7 June – 19 July (7 weeks)

Cost £20 per weekly session, (payment for each term required at time of booking) includes materials and firing, subject to reasonable use.
Limited spaces available (Maximum of 12 people)

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE OR BOOK YOUR PLACE?
For more information contact Halima or Martyn on 0781 705 3308 or email: info@halimacassell.com

The Old Station, Broome, Aston on Clun SY7 0NT

New Hope Gardens Daylilies

The End of an Era for Daylily Missionary

After more than four decades of growing, selling and promoting his beloved daylilies in America and in Shropshire, Mark Zenick will be ending his missionary career in spreading the Daylily Gospel at the close of the 2022 season.

Having met and befriended a wealth of fellow gardeners over his 14 years as a Yank nurseryman in Shropshire, Mark remains hopeful that a younger daylily enthusiast will come forward to assume his mantle by offering his collection of more than 240 hybrid daylily varieties to passionate gardeners in the UK.

To celebrate his tenure as Daylily Missionary, Mark will be hosting at his Colebatch, Shropshire nursery an End of Era Sale on his potted daylilies and on daylily clumps in his nursery beds.

2022 Open Weekends will be Saturdays and Sundays, 12 noon to 5pm
July 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 and 30/31

There will be a Farewell Concert at the nursery on July 31st from 3-5pm

Visits outside of the Open Weekends can be made by appointment
01588 630 750 or markwzenick@aol.com

Garden clubs are warmly invited to schedule no cost visits outside of the Open Weekends.




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What's on in the Dale

Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Celebrate with Munslow in Millichope Park
JUBILEE PICNIC LUNCH IN THE PARK

Sunday 5th June from 12 till 4 pm

Watch out for details about a Dog Show, Fancy dress competition, a Tug of War, an Exhibition celebrating the Queen's seven decades and lots more.

Family, friends and neighbours in the Corvedale are invited to join our celebrations.



Diddlebury Fun Dog Show

(Part of Diddlebury Church Fete)

Saturday 11th June @ 2.30pm

Diddlebury Village Hall & School Field

Classes (£1):

Best Six Legs

Loveliest Lady

Most Handsome Fella

Sausage Race

Best Young Handler

Best Trick

Dog Judge would most like to take home

Golden Oldie 9+ years

Waggiest Tail

CEILIDH DANCE

FOR UKRAINE

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

SIMPLE PLOUGHMAN'S
 BAR RAFFLE
 FAMILIES WELCOME

TICKETS £10

CHILDREN UNDER 12 £3
 SALLY 01584 841265

SAT 23RD APRIL 7.30PM

ALL PROCEEDS TO DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

What's on in the Dale - Dates for Your Diary

Please note that the deadline for all submissions to the Corvedale News is Monday 18th April.

April 2022

Every Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10.00am - 11.30am
Every Mon	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	Afternoons
Every Mon	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10.00am
Every Tues	Corvedale Artists	Beambridge Club Room	10.00am
Every Tues	Chair Yoga	Culmington Village Hall	
2nd Sat	Craft Goods Sale and Workshop	Culmington Village Hall	10.00am-4.00pm
3rd Sun	Craft Goods Sale and Workshop	Culmington Village Hall	10.00am-4.00pm
5th Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.00pm
7th Thu	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
7th Thu	Westhope Clover Club	Westhope Village Hall	2.30pm
8th Fri	English Song Weekend (until Sun 10th April)	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	from 6.30pm
9th Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
9th Sat	Jarualda Quartet	Diddlebury Village Hall	6.00pm
10th Sun	Spring Craft Fayre	Craven Arms Community Centre	10.00am-3.00pm
12th Tue	RSPB Talk <i>- What does ringing teach us about birds?</i>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Talk <i>- A Journey through Willow</i>	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Wed	Munslow WI	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
14th Thu	Hayton & District WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Thu	RSPB Walk	Kinver Edge	TBC
14th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
15th Fri	Corvedale Folk Club	The Sun Inn, Corfton	8.15pm
20th Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
21st Thu	Culmington Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm for 1.00pm
21st Thu	Wild about Westhope - Dawn Chorus Walk	Westhope Village Hall	6.00am
21st Thu	Flicks in the Sticks - West Side Story	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
22nd Fri	Diddlebury Church Annual Plant Sale	Diddlebury Churchyard	10.00am - 4.00pm
22nd Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
23rd Sat	Diddlebury Church Annual Plant Sale	Diddlebury Churchyard	10.00am - 4.00pm
23rd Sat	Corvedale Garden Group	Maesfron, Trewern	10.00am
23rd Sat	Ceilidh for Ukraine	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
24th Sun	Concert to celebrate centenary of A E Housman's Last Poems	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	4.00pm
24th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
29th Fri	Westhope Bingo Night	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
29th Fri	Culmington Village Hall Social Curry Night	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
30th Sat	Corvedale Cake Walk	Starting from Holdgate	TBC
30th Sat	Coffee & Cake Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am - 12.30pm
30th Sat	RSPB Walk	Brown Clee	5.00am
30th Sat	A Musical Miscellany	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	7.30pm

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RSPB Talks & Walks 2022

TALKS All talks start at 7.30pm in Culmington Village Hall. Membership for the year is £10. Entry on each evening will be £2 for Members and £4 for visitors. Refreshments included.

TALKS	Tuesday 12th April	- Martin George	- What does ringing teach us about birds?
WALKS	Thursday 14th April	- Kinver Edge	Sunday 29th May - Wyre Forest
	Saturday 30th April	- Brown Clee	Wednesday 8th June - Wenlock Edge
	Monday 9th May	- The Wrekin	Saturday 9th July - Catherton Common

More information on both walks and talks can be found on the RSPB local group website.

Abdon Village Hall

EVENTS	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee party at Abdon Village Hall	Thursday 2nd June
	Put it in your diary! More details of this event will follow in the next update.	
	UFO (Un Finished Objects) Craft Morning	Saturday 9th April 10.30am - 12.30pm
	Bring along your unfinished projects. Join us and learn a new craft skill or teach your craft skills to someone else. Please supply your own materials. Please make a donation for refreshments.	
	Coffee & Cake Morning	Saturday 30th April 10.30am - 12.30pm
	Come and join us, everyone welcome!	

Abdon Village Hall Bookings

Contact Helen Audin: 01746 712 365 or abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

Or visit our website for the booking form and details: www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

If you are looking for a venue with character and more homely than a large hall, then look no further than Abdon Village Hall. The hall is suitable for smaller gatherings (maximum 50 people). It's the old Abdon School dating from 1850, but with modern facilities and disabled access. Set in a beautiful and peaceful rural location, close to Abdon Church, with plenty of parking, large garden, and spectacular views of the Brown Clee Hill, it's an ideal location for day and evening activities all year round.

Volunteers Wanted!

Abdon Village Hall is looking for volunteers to help with community events. This could include anything from helping to erect the marquee, setting out tables and chairs, decorating the Village Hall, catering, washing up, coordinating a raffle, organising entertainment, or whatever skills you would like to offer. There is no commitment involved, and you don't have to take part in every event, you can do as much or as little as you like. If you would like to become a Village Hall volunteer, please email Helen at abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

Would You Like to be a Trustee?

Abdon Village Hall Committee consists of up to 8 Trustees who are responsible for: administration, finances, compliance with regulations, buildings and garden maintenance, schoolhouse management, projects, and events. Trustees must be residents of Abdon, and they are elected to the Committee each year at the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, which will be held at **7.00pm on Monday 6th June 2022**. If you are interested in standing for election to the Village Hall Committee, please email Helen at abdon.villagehall@gmail.com for more details. In particular, we are looking to recruit a new Treasurer as our current Treasurer will be retiring at the AGM.

Culmington Village Hall Activities & Events - April

Every Mon	Coffee Morning, 10:00 to 11:30.
Every Mon	Bridge Club, afternoon. Contact: Peter Whitehead, pst.whitehead@gmail.com
Every Tues	Chair Yoga For All Abilities Contact: Liz Curtis, 07734 358 001 or lizcurtisyoga@gmail.com
Sat 2nd/ Sun 3rd	Craft Goods Sale and Workshops, 10am to 4pm. Contact: Chris Hatt, 01584 872 757 or 07801 564713 or h.hatt@btinternet.com
Wed 13th	WI - 'A Journey through Willow' by John Hart. 7:30pm Visitors welcome. Contact: Jane Cockburn, 01584 841 483
Thurs 21st	Lunch Club, 12:30pm for 1:00pm lunch. Please book with Gwyn on 01584 861 666
Fri 29th	Village Hall Social - Curry night and bar. Contact: Jo, 01584 861 486 or 07872 109 936

Westhope Village Hall



February has been a good month, with Covid restrictions eased we had a brilliant cash bingo evening with some good prizes, the more people we have, the better the rewards. Bingo is always the last Friday in the month, come along and enjoy a fun evening with licensed bar and refreshments. Eyes down 7.30pm.

We have had two Mondays playing whist with the players brushing up on their whist skills. This has proved very popular, and the outcome was to have weekly whist drives from now on instead of fortnightly. Everyone welcome.

We are joining in the main **Jubilee Celebrations** with Diddlebury Village Hall, Diddlebury School and the Church on **Saturday 4th June**, further information available soon.

On a more local note, we are holding an **Afternoon Tea Party** at Westhope Village Hall on **Sunday 5th June**. Everyone welcome. Again, further information to be announced soon.

Saturday 7th May, Westhope

Roof Appeal event, curry and comedy with Ken Pugh and a promises auction. Why not book a table? Tables of 2 to 10 people, come along with your friends and enjoy a great night out and maybe pick up a bargain at the promises auction. £10 per head.

Some of the promises so far include Spa Day with Treatments; Dinner for two at Old Downton Lodge x 2; A day by an experienced tree surgeon; Ludlow Race Day; Dinner party for 6 at local committee members home; Pickup full of logs; An afternoon tea for 4 at Hillside Coppice, the new development in Westhope; A free car journey within a 25 mile radius of Westhope; Four yoga sessions with Sue Pugh; A cleaner for a day, and many more.

We are supporting Flounders Folly and you will find us open for light refreshments and use of facilities. 15th, 18th, and 24th April. 11.00am-4.00pm.

Betty Manley



CORVEDALE TOTS

Every Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00noon - term time only.

Corvedale Tots is a small friendly group for parents, babies, toddlers and bumps run by local mums. Why not come along and enjoy some tea, cake and socialising.



YOGA with SUE PUGH

Every Thursday, 9:15 - 10:15am and 10:30 - 11:30am. There are now a few spaces available in each class. Sue is fully qualified and insured. To book a space contact Betty on 07860 447 397



MONTHLY BINGO

The next bingo night is **Friday 29th April**. Doors open at 7.00pm with eyes down at 7.30pm. The bar will be stocked and there is always great fun to be had.



WHIST DRIVES

Whist drives will now be held weekly on a Monday night, all welcome. Start time 7:30pm.



WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

The first Thursday of the month. All enquiries to Kath Woodhouse 01584 841 254.



WESTHOPE'S ROOF APPEAL

Curry, Comedy and Promise Auction **Saturday 7th May** 7.00pm till late. Licensed Bar.

All enquiries contact Amie on 07486 414 742 or Betty on 07860 447 397.
Our village hall is available to hire with a licensed bar and catering if required.

Westhope Clover Club



The March meeting started on a sad note, remembering our three members whom we have lost since Christmas: Kath Watkins, Eddie Martin, and Verlia Pugh.

We then enjoyed five games of bingo. Our next meeting is Thursday 7th April 2.30pm, at Westhope Village Hall. We will be having a musical afternoon and sing along with HiJinx Ceilidh Band. New members always welcome.

Kath Woodhouse

Diddlebury Village Hall

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



FORTHCOMING EVENTS:



WEST SIDE STORY
7.45pm, Thursday 21st April
Bar opens 7.15
Diddlebury Village Hall
Tickets £5



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SATURDAY 9th APRIL: Concert by the JARUALDA QUARTET with pre-concert buffet. This is a launch event for a new Arts Festival to be held in the Corvedale between 16th and 24th September. Full details in the separate Jarualda Quartet advertisement.

Support Ukraine Charity

CEILIDH DANCE FOR UKRAINE
DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

WITH HILINA CEILIDH BAND

SIMPLE PLOUGHMAN'S BAR RAFFLE FAMILIES WELCOME

TICKETS £10 UNDER 12s £3
SALLY: 01584 841265

SAT 23RD APRIL 7.30PM
All proceeds to Disasters Emergencies Committee

DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Save the date – more details to follow

Queen's Platinum JUBILEE CELEBRATION
1952 2022

At DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 4th JUNE 12pm – 7pm

Corvedale CoE School, St Peter's Church, Diddlebury Village Hall & Westhope Village Hall invite you to come and join the party!
Lots of activities for all to enjoy, everybody welcome.

PLATINUM JUBILEE
70

SUNDAY 26th JUNE

Diddlebury OPEN GARDENS



CLASSES AND GROUP MEETINGS

Tai Chi

Classes: Thursdays, 10.00-11.00am

All participants must book in advance. Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014498/enidgill21@hotmail.com.

Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates

Classes: Fridays, 9.15-10.15am. Please contact Beverley on: 07967 814412/ beverleychumber@sky.com.

Book Group

Second Thursday of each month, 7.30pm. Please contact Cath Burley on: cathburley@hotmail.com.

Corvedale Choir

Mondays, 7.30pm

Blue Hills Choir

Tuesdays, 10.00am

All dates are subject to further government guidelines which can change at short notice. Please refer to our Facebook and Website pages for news of any changes.

Church News



Letter from the Rectory

This month, in terms of the church, will be dominated by Holy Week and Easter. Whilst as a nation we see Christmas as being the major festival, in the life of the church Easter is more important as we celebrate Jesus rising to new life after his crucifixion, death and burial. In Holy Week, the week that leads up to Easter, we remember some of the events in the days leading up to Christ's arrest and crucifixion. Whilst some of them may not be things we particularly want to think about (betrayal, corrupt trials, death) we cannot truly understand and celebrate the wonder of Easter if we haven't thought about what came before it. Unlike those who were there at the time, we know how the story ends so we can never really enter into their despair, and we can never experience the joy of Jesus' resurrection in the same way either. Nevertheless, it is good to immerse ourselves in it as fully as we can. There are services in the churches throughout the week to help us journey through that week with Christ: details are elsewhere in the magazine and you are welcome to join us whenever and wherever you can.

Writing this in mid-March it is difficult to know how the world will look by the time you get to read it. It's currently just under three weeks since Russian tanks moved into Ukraine. Today the news reports tell me that talks between the two sides have resumed but there are also reports of hospitals being bombed: scenes that we probably never expected to see happening in 21st century Europe. Faced with such scenes it can be difficult to know what we can do. In some cases all we can do is to pray and I would encourage you to do that. Let us hope and pray that just as Easter brings joy and the promise of life eternal out of what seems to be despair, so also hope for new life may come out of the darkness of the current situation in Ukraine.

I wish you, when we get there, a very happy Easter.

Rev'd John Beesley



St Peter's, Diddlebury

I am very pleased to report that the **Books, Biscuits and Coffee** morning on 5th March was a great success and raised £146 for church funds. The morning (and the home-made biscuits) were much enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to Megan, Liz and all who helped in different ways.

Now for news of one of our major fund-raisers. For various reasons our **Annual Plant Sale** is being held slightly earlier this year, on **Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd April** from 10am to 4pm. We plan to hold the sale in the marquee in the churchyard as we did last year, which gives far more room for circulation. We are also hoping to be able to sell tea, coffee, home-made cakes etc. in the Church Room. The plant sale has been going for 20 years now, and is a popular feature of Corvedale life. All plants have been grown locally, and will therefore be suited to our particular soils and climate. If you are new to the area, it is an ideal opportunity to stock your garden with good plants at a reasonable price. We hope to have our usual selection of flowers, vegetables and herbs. If you have surplus plants, donations are always welcome, as are offers of help on the days. Please call Megan on 841650.

Finally, advance notice of our second major fund-raiser. The annual **Church Fête and Dog Show** will be held on **Saturday 11th June** in the **Village Hall** between **2 and 4pm**. I am sure that you will all welcome back this well-loved event after an enforced absence of two years. More details in our next issues.

Martin Speight

Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



April 2022

3rd	Mrs Worthington*	10th	Mrs Worthington*
17th	Easter Decorations	24th	Mrs Jones

*Brasses only

The Corvedale Kitchen

Left over lamb pilaf

A new contributor this month. This is a great recipe for using up left over roast lamb.

Ingredients

300g of cooked lamb (left over lamb from a roast is ideal)	300ml of lamb stock
150g basmati rice	2 tablespoons of flaked almonds
200g tin of chopped tomatoes	Mango chutney or plain yoghurt to serve
100g finely chopped apricots	

Method

1. Finely chop the cooked lamb, add to a saucepan with the lamb stock and bring to a simmer.
2. Add the tinned tomatoes and the apricots and warm through for a few minutes.
3. Add the rice, cover with a lid and simmer over a low heat for 20 minutes or until all the liquid is absorbed by the rice (add a little more stock if the mix becomes too dry). Stir regularly.
4. Sprinkle the flaked almonds over the cooked pilaf and serve with either the mango chutney or the yoghurt, according to taste.

Laurie Robinson



Diddlebury Parish Road Safety

Diddlebury Parish Council, supported by West Mercia Police Safer Roads team, has now delivered two wheelie bin stickers to all households on Mill Lane, The Moors and along the B4368. The stickers are designed to remind drivers to slow down.

However, it has been noted that several households have not yet had chance to apply the stickers to their wheelie bins. If you are concerned about speeds and wish to help remind drivers to slow down, then please attach the wheelie bin stickers provided. Every household has

been issued two stickers to use: one for each wheelie bin. Alternatively, if you are having difficulty in attaching the wheelie bin stickers, please contact Diddlebury Parish Council at diddleburypc@gmail.com who will send a representative to assist you.

Remember - the stickers have greater impact by only being displayed on bin day. Please do not alter how you would use the bin and do not locate it too close to the road where it could pose a danger.

Sara Thompson

Last call for Corvedale Festival Launch tickets!

Have YOU got yours yet? Tickets for the launch event for the inaugural Corvedale Festival are selling well, but if you're quick you still have time to get yourself a great night out, support your local festival AND the chance to grab a spectacular bargain at the same time! The evening will begin with a finger buffet, during which you will get the opportunity to mingle with some of the Festival Artists, find out what will be happening in September and take advantage of our super – special discount on the 'All Festival Pass'. At the launch these will be priced at the special '**On the Night**' price of **£75, saving you an EXTRA £10 on the regular pass price of £85** and £73 on the cost of individual tickets! We can take cash or card

so please make sure you're equipped to take advantage. There are only fifty passes available in total and they are only available until the end of July (or sooner if they're all sold) - don't miss out! On behalf of the Corvedale Festival committee, I look forward to welcoming you on April 9th. In the meantime do check out the website www.corvedalefestival.org for full details, both of the Launch and the Festival, and the advert elsewhere in this magazine which has details of how to get your tickets which are **only available until Wednesday 6th April** because of getting final numbers to the catering team!

Ruth Henley, on behalf of Corvedale Festival

Love Birds?

Following the launch of a wilding project at Westhope in South Shropshire, Wild About Westhope is delighted to announce its latest event - a Dawn Chorus Walk

The Dawn Chorus Walk will take place at **6.00am on Thursday 21st April**. Hosted by local bird guide, Dave Pearce, the walk will identify bird song and appearances of native and visiting bird species whilst walking through the scenic landscape around the hamlet of Westhope.

At the end of the walk, which is expected to last two to three hours, there will be a welcome breakfast bap and hot beverages.

Wild About Westhope was formed last year and has enjoyed a successful winter restoring areas of woodland to improve habitats and increase the potential for biodiversity especially woodland flora which are in serious decline.

Landowner and founder of Wild About Westhope, Anne Dyer, said: '*We are lucky to have a varied and diverse number of native and non-native birds who visit the area around Westhope. We would like to offer interested people the opportunity to learn more about these feathered friends during the Dawn Chorus Walk.*'

Dave Pearce is a founding committee member of Wild About Westhope and is well known for his birding and wildlife expertise. He is a knowledgeable guide who aims

to inform and inspire those who join the walk.

The cost is £5 which includes a breakfast bap and hot beverages at the end of the walk. Please bring your own mug or cup. All proceeds go to help continue the valuable work of Wild About Westhope. Numbers are limited to 10 people. To register or find out more contact Dave on **07791 180 488**.

There will also be an evening walk taking place on **Monday 16th May**.

Sue Corfield



The Story of Aston Hall

Part Three: The End of the Line

Last month's article concluded with the death of Charles, Second Viscount Carington in 1706, and the life interest in all his properties, which he bequeathed to his wife Anne. The Dowager Countess lived until 1748, and it was not until then that Francis VI of Aston was able to enter into the considerable inheritance. He appears to have moved from Aston to Wootton by 1730, but only as the tenant of his cousin's widow. Unfortunately, like so many of his family, Francis was unable to produce a surviving male heir, and he lived for only a few months after inheriting all the family estates. On his death in 1749 the estates passed to an uncle, Charles Smith of Ludlow, who died four years later, again without a male heir. His brother William then inherited the estates, but died five years later without issue. As so often happened with landed families, the male line then came to an end. There were, however, two female descendants to inherit the estates.



The arms of John Wright. His shield incorporates the peacocks from the arms of his wife's family, the Smiths.

Francis VI had two sisters. The younger, Catherine, became a nun, but the elder, Constantia was twice married. Her first husband was John Wright, of Kelvedon Hall in Essex. He died in 1751, leaving a son, also John, and two daughters. Constantia then married Peter Holford, by whom she had a daughter, Catherine Maria. When Charles Smith died in 1754, John Wright and Peter Holford held all the estates as an *undivided*

moiety - that is they were joint holders of the property rather than of a separate half each. This changed in 1776, when the estates were split, with Wright having the Aston property, and Holford's daughter's descendants having Wootton. Aston now became once again a distinct unit, with the Wrights as absentee owners.

I am not aware that the Wrights ever took much interest in their Shropshire holdings, and the Hall had already begun a new role as a farmhouse after Francis Smith VI had moved to Wootton. Other small manor houses in the district such as Elsieh and Thonglands also shared this fate. I have yet to discover anything about the eighteenth century tenants, but the nineteenth century census records show that from 1841 until some time after 1871 the estate was farmed by members of the Downes family. The Downes are one of

the oldest families in the Corvedale, whose members can be found at least as far back as the sixteenth century. They were to be found along the length of the Dale (those who farmed at Aston Hall in the nineteenth century came from a branch at Shipton) and from all levels of society from minor gentry to agricultural labourers. They farmed upwards of 600 acres at Aston, which put them among the top tenant farmers of the neighbourhood. They were succeeded by the Sankey family, who had previously farmed a holding half the size of Aston at Stapleton.

Interestingly, the Wrights, like the Smiths before them, had trouble in producing heirs. John Wright (I) was succeeded by his son John, who died in 1826, who was in turn succeeded by his grandson, John Francis, as his own son had predeceased him. John Francis died without issue in 1868, and his nephew Edward Carington Wright inherited the estate. In 1896 Wright began the process of disposal of the estate by selling Upper Millichope to Capt. Beckwith of Millichope Park. In 1911 he sold the Hall and 100 acres to P.G. Holder, whom we have already met in connection with Sutton Court. Holder quickly sold the property to Mr J.I. Benson. In another transaction he sold the Middlehope portion to Holder, who in 1919 incorporated it with other lands into a completely reconstructed Delbury estate. The Bensons lived at Aston Hall until 1978, when the Hall was sold. As is often the case when a property is sold for the first time in many years, the house has changed hands several times since. Major Benson, who was well-known in the district as a land agent, and his family moved in to the Race House which he had built nearby, and where one of his grandchildren still lives.

Afterword

One of the problems of researching Aston Hall has been the absence of family papers, both for the Smith and the Wright families. They were in existence a century ago, but the Archives Services in Warwickshire and Essex have no knowledge of their whereabouts. I am grateful to Peter Bolton for ferreting out some Aston deeds in, of all places, the Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust, and for the Kidlington photograph.

I was puzzled by the adoption of the name Carington for the peerage. Eventually I discovered that, like so many who have been ennobled before and since, he must have employed a genealogist to produce a fake pedigree from Sir John Smith of Carrington in Cheshire, who lived in the thirteenth century. Interestingly, the same descent was claimed by a nineteenth century Nottingham banker, Robert Smith, who took the title of Baron Carrington in 1797. This line, which has no connection with the Smiths of Aston and Wootton, continues today. The sixth baron was Lord Carrington, who served Lady Thatcher as Foreign Secretary.



Corvedale Book Group

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

We were delighted to welcome a new member to the book group at our March meeting. It was a sombre meeting at times in view of the news from Ukraine. Ironically, the book we had started to read just before the Russian invasion starts:

'In a city swollen by refugees but still mostly at peace, or at least not openly at war...

It might seem odd that in cities teetering at the edge of an abyss young people still go to class...

...but that is the way of things, with cities as in life, for one moment we are pottering about our errands as usual and the next we are dying, and our eternally impending ending does not put a stop to our transient beginnings and middles until the instant when it does.'

In an unnamed city in an unnamed country Saeed and Nadia meet at an evening class and begin to notice each other, surreptitiously at first, then cautiously, then more openly. Their relationship develops despite the context of restrictions to liberty, invasion, war and destruction, and death becomes commonplace. As two young people seeking some independence from their families of origin, they discover it is difficult to find somewhere to meet. They do. As the restrictions increase, they hear of doors opening into other worlds. This provides hope and a possible means of escape. Are the doors real, they ponder? What are the risks? Will paying to go through them lead to them being exploited, harmed, or killed, or will it provide an opportunity for a new and different life. What choice do they have? Could they leave family, parents, work? So, they make the choice, if it was a choice they had, and move from the familiar to the unknown.

The book charts the arrival, rather than the journey, through a door to Mykonos and thence to London, although it could as easily have been another place. Is this better than what we left; they wonder? They begin to understand the new place in which they are living, its rules and different restrictions. One of them embraces the difference, the other holds on to the familiar patterns of life, and their togetherness becomes more apart. They move onto new lives, each opening other doors.

The majority of the group found this to be one of the most powerful books we had read for some months. It was poignant, stunning, sad, harrowing. The juxtaposition with the events of the last few weeks was painful reading. The

sentences were beautifully crafted, almost poetic in cadence, echoing other forms of scripture and literature at times. One section reflects on the meaning of prayer to Saeed, how it evolved from his childhood prayers in his bedroom with his mother, bringing closeness and peace at the end of the day, to his acceptance at prayer with his father and other men, praying for the community. In exile the ritual of prayer is important in other ways, forming a connection with that past love, acknowledging present and future loss and the universality of the things they were experiencing. The writing moved effortlessly between the story of the two individuals, their relationship, and the wider picture, noting, almost casually the times when, while they were doing something, the sun was rising or setting elsewhere in the world, and elsewhere people were carrying on their normal rituals in their daily lives. The buildup of horrific events and greater restriction had even more emphasis for being described dispassionately. It seemed to mirror the way in which people might become inured to death when it becomes too commonplace to be talked about.

The artifice of the doors was both disturbing and intriguing. The author frequently describes characters on their mobile phones partaking in other worlds, into their lifestyles, for moments or for longer periods of time. In that sense moving through the door is an extension of that. Whether it was possible, or indeed really happened, is left as one of many uncertainties. We are made to think about the influence an individual has in society, whether

nationhood is important and should be preserved, what it means to choose to go into exile, to become a refugee and to recreate one's life in a different setting.

Although the book was about conflict, it was mainly about resilience and survival. The tenderness and respect that Saeed and Nadia showed to each other throughout the difficulties of building their lives anew, time after time, made emotional reading. Beyond their intimate relationship, peoples and countries pull apart, then pull together in new formations. There is no going back, but life goes on. The book gave us much to think about and would be worth re-reading.

When we meet in April, we will be discussing *Our spoons came from Woolworths* by Barbara Comyns. This story is set in 1930s London and tells the tale of 21-year-old Sophie and her painter husband Charles.

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Diddlebury & Westhope WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN
Fantastic to see so many new faces!

We held our taster session on Wednesday 9th March and I'm so pleased to say it was a real success. We had a room full of new faces which was just so lovely to see! I hope all of you that came really enjoyed the evening and who you will come along again to our future meetings. It really makes such a difference when you have a room full of laughter and chatter.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 13th April** at 7.30pm and our speaker for the evening will be John Hart talking about '*A Journey through Willow*'. This will be

followed by tea and cake, of course! We will also have a simple competition where we bring along an item starting with a letter. Next month it will be something beginning with 'S'. It can be anything from the mundane to the unusual.

Look forward to seeing you all again next month and thank you again for coming along for our taster session, it really was a pleasure to welcome you all.

Jane Cockburn, 01584 841 483, pmc1989@btinternet.com

Munslow WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Twenty members and friends gathered in Beambridge Clubroom to hear a talk with slides by Mr Barrie Archer who was introduced by President Loraine. Barrie has been deep sea diving for more than 25 years, travelling all over the world.

With the help of the colourful slides, we learned about coral reefs where most marine creatures live. Amongst other things we saw colourful Christmas tree worms, octopus and turtles and we were very surprised to see an iguana walking on the seabed! Did you know that the reason fish swim in shoals is to confuse predators? Depth, temperature of water and pressure are just some of the things that must be considered before one is able to dive. Sometimes a buoyancy lab is used, like those used in space exploration.

Barrie was pleased to be able to answer questions before being warmly thanked by Anne Donnelly.

As there was no charge for the afternoon event, we were able to make a collection for the Ukrainian people which raised £111.

Tea, coffee, and cake were served with much cheerful chat before people left.

At our next meeting we hope to be painting Easter eggs whilst enjoying a bring-and-share supper during the evening of **Wednesday 13th April** at Beambridge Clubroom starting at 7.30pm.

We are also holding a **coffee morning** on **Saturday 7th May** to raise funds for our local Refuge. This is to be held at our President's home, The Heath, Munslow. Everyone welcome. For more information call me on 01584 841251.

Jenny Rose

Hayton & District WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Phyllis welcomed a goodly number to our March meeting (judging by the volume of chatter, there was a lot of news to be caught up on). Apologies for absence were taken and minutes of the last meeting read, approved, and signed. Sue thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the Snowdrop Weekend at St Peter's Church, despite the dreadful weather; £555 had been raised for church funds. Plans for the Jubilee celebrations are taking shape, driven by a group involving members from the Village Hall committee, Church and a representative from our WI. Notices of forthcoming events were given.

Phyllis then introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr. Mike Jackson, who gave a presentation with slides entitled '*The Fun Factory; how ATV became Central Television (and sobered up)*'. He traced the ups and downs of the television company from the building of the studios in Birmingham in 1968 until the loss of its franchise in 1982. The company was built up by Sir Lew Grade and relied on

revenue from advertisements - £140,000 in 3½ minutes, or £2 million per day! this proved to be a double-edged sword as the management was beholden to the electrician's union who could literally 'pull the plug' at short notice if their demands were ignored. Many of the programs produced for ATV were actually made at Elstree Studios in London - names that jogged the memory included Celebrity Squares, New Faces, Crossroads, Thunderbirds and TisWas; this loss of local programming, combined with a culture of 'self medication to relieve stress' lead to ATV losing its franchise to Central Television in 1982.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 14th April, Belly Dancing** - a demonstration by Tina Hobbin (not to be missed!) and the competition, letter 'T'; for more information, please ring Phyllis on 01584 823 436, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Barbara Wright



CORVEDALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



Do you think YOU could be an Associate Governor at Corvedale CE Primary School and Nursery?

Situated in the village of Diddlebury our small idyllic primary school is looking to recruit Associate Governors.

We are reaching out to find associate governors to join the governing body to bring different perspectives, experience, skills and enthusiasm to our governor team. Associate governors fulfil the same role as full governors except they do not have a vote other than in sub-committees. They are recruited with a view to becoming full governors as vacancies arise.

THE ROLE OF A SCHOOL GOVERNOR IS TO:

- Support, challenge, ensure accountability and champion success.
- Provide, Monitor & Evaluate strategic management within the setting,
- Allocate the budget and appoint the Head teacher.

If you are seeking a challenging and rewarding voluntary position, then we would love to hear from you.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This appointment will be subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure and the receipt of satisfactory references.
The Governing Board are committed to promoting a culture of equality and diversity through our policies, procedures and working practices. We therefore welcome applicants from all sectors of the community.

To find out more about our school please visit our website or contact us to arrange a visit:

www.corvedaleschool.co.uk
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The Chair of Governors -David Hedgley
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Corvedale School



2022 marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of Corvedale Primary School. Of course, there have been schools in the dale for a lot longer but back in 1982 the decision was made to bring the schools in Culmington, Stanton Lacy, Munslow and Diddlebury together on one site here in Diddlebury. We would like to hear from anyone who was one of those first pupils in 1982 at the new school. Maybe you have some memories you would like to share with us of that occasion. We would particularly like copies of photographs of the new school at that time (or of any events to mark the closure of the old village schools).

We are creating an exhibition in the school corridor with photographs and information spanning the past 40 years and beyond. This will hopefully be open to view at the end of term.

You can get in contact through my email address

head@corvedaleprimary.co.uk and we look forward to hearing from you.

We are saddened to be saying goodbye to our much-loved school office manager this month. Kirsty Pote has not been with us that long but recently she has helped us through the problems caused by the pandemic and been a major driving force helping with the setting up of our nursery. We could not have done it without her. We all send with her our very best wishes as she takes on her new role at William Brookes School in Much Wenlock. Our loss is most certainly their gain.

For more information on what's 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

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The Corvedale News Team

Return of the Corvedale Cake Walk - Saturday 30th April 2022



The Marches Long Distance Walking Association (LDWA) has again offered to run this event in aid of Holdgate and Eaton under Heywood churches. The event will start and end at Holdgate. There will be two walks available - 10 and 22 miles respectively. The shorter walk (£12 entry fee) will go to Clee St Margaret via the Brown Clee and back to Holdgate via Tugford. The longer version (£15 entry fee) does the same route and then heads over Wenlock Edge down to Eaton with a return to Holdgate. The highlight of these activities are the amazing refreshments. Our cakes are

now famous! Not to mention the glorious landscapes you pass through.

Entries are made with the Si Entry system which you can access through the LDWA. However, we can make other arrangements if this is not possible for you.

Any further details can be obtained from Claire Brentnall claire.n.brentnall@gmail.com or 078 373 61196.

Claire Brentnall

HEATH CHAPEL IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION - SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

Community Event. Everyone will be welcome.
Marquee • Entertainment • Free BBQ, Coffee & Tea
Bring a Share Plate, your own drinks and a chair!! Time TBC

Poetry Corner Some verses for April.

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

Scott Donovan

Scott lives for part of each year in Middlehope

The storm on Wenlock Edge

Over Wenlock Edge mighty winds blew from the east
 Razor edged they cut through all in their path.
 Strong gusts ripped undergrowth and tree canopy asunder.
 The winds stirred a cauldron of noise fomented anger
 Driving creatures to safely flee from the wood.

The gale's cruel torment roared across Edge and vale
 A relentless drone as wind rushed through tree leaves
 Its continuous roar a distraught ghostly howling.
 Terrifyingly it drowned out all other sounds.
 Now no birdsong could be heard or animal calling.

Trees like soldiers stood bravely resisting the wind's advance
 But many were felled by relentless pushing and tugging.
 Some uprooted and laid low by the wind's savagery.
 Branches and boughs all tossed and thrown to earth
 Leaving the woodland floor scattered with fallen brash.

After the storm, an eery quiet returns to ancient forests
 No more the tormented winds blowing strong.
 But alas much has been harshly damaged and destroyed.
 A graveyard feel now cloaks the forest floor.
 The struggle between life and death laid bare.

But now as if by magic nature heals its fallen heroes.
 With Pan-inspired spiritual and physical resurgent growth,
 First birds resume their flight and gaily sing again.
 Then plant life fills the storm's newly created open spaces.
 With this once more, the forest's calm and peace restored.

*Images courtesy of Scott Donovan
 This poem is in the public domain*

**A E Housman** (26 March 1859 - 30 April 1936)

Alfred Edward Housman was an English classical scholar and poet. His cycle of poems, A Shropshire Lad, wistfully evokes the constraints and limited choices of youth in the English countryside. The simplicity and distinctive imagery of the writing appealed strongly to Edwardian taste, and to many early 20th-century English composers, both before and after the First World War. Through their song-settings, the poems became closely associated with that era, and with Shropshire itself.

On Wenlock Edge, the wood's in trouble

On Wenlock Edge the wood's in trouble;
 His forest fleece the Wrekin heaves;
 The gale, it plies the saplings double,
 And thick on Severn snow the leaves.

'Twould blow like this through holt and hanger
 When Uricon the city stood:
 'Tis the old wind in the old anger,
 But then it threshed another wood.

Then, 'twas before my time, the Roman
 At yonder heaving hill would stare:
 The blood that warms an English yeoman,
 The thoughts that hurt him, they were there.

There, like the wind through woods in riot,
 Through him the gale of life blew high;
 The tree of man was never quiet:
 Then 'twas the Roman, now 'tis I.

The gale, it plies the saplings double,
 It blows so hard, 'twill soon be gone:
 To-day the Roman and his trouble
 Are ashes under Uricon.

This poem is in the public domain



Philip Larkin (9 August 1922 – 2 December 1985)

The storm over Ukraine

When the Russian tanks roll westward,
 what defence for you and me?

Col Sloman's Essex Rifles? The Light Horse of the LSE?

Permission applied for

Corvedale Garden Group

Bury Court Gardens, Wigmore

Saturday 19th March saw clear blue skies, no wind to speak of and temperatures which didn't have you wearing two of everything. In short, a perfect start to the years garden visits. 35 people showed up for our first visit since October 2019, so it felt like a real celebration of gardening and friendships, as we all caught up with each other whilst wondering how someone's garden could look this organised so early in the season.

Les and Margaret Barclay greeted us warmly at their garden in Wigmore and talked about their 20+ years gardening there since 1997. The courtyard below the 1820's stone farmhouse was pure stone, so there they had added topsoil and created a higher level to their garden. The driveway was edged with borders with a central oval bed and a pond just inside the gate on the left. Margaret commented that she had had to use a pickaxe to plant the occasional deeper-rooted tree. Nevertheless, it all thrived. The early spring bulbs were coming out so there was plenty of colour from daffodils, hyacinths, primulas and pulmonaria, with plenty of promise of things to come, looking at the perennials pushing through between them. Sheltering them were fruit trees and shrubs. The barn ahead of us had a whole terrace of different sized bird boxes on it. The garden was obviously very bird friendly, listening to the birdsong as we walked around.

Carrying on up the steps to the terrace in front of the house, there were gravelled beds with lavender and herbs, an owl family stone sculpture and a shallow metal dish with three metal birds, encouraging their natural counterparts to join them in pecking for seeds. We then worked our way around the sides of the house, passing a vegetable plot screened from the road by a new yew hedge to grassy lawns where chairs and tables were set for our coffee and cake later. Finally, to the rear of the house. What a surprise!

The semi walled garden was much more extensive than you would predict. In front of the main entrance was a sea of different coloured crocus, with other areas to the left of it, around the well-used greenhouse and potting table also full of naturalised bulbs - early tulips, chionodoxa, purple crocus, blue anemones, iris reticulata, yellow primulas and orange marigolds. Paths led either side of the main lawn and a deep perennial bed, down another terrace to a lower garden with two huge, neatly clipped evergreen mounds, either side of a planted older stone, cider-press. There was another, bigger pond, though I didn't spot goldfish and frogspawn as in the other pond at the front. Neat hedges framed the garden. There was a novel double rose ladder training a serious climbing rose up either side of two conifers to the side of a



stand of bamboo. Returning up the other side of the garden were flower and fruit beds still to show their full potential.

While we later sat chatting with our teas and coffees and a choice of more than half a dozen delicious cakes served by friendly volunteers, we marvelled at how Margaret kept on top of it with only 9 hours help a week. Les and Margaret are open under the NGS on Sunday 10th April 2.00-5.00pm if you would like to see the garden in a few weeks. They also open to groups by arrangement, February to May and September to October. This would be a garden worth visiting across all the seasons.

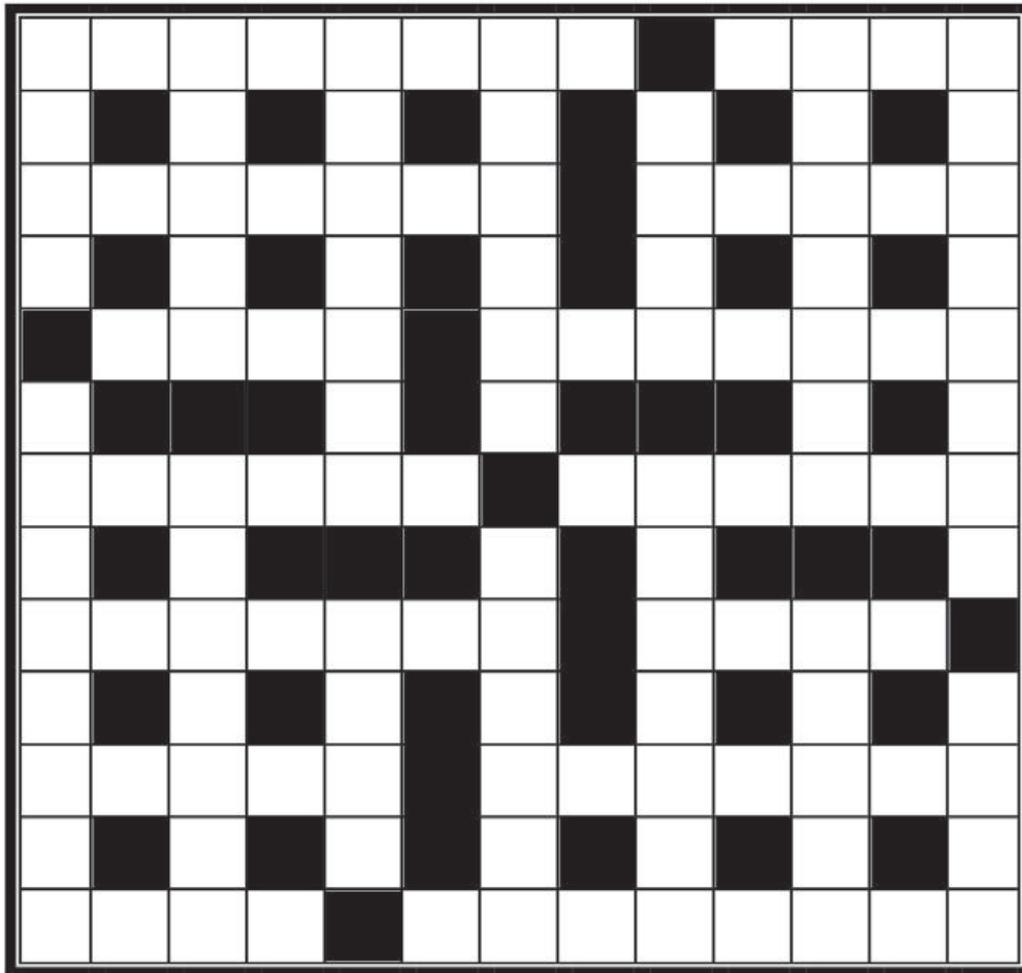
Les and Margaret are members of Wigmore Garden Group which has been going for 20+ years; and has a very interesting double programme of speakers and visits. On the couple of occasions on which I attended a talk I was made very welcome.

Corvedale Garden Group is now registered as an Affiliated Society with the Royal Horticultural Society, which confers several benefits and helps to link people interested in gardens and horticulture across the country. Our Saturday 23rd April visit, (deferred a week to miss Easter weekend), is across the border to finally get to see Dr Derek and Mrs Monica Own at Maesfron, Trewern, near Welshpool. They have a walled kitchen garden with restored Victorian conservatories, a shell grotto and parkland walks. We meet there at 10.00. Entry fee is £8 per person. Please car share where possible now restrictions have eased. If you are not a member and would like to join us for the visit, please let me know ten days beforehand so I can confirm numbers for catering purposes.

Cath Burley

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April Crossword - by Artemonas



Solve the clues then fit them jigsaw-wise into the grid

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| A | Lover, maybe not in my eye but of my eye | (5) | O | Tie boys up to encourage fatness | (7) |
| B | Wounded bristle makes another wound | (7) | P | Footballer absorbs books in Little Rock | (6) |
| C | No racy action with the drawer | (6) | Q | Leave and can George be resigning? | (8) |
| D | Now Sid, sadly, will refuse to recognise | (6) | R | He has straps round to help when he comes back in | (7) |
| E | The way the cats lie is flexible | (7) | R | Says again what we've seen before | (7) |
| F | Church celebration might involve lots of food | (5,3) | S | Cricketers do this – but in the snow? | (8) |
| G | Seeing other part of ancient tribe | (4) | T | Ought, that is, to become a hard man | (7) |
| H | Quiet hospitals round America | (4) | U | Take your shoes off with a French trim | (6) |
| I | Thoughts are nearly perfect | (5) | V | Opening partly prevents stale air | (4) |
| J | Preserves the blocks | (4) | W | We're at the races in Germany for a soaking | (7) |
| K | Integrate insect on the radio | (4) | X | Unknown man able to pass through bodies | (4) |
| L | Maybe due lots of noise | (7) | Y | Get your taxes done when these times finish | (4,4) |
| M | Small boy supported football team quietly | (5) | Y | Broken cart might be kept in here | (4) |
| N | European in pleasant relative | (5) | Z | For the animals sleeps with two ducks in the middle | (4) |

ANSWERS TO MARCH'S CROSSWORD:

ACROSS: 1) Eyeful; 4) Tower; 8) Below; 9) Hearsay; 10) Earnest; 11) Mesh; 12) Ebb; 14) Mend; 15) Rash; 18) Yet; 21) Earn; 23) Artless; 25) Inferno; 26) Ridge; 27) Erect; 28) Entrap;

DOWN: 1) Emblem; 2) Enlarge; 3) Unwieldy; 4) Tear; 5) Waste; 6) Rhythm; 7) White; 13) Brethren; 16) Slender; 17) Feline; 19) Talon; 20) Sleep; 22) Rifle; 24) Grit;

Parish Councils

CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 1st March 2022

Present: Cllrs I Steele (Chair), A Pike, J Turley, C Byng, J Mear, M Holland and M Seabrook.

In attendance: H Coonick (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence Received: Cllr I Alderson. Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None.

Public involvement session: None.

Minutes of the Meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Wednesday, 1st February 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed.

PC Stephen Grant (Neighbourhood Team) and Review of Policing Charter: PC Grant reported that speed checks had been carried out in the village and the average speed was 32.6 mph. He will investigate if a Speedwatch can be set up. He had received a video of lorries parked outside the Laundry Works and had forwarded this to various departments for comment. He encouraged parishioners to sign up to 'Neighbourhood Matters' to receive notification of both incidents and events and to use Operation SNAP. The police are unable to act unless they have sufficient information. Cllr Steele thanked PC Grant and PCSO Hinton. It was agreed that for the Policing Charter the top three Community Issues for the forthcoming three months should be Speeding, Anti-Social Behaviour and Other Traffic Offences.

Finance: The Financial Report was reviewed and the total as of the 14 February 2022 was £7,793.88. This was reconciled with the bank account.

Payments Authorised: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £45, H Coonick Clerk's Salary Jan-March £678.60, travel expenses £53.20 for April 2021-March 2022, Data Protection Fee £35.

It was agreed that the Internal Auditor for 2022-2023 should be Mrs Jayne Disley. The Uncontested Election Recharge for May 2021 will be £100. It was decided to request £1000 for the Environmental Maintenance Grant.

Reports: Cllr Motley (report read by the Clerk). Shropshire Council Legal officers advise that changes to the parish boundaries need to be supported by over 50% of parishioners. She had talked to John Bellis (Shropshire Council) about the flooding at the church. Acton Scott seem to be making progress with developing new ideas. The government is encouraging closer

working with Telford and Wrekin and wants both to elect a single mayor. A petition has been set up to restore ambulance stations due to the long waits for ambulances. The proposed budget has been agreed but the Government's Levelling Up bids have been passed over.

Village Hall: Cllr Mear reported that they had held a meeting the previous week. The Pudding Night was very successful. Bookings are increasing, a Jubilee sub-committee had been set up and they plan to have events on the 3rd and 5th June. There are discussions about getting a bar in the village hall.

Flood Committee: Cllr Byng read a report from the meeting on 9th February. There is a hydraulic model for the River Teme for 2022-2023 centred on Ludlow, This would include a wider catchment area, including Culmington. John Bellis (Shropshire Council) reported that there is a Culmington funding pot; some of this is for tree planting as a means of reducing flow.

Community Governance and Boundary Review: It was agreed that the Clerk should report the considered boundary changes to Shropshire Council and discuss how to involve parishioners in the review at the next meeting.

Planning Update: It was agreed that the Clerk should refer this matter to Cllr Motley.

Condemned Tree in Culmington Village: It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Shropshire Council.

Road Closure and Informing Residents: Deferred to the next meeting.

Queen's Jubilee Canopy and Plaque: An elm tree is due to be planted in the churchyard. The clerk will request a plaque.

Further Nominations for the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party: No further nominations.

Water Leak at Castle Barn Bank: The work carried out by Shropshire Council Highways appears to have been successful.

Plastic Waste at Laundry Works: Despite telephone calls and emails the Clerk has not had an update from the Environment Agency.

Parish Council Website and Planning: Cllr Motley has asked the Planning Department to work with Web Orchard, who host the Parish website, to ensure the link is restored.

Items for the Next Meeting on 5th April 2022: Road Closure Information, Boundary Review Survey.

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ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2022 at Abdon Village

Present: Cllrs R Price (Chair), G Trim, P Hartley, C Yarwood. W Richards (clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Open Session: There were complaints that the road surfaces remained awful.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Apologies: Cllr M Whalley.

Minutes: The Chair read the minutes from the meeting on 31 January 2022. They were unanimously agreed to be correct and were signed by the Chair.

Finance: The balance as at 4 February 2022 was £5278.26. There is an outstanding bill for insurance of £218.00.

Insurance Renewal Quotes: Came and Company have become Gallagher, and the renewal quote is £218.00. Zurich declined to quote as they couldn't compete.

Public Reports to Parish Council: Parish Council protocol was discussed. Cllr Trim proposed that when a potential breach is reported to the Parish Council, the Parish Council would contact the person who is causing the potential breach for a response. This response will be reported back to all councillors for them to vote on whether to report the matter to Shropshire Council or not. This was seconded by Cllr Yarwood and agreed unanimously.

Parish Council Code of Conduct: The Local Government Association code of conduct was presented. It was agreed unanimously to adopt the Code.

Correspondence: Roads: Drains were blocked on Osley Bank, and there are potholes along the Wynetts. The potholes at Heath have been done.

Police Updates: There have been attempted burglaries of machinery, power tools, scrap from outbuildings and yards in the area surrounding Ludlow, also phishing emails and fraud. Advice is never to give out personal details: hang up and call the company phone number you have found.

Road Closures: Stanton Long 9th-16th March. Bent Lane, Ditton Priors 16th-29th May. **Green Heating Project Funding:** Applications will be open from 14th March to 27th May, and are available to Public, Private and third sector. This will be added to the website. **CIL Funding:** Expressions of interest for CIL funding workshop 23rd March on zoom 6-7pm. Cllr Trim to attend. **Planning Application 22/00098/FU:** Land at Upper House - refused permission. Cllr Trim updated meeting that the applicant had re-submitted the application due to an error made by Shropshire Council.

AOB: The Clerk's resignation has been accepted and an advert has been distributed via SALC. The Chairman has spoken to Jayne Madley from the Corvedale. The Clerk will contact her about potential acceptance of role.

Items for consideration for the next meeting (for dissemination of information only): None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:05

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed. All residents of the villages are invited to attend

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*Parish Councils Continued...***MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL****Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd March 2022**

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Edward Povey, Nigel Dobson, David Marston, Val Fotheringham and Graham Williams. Also Present: Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Meeson - received and accepted.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Williams for item Land South of Bowgate Farm Rowe Lane.

Public Forum: Mr and Mrs Cleevly were in attendance re Aston Hall. They reported that Shropshire Council planning department required a new application. The changes included an environmental assessment, and proposals for the yew hedge now satisfied Shropshire Council. Two reports on noise pollution state that the noise from the swimming pool would not be perceptible. They are employing a surveyor jointly with their neighbour to register the boundary of the property.

Minutes from meeting held on 3rd February 2022 were approved.

Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley reported that Shropshire Council has been given a single-year settlement by the Government. Mr Gove is keen for Shropshire, including Telford and Wrekin, to have a Mayor and the Council is discussing this. The Council is working with the hospital trust to assist with bed blocking. They are still waiting for the outcome of the bus service bid which would make a difference to public transport in the Corvedale. The budget for road repairs has increased.

Urgent Items: Cllr Marston reported a manhole cover at Hungerford has slipped and has left a hole.

Planning Matters: 22/00278/FUL - Erection of a building for the storage of farm machinery/tools and stabling of horses; widening of existing field access from 4.5m to 9m Land South of Bowgate Farm, Rowe Lane: Cllr Williams left the room for this item. Four supported and one abstained. Resolved to support the application.

22/00278/FUL - Erection of garage to rear of existing stable block, erection of front boundary wall and partial demolition of existing wall at the Chains, Munslow: Resolved to support the erection of a garage but with a clause preventing residential or commercial uses. The erection of a boundary wall was objected to as the Council does not believe that the land is owned by the applicant.

21/05921/LBC: Aston Hall. Reconsultation due to amendments on the application. The Council resolved to support this re-application as they are satisfied with the amendments.

Reports: The Council needs to consider the Parish boundaries and whether there would be a benefit from joining a larger parish. Acton Scott plans are making progress.

Beambridge Village Hall: Cllr Dobson reported that the committee had accepted the quote for heating and lighting works. Wifi is now in place.

Finance: The reconciled bank account holds £13,027.45 as of 22nd Dec 2021. There have been no payments since that date. Cllr Marston signed the bank reconciliation.

Internal Auditor: It was agreed that the internal auditor for 2022-2023 would be Mr Kevin Adams.

Payments Authorised: H Coonick (salary Jan -March) £488.20 and travel expenses (Dec-Feb) £13.05. Cllr Archer (postage and heating costs) £8.00.

Highways: The VAS sign will be replaced as it is still faulty. The highest speed recorded was 74.5mph with an average of 1,000 vehicles passing per day. West Mercia police have got funding for speed checks along the Corvedale.

The verge near The Swan needs repairs by Shropshire Council and a report has been made.

Joint Parishes Highways Proposals: The report should be completed by the end of March. The Council had received an email from a parishioner who was concerned about the speed of traffic through Munslow and the lack of vehicle activated signs. Cllr Motley was asked to support the proposals of Joint Parishes working group. She reported that a lot of highways work was now being taken back 'in house' and asked for the report to be sent to her.

Parking at the War Memorial, Munslow: A report will be made to Shropshire Council regarding the parking and it will be included in the Policing Charter.

Application for Environmental Maintenance Grant: £500 was allocated in the budget for the next financial year and an application for matched funding from Shropshire Council will be made.

Hedge cutting along the B4368 is being undertaken by Shropshire Council contractors.

Correspondence: Nominations for Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party - three parishioners will be nominated by the Parish Council for their voluntary work during the pandemic.

Policing Charter and Meeting with Superintendent Bill: The Clerk reported on a meeting between Clerks and West Mercia Police. It was agreed to keep Speeding and Theft from Outbuildings on the Charter and add parking on pavements. Also to comment on communications between the Police and Shropshire Highways regarding speeding enforcement.

Arrangements for the Jubilee weekend 3rd to 6th June 2022: Cllr Archer will attend a meeting on the 8th March 2022 to discuss events. Millichope Park have agreed for an event to be held in their grounds.

The Queen's Jubilee Canopy: An oak tree with a plaque will be planted and a photograph provided to the Queen's Green Canopy, who are mapping the sites.

The Position of Waste Bin: It was decided that up to £300 will be spent on a waste bin next to the bus shelter in the Community Car Park near The Swan. It will be emptied by the landlord of The Swan.

Action regarding a Defibrillator: This was deferred to the next meeting.

Items for the Next Meeting: Boundary Review, Defibrillators, agenda items for the annual meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 7th April 2022 at Beambridge Village Hall

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*Parish Councils Continued...***DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL****Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at Diddlebury Village Hall**

Present: Cllr D Hedgley - Chairman, Cllrs T O'Boyle, A Watson, A Rattu, G Neden, T Pardoe, R Morgan and S Povall. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R. Povall.

In Attendance: The Clerk, Unitary Cllr Motley and five members of the public plus one by Zoom.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Involvement: Sara Thompson has distributed 30mph wheelie bin stickers around Diddlebury village; spares are being sent to other parts of the parish. The Chairman thanked Sara for her work.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th January 2022 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Reports: *The Chairman* thanked Sara Thompson for her efforts in obtaining the offer of a free defibrillator for Diddlebury. It is subject to a time limit so it is hoped the DVH Committee will agree to site it and arrange a supply of electricity within the time limit. There is still no action on the CIL front, which has now passed to a Mr West at SC. The issue of renovating the stables at Delbury Hall Lodge is being investigated by SC. Much time was spent on establishing whether the Moors View planning application falls within Diddlebury or Bache Mill; it is now agreed to be in Diddlebury. Likewise, the location of the Dutch Barn application had to be investigated as the planners now deem it to be in Corfton. With some councillors he had attended a site visit at Hale Barn. He fed back to councillors details of planning enforcement issues gleaned from a Zoom meeting he had attended for parish council Chairmen.

Unitary Cllr Motley reported on SC's current budget objectives and on the government's levelling-up scheme. It appears SC would have to amalgamate with another LA, probably Telford & Wrekin, with a mayor in overall charge, if any assistance were to be gained from Mr Gove's proposals. Neither SC nor T&W have any appetite for this. SC's transport plan has been submitted to the government and a decision is awaited. She again urged the parish council to conduct and conclude its Community Governance Review so it can be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Neden gave the FAG report. The level gauge on Pye Brook is now operational and alarms are being arranged on the upper and lower levels; it remains to be decided to whom alarm messages should be sent and how. Recent minor flooding in Mill Lane was caused by blocked gullies - no properties were flooded.

Cllr Rattu reported on Diddlebury Village Hall. A TV licence has been obtained so sporting events can now be shown and a debit/credit card machine is now available to accept payments.

Cllr Watson thanked DPC for the £2,000 grant for the purchase of Westhope Village Hall. The Committee are actively working with other hall committees to organise joint Platinum Jubilee events for June.

Planning applications: 22/00279/FUL - An application for the proposed conversion of the Dutch barn at the Hale Barn site into three dwellings for rent. The applicant joined the meeting via Zoom and answered various questions raised by councillors and the public. The Chairman outlined the planning history relating to this Dutch barn and explained the reasons why the Planners now say it is located in Corfton, whereas in all previous applications it has been in Diddlebury. After considerable discussion, DPC voted by a majority to support the planning application.

22/00279/FUL - An outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of two detached dwellings and one pair of semi-detached dwellings on land at the Moors View, Diddlebury.

The Chairman advised this site was always assumed to be in Diddlebury, which is designated as open countryside where open market housing development is not permitted. A query had arisen suggesting it may be in Bache Mill, which permits limited development. This was fully investigated and SC now agrees that the site is in Diddlebury. The Chairman therefore proposed that DPC could not support this application as it falls within open countryside and councillors unanimously supported the proposal.

Highways: DPC has been asking SC Highways for three years for the 30mph limit in Mill Lane to be extended beyond Honeydene Farm as there is no pavement, poor visibility and pedestrians are endangered by speeding traffic. No response has ever been forthcoming from SC. It was agreed to put pressure on SC, to discuss it with the police road safety teams and to investigate putting up pedestrian warning signs.

Communications & Correspondence: 16 items of correspondence were considered. It was agreed DPC should support an initiative to prohibit vehicles from using green lanes.

Grievance Procedure for employees: A further draft Grievance Procedure was considered, which will be refined and further considered at the March meeting.

AOB: No matters were raised.

Next meeting: Wednesday 23rd March 2022 commencing at 7.30pm in Westhope Village Hall

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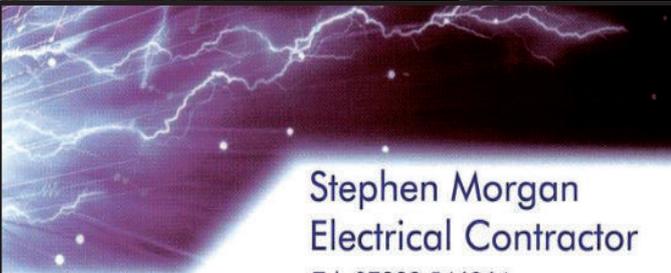
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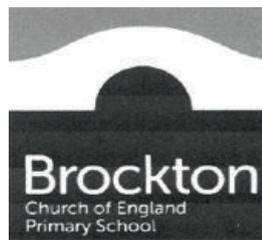
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Contact Numbers for Local Services

(Phone numbers are on the 01584 exchange unless otherwise noted)

	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)	PC 2693 Grant	07773054602	stephen.grant@westmerci.pnn.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	Miles Leach	01746 712567	milesleach712@gmail.com
Blue Hills Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Artists	Juliet Hole Ann Hankinson	01299 832603 01584 841460	
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	jvcedarwood@hotmail.co.uk
Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
Diddlebury Dancing Group	Sally Woodhouse	841265/ 07813 019010	sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday Badminton	Val Fotheringham	841331	
Westhope Clover Club	Kath Woodhouse	841254	

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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 701880	diddleburypc@gmail.com
Munslow Parish Council Clerk	Heather Coonick	07817 607355	munslowpc@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	Helen Audin	01746 712365	abdon.villagehall@gmail.com
Abdon Village Hall website:	www.abdonandheathparish.org		
Beambridge Club Room	Frances Sutton Anne Donnelly	841654	anne7donnelly@gmail.com
Culmington Village Hall	Jeff Williams	07561 838271	culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall	Sally Woodhouse	01584 841265	dvhallbookings@gmail.com
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Diddlebury Church Room	Jan Kennedy	841372	jan_kennedy@icloud.com
Westhope Village Hall	Betty Manley	07860 447397	mbm3049@icloud.com

Children's and Youth Organisations

Corvedale Brownies	Catherine Crowther	861276	
Corvedale School, Playgroup and Nursery	Jonathan Brough	841630	admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk

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 APRIL 2022

	3rd April Lent 5	10th April Palm Sunday	17th April Easter Day	24th April Easter 2
Abdon			Easter Service at 7:30pm on Saturday, see below	
Broadstone				
Culmington	11:15 HC	10am	10am HC	10am
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	Group Service of Holy Communion at Tugford	11:30 HC	Group Service of Holy Communion at Diddlebury
Holdgate	8:30 HC		8:30 HC	
Munslow	6pm EP		10am HC	
Tugford			6pm HC	

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

Compline: Wednesdays in Lent at 7:30 - April 6th at Diddlebury, April 13th at Broadstone

Holy Week: Monday 11th Stations of the Cross at Munslow (in the churchyard) at 6pm,

Thursday 14th Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 7:30pm at Holdgate

Friday 15th Good Friday Children's Service at Diddlebury at 10:30
Sung Compline at Culmington at 5:30

Saturday 16th Easter Eve Easter Vigil and Holy Communion at 7:30pm at Abdon

If the Coronavirus situation locally changes, we may have to amend or cancel these services.