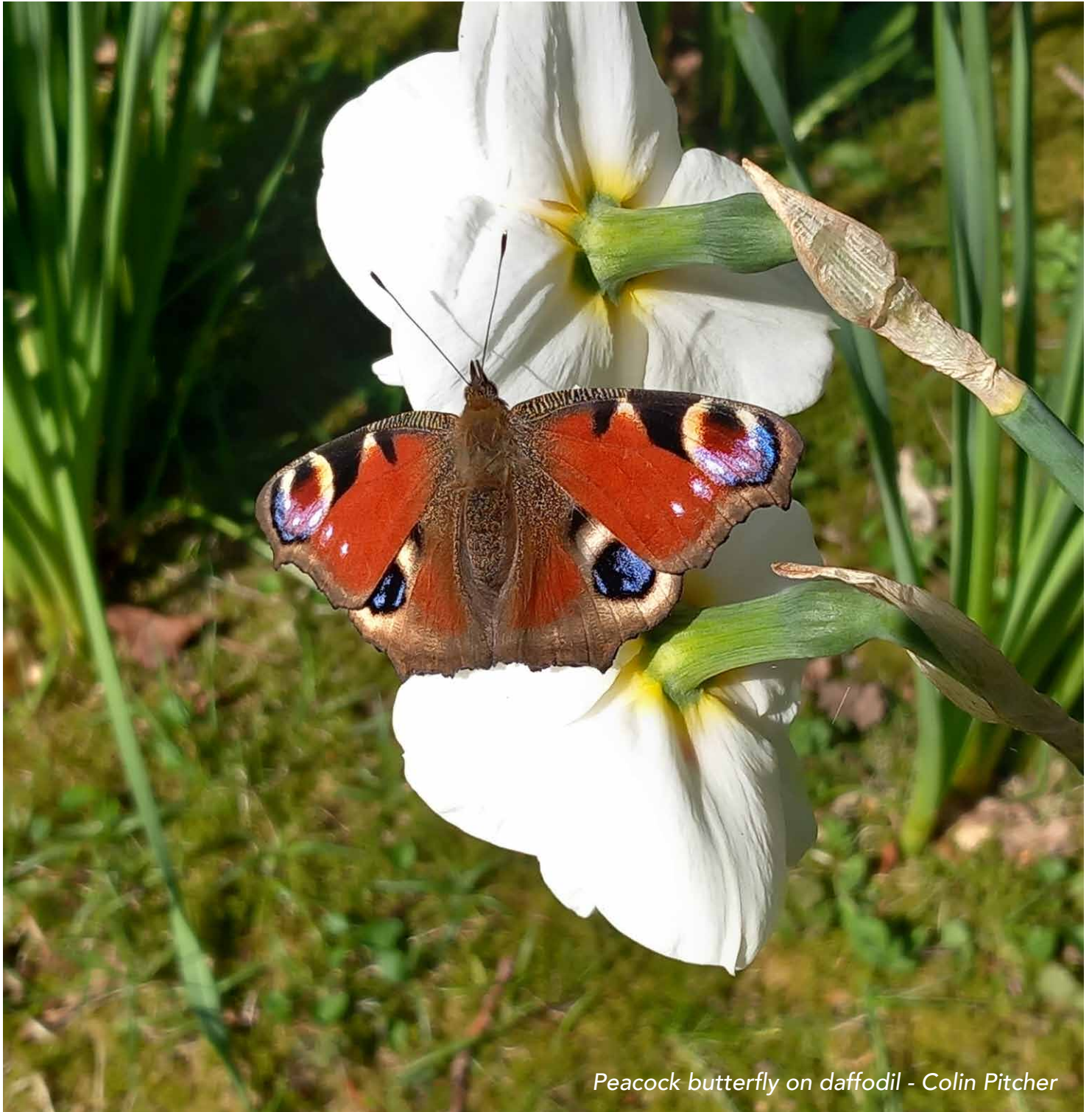


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0808 223 1133

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SUPPORT & RESOURCES

There is a wealth of information and resources available on the Shropshire Council website: www.shropshire.gov.uk

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More useful contacts can be found on page 31

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Tel: (01743) 874923
circuitoffice2803@gmail.com

LOCAL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

 *Mini Moos* 
Baby and toddler group

Every Monday
 10-12 term time
 £2.50 per family

Baby area
 Toddler area
 Ride-ons
 Craft activities
 Song time
 And lots more

 *Diddlebury Village Hall* 

*Find us on Facebook
 Mini Moos baby and toddler group*


Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday
 All ages and abilities welcome
 Doors open 7pm
 Start 7:15pm

£3 to include half time refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
 SY7 9JL



ENJOY SINGING?
CORVEDALE CHOIR is looking to recruit new members who love to sing.

WHO?
 We are a mixed voice community choir based in the Corvedale. Our Musical Director is Ros Crouch. All songs are taught - an ability to follow music and a desire to sing is all that's required.

WHEN and WHERE?
 Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall during school term times

WHAT?
 We sing an eclectic mix of harmony songs with a supportive, friendly and fun group of local people. We have an annual summer concert and support a carol service in church at Christmas time. And we raise money for good causes at the same time.

INTERESTED? For further information contact Avril Lines avril.fossilsinshropshire@gmail.com Or 01584 861 339

Or join us any Monday evening for a taster.

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP


Corvedale Book Group welcomes new members! It costs less than £5 a month to cover room hire fees and Shropshire Library loan fees.

For the first six months of the year, we will be choosing books selected by group members. Then we will be discussing books selected from the annual library list.

Please contact cathburley@hotmail.com if you would like to join us.

**Second Thursday of the month
 7.30pm - 9pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.**

Next Meeting: Thursday 9th April 2026



CORVEDALE ARTISTS

meet every Tuesday
 from 10.00 am until 1.00pm in **Beambridge Village Hall**

Portrait Model and Still Life provided at each session with tuition, or bring your own artwork

 **£8.00 per session**

A warm welcome awaits new members of all abilities so why not come along?

For further information telephone 01299 832 603

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 contact Katharine Wale on 07866 408 897 or katharinewale59@gmail.com to confirm work location.

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

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

WALKS

Saturday 11th April
 Titley Pool, 10:30am

Sunday 10th May
 Grimley Gravel Pits, 10am

TALKS

First Wednesday of each month at Wistanstow Village Hall.

Wednesday 15th April
 A brush with Shropshire - Ben Waddams

Culmington Lunch Club

Meet new friends
 Catch up with old friends
 whilst you enjoy a delicious, freshly-cooked, 2-course meal

 *All for just £12*

Bar *Raffle*


Every third Thursday of the month
 12.30pm for 1pm

Culmington Village Hall

To book your place contact:
 Gwyn Edwards on 01584 861666 or 07891 904504

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

WHY NOT JOIN THE Friends of Diddlebury Village Hall



Do you have a little spare time to help us in some way - but DON'T want to become a Trustee?

Or - do you just want to keep up to date with What's on at DVH?

Whichever you choose just email us at diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com and we'll send you all the details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2026

Wed 1st	Community Lunch	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
Wed 1st	Westhope Clover Club	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
Wed 1st	Lenten Lunch	St Peter's, Stanton Lacy	12.30pm
Wed 1st	Munslow Parish Council	Munslow Parish Hall	7.30pm
Wed 8th	Munslow and Diddlebury & Westhope WI Meeting	Munslow Parish Hall	7.30pm
Thu 9th	Page's Meadow Talk: The Art of Farming	Clee St Margaret Village Hall	7pm
Thu 9th	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 11th	Rummage Sale	Westhope Village Hall	10am
Sat 11th	RSPB Walk	Titley Pool	10.30am
Sat 11th	Unfinished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.20am-12.30pm
Sat 11th	Garden Group Visit	Ross-on-Wye	10am
Mon 13th	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
Wed 15th	RSPB Talk: A Brush with Nature, Ben Waddams	Wistanstow Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed 15th	Flicks in the Sticks: One Battle After Another	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
Thu 16th	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
Thu 16th	Cash and Prize Bingo	Westhope Village Hall	7pm
Tue 21st	Brown Clee PPG Meeting	Ditton Priors Village Hall	7pm
Wed 22th	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri 24th	Curry & Comedy Night	Culmington Village Hall	6pm
Fri 24th	Bingo Night	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7pm
Sat 25th	Corvedale Cake Walk		
Sat 25th	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
Wed 29th	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm

MAY 2026

Sat 2nd	Spring Flower Festival	Munslow Church	2pm
Tue 5th	Culmington Parish Council Annual Parish Meetings	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
Fri 8th	Diddlebury Church Plant Sale	Diddlebury Church Room	10am-4pm
Fri 8th	Pub 'n Food night with The Indian Melting Pot	Diddlebury Village Hall	6.30pm
Sat 9th	Diddlebury Church Plant Sale	Diddlebury Church Room	10am-1pm
Sat 9th	Unfinished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.20am-12.30pm
Sun 10th	RSPB Walk	Grimley Gravel Pits	10am
Sun 10th	The Beefy Boys	Culmington Village Hall	
Mon 11th	Coffee, Cake and Cleaning	St Peter's, Diddlebury	10am - 11.30am
Wed 13th	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Day Trip	Brynkinalt Hall, Chirk	TBA
Fri 15th	Grey Wolf and The Rotundas	Ludlow Brewery	7.30pm
Sat 16th	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir	Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock	10am
Wed 20th	Flicks in the Sticks	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
Thu 21st	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
Sat 30th	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Every Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10am-11.30am
Every Mon	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
Every Mon	Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.15pm
Every Mon	Mini Moos - Baby & Toddler Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Corvedale Artists	Munslow Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Zumba	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Weds	Yoga (Currently Suspended)	Culmington Village Hall	6pm
Every Weds	Line Dancing	Onibury Village Hall	7pm & 8pm
Every Weds	Pub Night	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	8pm
Every Thur	Yoga	Westhope Village Hall	9.45-10.45am
Every Thur	Tai Chi	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Thur	Pilates Beginners/Intermediate Class	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Fri	Physiotherapist-led Pilates	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

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WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

St Peter's Church
LENTEN LUNCH
 Stanton Lacy Village Hall
 Wed 1st April 2026
 12.30 to 2.30pm

Please join us to mark Lent with a simple meal of homemade soup, bread and cheese.

There is no charge but donations are welcome.

Proceeds to St Peter's + Local Charity

Places are limited so please contact Jennette Arnold, Church Warden on 07568 083322 to book your place.



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

Pub'n Food

NIGHT @ DVH

Friday 8th May



Serving draft Ludlow Gold, Beers, Wines & Spirits from

6.30 – 10.30



Serving delicious homemade Indian curries & freshly cooked Indian treats to **PUB NIGHT** customers from

6.30 – 8.30

GREY WOLF and The ROTUNDAS

The best of Americana and Black Country Folk



Friday 15th May 7.30pm

Ludlow Brewery, Station Drive, Ludlow SY8 2PQ
 Tickets £17

available direct from the Brewery (cash only)
 and via www.ticketsource.co.uk/greywolf



ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER 15

One Battle After Another is one of the most acclaimed films of the year, a highly rated, black comedy action-thriller movie with countless rave reviews hailing it as a masterpiece which gives you a nice, warm, virtuous feeling when you're finished. Throw in the star power of the film's lead, **Leonardo DiCaprio**, not to mention his co-stars, **Sean Penn** and **Benicio del Toro**, and you've got all the makings for a great night out at the cinema.

WEDNESDAY
15 APRIL

Bar Opens: 19:00

Film starts: 19:30

Interval with Full Bar, tea/coffee/ice-creams

Entry £5

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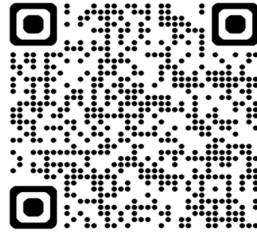
COMING SOON!

29th April

QUIZ NIGHT

A cracking lot of questions
with lots of fun and
laughter makes for a
GREAT NIGHT OUT











For more information on
What's coming up @ DVH
Scan the QR Code with your phone
camera to take you to the
Forthcoming Events page on our
website: diddleburyvillagehall.org



MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesdays

15th April
ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER
20th May
TBA

	ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER – Leonardo DiCaprio, Sean Bean & Benicio del Toro star in one of the most acclaimed films of 2025, with countless rave reviews hailing it as a masterpiece.	Wed. 15th Apr Bar open 19:00 Film starts 19:30
	Another of our hugely popular quiz nights Come and see why we have such a loyal following! Teams of 4 £10 per team. Booking is essential.	Wed. 29th Apr Bar open 19:00 Quiz starts 19:30
PUB 'n FOOD NIGHT	Have a drink at BAR STEFANO then order some delicious homemade Indian food from THE INDIAN MELTING POT Pub 'n food nights enable our community to eat and drink together, to make new friends <i>and</i> raise vital funds for the maintenance of DVH	Fri 8th May Bar 18:30 – 22:30 Food 18:30 – 20:30
	The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact: Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com	Thursday 9th April 19:00
	Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group – term time only £2.50 per Family	Mondays 10.00 - 12.00
	The Corvedale Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	Mondays 19.30 -21.30
	The Blue Hills Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00
	Zumba Contact Cat: zumbawithcat@outlook.com /07817 448832	Tuesdays 18.00
	Tai Chi Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250275 hello@goldenthreadscic.com	Thursdays 10.00 - 11.00
	Pilates with Tina Bookings only via pilateswithtina@outlook.com	Thursdays 18:00 – 19:00
	Physiotherapist-led Pilates Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412	Fridays 9.15 - 10.15

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

As I write this, the work on our new warm hub has started, which involves removing the stage and converting it into a private meeting/function room. We are managing to keep our hall open for events during this work and limit any disruption to a minimum.

Our whist day with lunch and a cream tea to finish was an immense success. This was a new event, and we are already being asked when the next one will be!

The defibrillator refresher training morning was, sadly, very poorly attended, and, as the trainer said, it is vital we all know how to use this especially important piece of equipment: you

never know when you might need to use one.

Our next project, which is most important to our village hall, is a good internet connection. As many of you know there is little or no internet signal in many parts of Westhope, including our village hall, so we are looking into the possibilities of different connections.

When funds are available, we are looking to upgrade our current audio-visual equipment and hearing loop. We are currently awaiting estimates for all these necessary improvements and upgrades.

All enquiries Betty 07860 447 397 / Moira 07542 947 440.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

Weekly Whist Drive

Every Monday, 7pm for 7:15pm start.

Weekly Yoga

Every Tuesday, 9:45am

Enquiries Sue Pugh 07432 349 933.

Monthly Skittles Evenings

Every 2nd Friday, 7:30pm, May – September.

Rummage Sale

Saturday 11th April, 10am

£1 entrance includes tea/coffee.

Donations gratefully accepted and can be collected from locations in the Westhope area

Cash & Prize Bingo

Saturday 16th May, 7pm, eyes down 7:30pm

Community Lunch

Wednesday 3rd June, 12:30 for 1pm.

Two-course home cooked meal with tea/coffee, £12pp.

Booking essential.

Memorial Race Day Afternoon

Sunday 14th June

Opens at midday with food provided by 'The Pizza Girls'.

Racing starts at 2pm with a programme of eight races, a special auction race and grand prize draw. Price to be announced. In memory of Ellie, a great stalwart of Westhope who sadly passed away in October last year after a short illness. Proceeds to The Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust and Brain Tumour Research.

Harvest Supper

Saturday 17th October.

Three-course home cooked meal with tea/coffee, £15pp.

Country music entertainment. Booking essential

Newtown Male Voice Choir

Saturday 5th December, 7:30pm.

Booking essential

Westhope Lotto 2026

£600 Prize Money to be won. Draws in June & December 2026. Ticket allows entry to both draws.

100 tickets available at £12 per ticket. 1st Prize £150, 2nd Prize £100, 3rd Prize £50. Proceeds to Westhope Village Hall.

More events being organised...

All events include a licenced cash bar.

Enquiries & booking details: 07860 447 397.



WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Westhope village hall on **Wednesday 1st April** at 12.30 pm for 1 o'clock for the community lunch. If you have any items for Westhope village hall rummage sale on **Saturday 11th April** please bring them with you. Everyone welcome.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

REGULAR EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Every Monday, 10am - 11.30am

Come along for a cuppa (coffee or tea) for just £1.

Good company, free refills and biscuits!

Bridge Club

Every Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm

Contact Richard Smith richard.smith404@btinternet.com

Yoga

Every Wednesday, 6pm - 7.15pm

Please Note: Currently Suspended

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

APRIL EVENTS

Lunch Club

Thursday 16th April

Gwyn Edwards to book: 01584 861 666 or 07891 904 501.

Curry & Comedy Night

Friday 24th April

With local comedian Alan Grosvenor. Tickets £18.

Bar from 6pm till late. Curry served between 6.30 and 8pm.

Comedy from 8.30pm. To book contact Jo Mear

07872 109 936 or Gwyn Edwards 01584 861 666

FUTURE EVENTS

The Beefy Boys are back again!

Sunday 10th May

No need to cook Sunday lunch.

Plus the ice cream van for dessert.

Lunch Club

Thursday 21st May

Gwyn Edwards to book: 01584 861 666 or 07891 904 501.

ABDON VILLAGE HALL

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

Saturday 11th April, 10.30am - 12.30pm

The UFO craft group will meet on the second Saturday of the month, as usual.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th April, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Our coffee mornings continue on the last Saturday of the month. Lively chat, coffee and, of course, cake!

Abdon Village Hall Bookings

Contact: abdon.villagehall@gmail.com,

Margaret Buckingham: 01746 712 296

or visit our website for the booking form and details:

www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

St Peter's Lenten Lunch

Wednesday 1st April, 12.30pm - 2.30 pm

For more details ring Jennette 07568 083 322.

Bingo Night

Friday 24th April, 7pm

In aid of Corvedale School.

Coffee Mornings

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 10am - 12noon.

Join us for tea, coffee and delicious cake.

For more details contact Phyllis 01584 823 426.

Vintage Tractor Club

3rd Wednesday of the month, 7pm

Pub Night Every Wednesday

Bar opens 8pm - late. Everyone welcome.

Hayton and District Women's Institute

Every second Thursday of the month - 7.30pm start.

For more details contact Phyllis 01584 823 426.

Community Market

Last Saturday of the month, 10am - 12noon

Come along and see what our wonderful small businesses have to offer. We also serve tea, coffee and cake.

Follow us on Facebook - Stanton Lacy Village Hall Events

PAGE'S MEADOW TALKS & FILMS

CLEE ST MARGARET VILLAGE HALL

Thursday, 9th April 2026

7.00pm

The Art of Farming

Tom Parsons



The talk will look at ways in which farming and rural life have been portrayed in various paintings by a range of different European artists - some old, some more recent.

Tom taught art history for twenty years in schools and worked for the Education Departments at the National Gallery and Tate. He has written books on Rodin, Post-Impressionism and the Royal Collection

All welcome.

*Suggested donation of £3.00 towards VH hire and other costs.
Includes tea, coffee, local apple juice, and biscuits.*

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

The beginning of April this year falls within Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter in which we remember all that happened in Jerusalem in the time between Palm Sunday and the Resurrection. As we read in the Bible about that week, we find that the early part of it was relatively peaceful – Jesus spent most of his time teaching in the Temple. The events that we mostly think about happened from Thursday evening onwards.

On Thursday evening Jesus and his disciples shared the Last Supper: after that he was arrested, tried, crucified and buried in less than twenty-four hours. Having been buried early in the evening on Friday, there then came what must have felt to the disciples to be an astonishingly long day on Saturday – and then the resurrection on Sunday.

As we think about all that happened, it's always worth remembering that we read the story knowing how it ended. We might try to put ourselves into the position of those who were there and to wonder how they felt during that week: there will have been excitement on Palm Sunday, confusion during the Last Supper, fear and despair as Jesus was arrested and died, confusion as reports spread that the body was missing and then that Jesus had been seen alive, and finally joy as they realised he was really there with them.

How does all this make us feel? How might we respond to the good news which Easter brings, especially as we live in a world in which wars are being fought in Ukraine, in Iran, and elsewhere?

It can be very easy to despair, to see all that is wrong in the world and to miss that which is good. Easter reminds us that, in the end, good is more powerful than evil – even if evil has a better publicity agent.

I invite you to join us as we journey through Holy Week and Easter, as we reflect on all that happened, celebrate the good news of the resurrection, and pray for a world which needs all the good news it can get.

Rev'd John Beesley

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH FUND RAISING

The Diddlebury Church Plant Sale will take place on **Friday 8th May** from 10am until 4 pm and on **Saturday 9th May** from 10am until 1pm in the church room. There will also be cakes for sale plus tea, coffee and biscuits.

Looking further ahead, Diddlebury Church will be holding a traditional English Summer fête on **Saturday 4th July** starting at 12 noon in Diddlebury village hall and on the school field.

Liz Jones

REGISTERS

BAPTISM

8th March Oscar Richard Povall Diddlebury

FUNERAL

9th March Shirley Dahn Culmington

BURIAL OF ASHES

18th February Jean Sidebotham Diddlebury

MUNSLOW CHURCH

It's looking hopeful that the electrical work at Munslow will be almost completed by the time you read this. Work is currently progressing well, and the contractors say they are enjoying the challenge of a job which isn't a modern house or block of offices. We hope to have light and heat at Easter.

Less hopeful is news of the early closure of the scheme by which churches have been able to reclaim the VAT payable on conservation and repair works. Started in 2001, this was expected to run until the end of March this year, meaning we would have been able to reclaim almost £8,000 in VAT on the project. Just as the contractors arrived we heard that the scheme had run out of money and closed down six weeks early, leaving us and many other churches looking at an extra cost. We are perhaps fortunate that it's 'only' £8,000 and we can pay it – although it's money we won't have for a future project. The diocese is liaising with Historic England and it's possible some funding may be made available to help churches in our situation: watch this space...

To help fundraise for this and as a celebration of completing the works there will be a Spring Flower Festival on **Saturday 2nd May** from 2pm – put the date in your diary and come and join us!

Rev'd John Beesley

FLOWERS & BRASSES

APRIL 2026

5th	Easter Decorations	12th	Easter Decorations
19th	Liz Beazley	26th	Liz Beazley

Don't forget it's the

GREAT DIDDLEBURY CHURCH PLANT SALE



Diddlebury Church Room

Friday 8th May 10 - 4

Saturday 9th May 10 - 1

TEAS AND HOME-MADE CAKES AS WELL!!

CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP

The garden group headed to Worcestershire on a lovely sunny day on Saturday 14th March to visit Brockamin, the 1.5-acre plantsman's specialist garden where plants are produced as well as grown. The garden, owned and gardened by Margaret Stone, was enjoyed by eleven members on a beautiful morning following a frosty night. We were welcomed by the happy sound of birdsong from the birds who enjoy the squirrel-proof bird feeders.



The land was originally a cider orchard belonging to an estate and was in private hands for a short time before being gardened by Margaret since 1980 when it was rough grass and narrow borders. The garden which is predominantly

clay has quietly evolved and now is home to the national collection of *Pulmonaria*, *Symphotrichium novae-angliae* (North American Aster) and some hardy geraniums. The themed planting ensures year-round interest in the borders,

and includes one hundred different types of daffodil, giving a natural look. This does mean there is work to do all year and Margaret is supported by two staff, one to mow and shred etc. and the other to do the gentler work. A leylandii hedge which was down the centre of the garden was removed in 2009 and replaced with hornbeam. Other trees on the boundary include an oak planted in 1988, ash which was already there, field maple and a mass of cornus.

There is a range of fruit trees and a new flower bed created in 2020 as a Covid project. In one of the borders a *Viburnum Tinus* was cut back in 2016 and was under planted with hellebores, cyclamen and trilliums. Finally there is a large herb garden planted with a range of herbs. If you want to go to the garden, follow this link www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/brockamin-wr2/

The next garden visit is on **Saturday 11th April** to see a pretty three-acre informal wildlife spring garden near Ross-on-Wye. Remember the garden club is free to join: all we need is your email so let me know if you are interested via corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com. Also, thanks to Val Fotheringham for standing in for me at Brockamin and making notes for the article as I was unable to attend at the last minute.

Alison Benbow

MUSINGS ON LIFE

A NEW IDEA AND AN OLD ONE

Whilst there is good reason to think many everyday things were well done for ordinary folks in the Middle Ages, as I tried to explain last time, the coin of course has another side and it's one we should know.

Spring first comes as a subtle breath, and this year it carried a new idea – a good one – to utilise little-considered local sheep's wool and turn it into wonderful things...locally. Even going back as far as Saxon times England had a reputation for exceptional wool and woollen goods. And as the first millennium was morphing into the second something remarkable was happening. For the first time, it's believed, in Western Europe, recognisable industrial areas were appearing in the Low Countries and towns such as Bruges and Ypres were developing. Their products were fine cloth; the best competing with silks entering the Mediterranean basin from the Islamic world. Primarily, wool came from England, and the finest English wool came from the Marches of Wales.

Here we encounter difficulty. School and glossy magazine history puts into our mind towering Cotswold 'wool churches' and honey-stoned high-streets. True, the Cotswolds became very important in the story, but only hundreds of years after these borderlands were famed. In the 12th and 13th centuries a sophisticated management system raised small stature, fine woolled wethers, the castrated male lambs, which produced highest quality coats on upland border

pastures. Then specialist packers, working under oath, were responsible for getting the quality wool in the best order to the east coast for export.

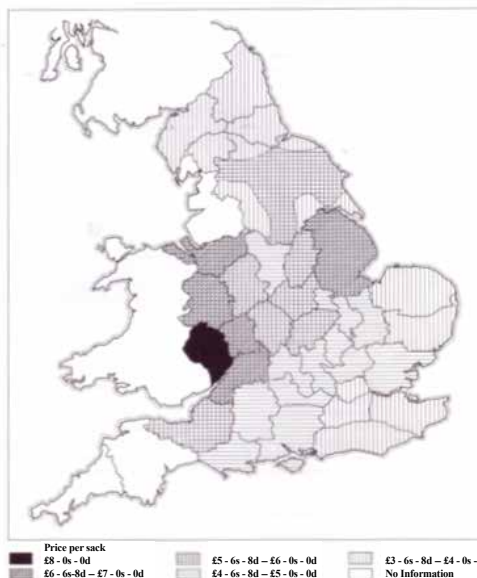
The power structure of the land was all important. French-Norman rulers retained vast stretches of the Marches as forest or chase, country with exclusive rights for nobles or royalty to hunt the 'beasts of the chase.' This kept much of the land openly amenable to wool production, and this was largely, though not exclusively, organised by monasteries. These arrangements left the way clear for the fast evolution of the money world, laying foundations for what we have today, and this will take another piece to explain (in May if all is well). Suffice it to say for the moment that the Welsh borderlands were highly involved not only in the raw material

supply but the monetary, social, political and military events of the day. To tell the story of the big part this area had in developing the contemporary money system might provoke glee or sorrow, but, I hope, certainly interest!

The picture represents wool prices in the 14th century and speaks for itself – the darker the colour the higher the price.

Peter Cornah
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Should you want to read more...
English Medieval Wool Trade – Power.
English Medieval Industries ed. Blair/Ramsay.
The English Wool Trade in the Middle Ages. Lloyd. Ch.13



MUNSLOW WI

Bev Harris, who has a master's degree in applied forensic psychology, gave us an extremely interesting talk on Wednesday 11th March entitled 'Criminal minds – are they born or made?'. Bev began with a brief discussion about some of Britain's notorious criminals: Jack the Ripper, a household name despite his real identity being unknown and despite his having probably committed only five murders; Harold Shipman, responsible for at least 250 murders; Myra Hindley and Ian Brady, the former frequently seeking parole, the latter admitting to being dangerous, and Thompson and Venables, murderers at the age of ten, released with new identities when they reached 18 - although Venables is now back in prison.

Bev went on to present the work of four men whose research on the criminal mind has been influential. Cesare Lombroso (1835-1909) thought that criminals could be identified by their physical features. He devised a classification system based on data gathered from over 4,000 offenders and believed he had found the missing link. He eventually acknowledged the importance of environmental and social factors. William Sheldon, working in the 1940s, developed a theory of personality based on three main physical types: the ectomorph - tall, thin, quiet and intellectual; the endomorph - short, round and cheerful; and the mesomorph – the criminal type – with a solid, muscular build and an aggressive personality. Both Lombroso's and Sheldon's work declined in popularity in the 1960s, particularly because their assumptions justified prejudice.

Albert Bandura (1925-2021), working at Stanford University, developed a theory of social learning, i.e., that we learn behaviour through observation and imitation. In the 1960s he conducted a controversial experiment using a Bobo doll, a roly-poly clown doll about four feet tall. Children aged three to five were sent to play in a room which contained a Bobo doll and other toys. Some had first watched a film of an adult showing aggression towards a Bobo doll and these children were more likely to show aggression towards the doll than children who had not seen the film. Bandura's work influenced television: a law to protect children which included the 9 o'clock watershed was introduced in 1964.

Adrian Raine, working in the early 1990s, believed that criminality was the result of a dysfunctional brain. Raine developed work on the importance of the pre-frontal cortex in regulating behaviour. His research on convicted murderers indicated they were prone to rage, with brain-imaging showing a limited amount of activity in their pre-frontal cortex. He related this to abuse in childhood. Donta Page, for example, who murdered a young woman in 1999, suffered

severe physical abuse as a child. Based on these ideas, Raine suggested in his book, *The Anatomy of Violence*, published in 2014, that anger management is not an effective strategy in the rehabilitation of murderers. His work remains controversial.

Bev concluded with a quick reminder of Freud's thinking: the Id is demanding and self-centered and in control until humans reach the age of two to three years; the Ego, capable of compromise, then begins to develop, and after the age of five the Superego begins to understand social rules. Freud thought that those without a father-figure do not develop their Superego and are liable to delinquency.

Our next meeting, a joint meeting with Diddlebury and Westhope, will take place on **Wednesday 8th April** at 7:30pm at Munslow parish hall. Claire Brentnall will talk about her year as Deputy Lieutenant of Shropshire. This promises to be another interesting meeting.

Please get in touch with our Secretary, Loraine Lawrence, 01584 841 862 if you would like more information.

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DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE WI

Games of all sizes and descriptions found their way to Culmington village hall on a Wednesday evening in March, along with their owners and our members. We had Mahjong, domino's, cards, Dobble, snakes and ladders and a vintage game of bingo to name but a few. Plenty for another games evening in the future!

Reports were given prior to playing, including a recent 'Presidents and Secretaries' which discussed the plans for Ludlow North Group being organised this year by Hayton and District WI. More news on that at a later date. Discussion on a request for a potential merger with another WI at a future date was also favourably received. Details of future trips included one to Brynkinalt Hall near Chirk, on **Wednesday 13th May**, organised by Brockton WI, and to Shrewsbury prison, organised by Clee St Margaret.

Our programme for the coming year was distributed before we settled down to playing the games, with refreshments this month provided by Joy and Jayne. A great combination of pleasure and competitiveness. Concentration and laughter and good food made for an extremely relaxed evening which we all enjoyed.

Our next meeting will be a joint one with Munslow WI to be held on **Wednesday 8th April** at 7.30pm at Munslow parish hall. The speaker will be Claire Brentnall, Deputy Lieutenant of Shropshire. As always, if anyone would like to come along to our meetings either as a visitor for the evening or to join as a member you would be very welcome. Our visitor fee is £4 from April. Please do ring Joy Williams, our secretary, if you would like any further information on 01584 861 849.

Jayne Disley

RUTH'S HEART OF WALES ADVENTURE

On Friday 10th April Ruth Henley will be setting off to walk the Heart of Wales long distance trail, which runs from Craven Arms to Llanelli, a total of 168 miles including the station links. She is raising funds for the Corvedale churches and would be very grateful for any amount you can contribute. There will be sign-up sheets in all the churches, and there is also a 'Just Giving' page at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ruthhenley

Ruth is basically doing this solo, with transport support as needed from her husband Paul, but nearer the time there will be a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to walk a section with her. For further details please contact Ruth 07745 825 700.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Happily, the days are getting longer, the skylarks are singing their hearts out in the mornings and the daffodils are flowering. In the woodlands wild garlic is pushing through and will soon form a carpet of white flowers in sheltered areas.

With Spring in mind, I also made a fresh start this week as I attended my first School Governors meeting at Rushbury CofE Primary School. I was asked to join as the local authority member and feel honoured to have been appointed. Rushbury is a wonderful school with dedicated staff, delightful children and an incredibly supportive local community that helps the school to thrive. Close links to the Hereford Diocese through Rev. Lisa Harper ensure Christian values.

These are challenging times for all schools and it will be interesting to compare the governance of Rushbury School to that of Concord College at Acton Burnell where I am also a Trustee/Governor. The schools are quite different but with similar challenges. Both strive to give each child the absolute best opportunities to develop as individuals and more broadly as responsible members of society to set them up for the futures ahead of them.

Back to the reality of more mundane yet equally important thoughts about Shropshire Council. The Council has confirmed the total sum of money that has been loaned to it by Central Government is £192.8 million. Known as EFS or Exceptional Funding Support, this is made up of £71.4

million for the current fiscal year 2025/26 and the remainder, £121.4 million is for 2026/27. Councillors asked at the council meeting on 26th February how interest is to be paid and my understanding is that the money is available to be used but interest will only be charged as and when it is spent. Of course, this is a loan that will have to be repaid in due course at what is known as the Public Board Loans Rate.

We are all troubled by the state of our roads and whilst there are signs of repairs out there, we would all like to see more repairs and fewer potholes. I did meet with the Highways department 2 days ago and this will become a regular meeting every 8 weeks so that I can let them know about the worst situations in our area and they can feed back to me on progress. They are of course under-resourced and have far too many miles of road to cover realistically but they are planning on increasing repair activity as the weather improves. By a strange coincidence, on the morning of my meeting the Highways technician had been to the flood at 'Tom's dip' at Harton and has authorised some jetting there. Not a permanent solution to an exceedingly long standing problem but at least it's a start!

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CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP



In February the Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group completed their third kissing gate installation along the route from Aston Munslow to The Swan, a well-walked path on the Corvedale Three Castles Walk. This replaced a challenging stile and enables safer transit from one field to the next for all users.

If you know of a problem or issue with a local footpath, especially if it is on the Corvedale Three Castles Walk or the Shropshire Way, please contact the Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group. We aim to keep our footpaths accessible to local and visiting walkers and generally have up to three working parties per month.

New members are always welcome, so if you would like to join us for a one-off or longer-term commitment please do get in touch.

For more information, or to report a problem with a local path, please contact Katharine Wale at katharinewale59@gmail.com or on 07866 408 897.



NEWS FROM BROWN CLEE PPG (PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP)

We are looking forward to the next meeting of the Brown Clee Patient Participation Group (PPG) on **Tuesday 21st April**, when we will be joined by Dr Matthews and Dr Bravey, our two new female GP Partners. It will be good to hear about their ideas for the future, and to be able to ask them questions. We are hoping to learn more about how the Brown Clee Practice will respond to the requirements of the new NHS Contract (which comes into force from 1st April). One of the new requirements is to offer 'same day' appointments to those in urgent need... it will be interesting to know how 'urgent need' will be determined, and what impact this might

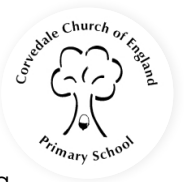
have on 'routine' care appointments.

All Brown Clee patients are welcome at this meeting, and there is no obligation to come regularly. Doors open at 6.30pm with hot drinks if you would like one, and the meeting is from 7pm to 8pm.

To contact the Brown Clee PPG at any time, please email us at brownclepppg@gmail.com

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CORVEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Corvedale School would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Steve Morris, Headteacher at Rushbury School, who has served as our acting head throughout the Spring term, joining us for two days each week. His guidance, wisdom, and extensive knowledge have been truly invaluable. We are delighted that the strong partnership we have built together will continue moving forward, benefiting both schools.

We would like to thank everyone in our school community for their hard work this term. It has been a busy yet positive few months, with everyone embracing our sense of togetherness. The children have enjoyed celebrating many events, including our Valentine's breakfast, where lots of children arrived in their 'splash of red or pink' to mark the occasion and enjoy a wonderful breakfast.



On World Book Day children chose to either dress up as a character from a book or wear some comfy reading clothes. The outfits were all fantastic with everyone making such an effort. The children made the most of the pleasant weather in the afternoon and split off into house groups to do various 'world book day' activities, including

some outdoor shared reading. For Red Nose Day we are celebrating creatively with colour, choosing to bring colour to school that adds a splash of fun and brightness to the day. It has also been lovely to hear our children rehearsing their Easter songs with Mr Bennett ready for the Easter service on Wednesday 25th March at St Peter's Diddlebury.

The children continue to embrace their passion for sport, taking part in a range of interschool events such as tag rugby and netball. During the second half of the Spring Term, Jordan from the Trusted Sports Alliance has been delivering tennis skills sessions during some of our PE lessons. The children also thoroughly enjoy the wonderful after-school netball club

on Tuesdays. A big thank you to the parents who kindly run this.

Colin continues to do a wonderful job looking after our school garden and grounds and is now developing a new wellness garden area with some of the children. He would be delighted to welcome any parent or carer volunteers who might be interested in helping, whether that's with general maintenance, watering at weekends or during the holidays, or offering support in any other way. He hopes to bring together a team with a range of skills to help make the garden look its best for the summer. After the Easter holidays, he also plans to organise a working party, with dates to follow soon.



Please contact the school if you are interested in joining our friendly team. We are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to read with the children, as well as applicants for paid roles, including lunchtime supervisors and afterschool club leaders. As Ofsted noted, we are very much a real family school!

As we look ahead to the Summer Term, we have plenty of exciting plans. These include our Wonderful Wednesday afternoons, which celebrate being part of the Corvedale community, as well as a wide range of sporting activities. We will also be placing a strong focus on celebrating our enhanced nursery and wraparound provision. Our spacious nursery setting continues to be a fantastic environment where all the children are flourishing. To share these wonderful experiences with local families, we will be offering weekly Play and Stay sessions every Friday. These will feature engaging activities led by our experienced Nursery team and we warmly welcome all local parents and tots to join us.

Mrs Susan Rook, Headteacher

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

Hopefully, some of you will have attended our joint Harmony4Hope concert at Wrekin College recently and enjoyed the sound of one hundred voices united in song to support the Hope House Children's Hospice. We certainly did!

Our next concert at the end of the month will be a return visit to sing at the Methodist Church in Church Stretton where we performed a couple of years ago, with tickets available via the usual choir contacts. However, we are also looking forward to two events to be held in Much Wenlock in the months to come, namely:

Saturday 16th May - Holy Trinity Church from 10am
Coffee morning with homemade cake and Plant Stall

Saturday 6th June - Holy Trinity Church 7.00pm

Joint concert with Serendipity Ladies Choir, Pembrokeshire.
More details to follow next month.

The choir AGM takes place this month. The choir remains in vibrant health with over forty active members and a full programme of concerts to work towards. This year our chairman of two years, David Chantrey, will stand down from the post due to his many commitments elsewhere. During this period, he has been able to greatly improve the avenues of communication within the choir and has proved to be a fine ambassador through his interactions with members, patrons, audiences, and the public in general. Thank you, David.

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GREEN MATTERS

MOLES IN THE GARDEN

Moles are very small, cute, furry black creatures with remarkably human-like 'hands.' They often appear as characters in children's books, but you are unlikely to ever see one, as they are so secretive. Being fiercely territorial it is likely that the molehills you see in an average sized garden are the work of one solitary mole. They can dig up to 20 metres of tunnel in a day using their forepaws to breaststroke their way through the soil, pushing 10 kilos of soil or one hundred times their body weight in just 20 minutes. The tunnel network is designed to catch invertebrates, particularly earthworms. If left undisturbed and food is plentiful, moles will not need to make new tunnels, but they will do repairs and retreat further underground if the soil is frozen or very dry. They are most active in the spring while searching for a mate and, if successful, a small, snug nest will be made at the end of a tunnel.

Before moving to Shropshire, we had a near perfect lawn and were at war with moles for 26 years. We tried various sonic repellents all to no avail. Here, we gave up the fight, but the interesting thing is that while our grass is sometimes covered in molehills the numbers and activity vary considerably. Nevertheless, there are always a few molehills which we have learned to use to our advantage.

Deborah Cole

Ten benefits of moles in the garden:

1. Be comforted in the knowledge that your soil is healthy and full of invertebrates.
2. Moles mix the soil layers and naturally enrich the soil.
3. The network of tunnels naturally aerates the soil, improving lawns and beds.
4. The tunnels also help to drain the soil.
5. Moles feed on invertebrates which damage plants, such as leatherjackets, carrot fly and slugs.
6. The crumbly, fine soil of molehills is brilliant in acting as a mulch and weed-free compost for planting and potting.
7. When you've used the soil, the bare patches of old molehills make excellent nesting sites for solitary bees.
8. Molehills are great for children with spades digging for treasure.
9. They are also ideal for small children to sit on, when they have dried out a bit.
10. You never know you might even see a mole at work!



CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

By the time you read this I will have moved house and hopefully will be settling into my new home in Telford. Yes – Telford! I add the exclamation mark because generally the surprise of friends when I mention Telford is just that. 'Why are you moving there? You're joking? Telford?' Now I know it's a new town, but I did not realise how negative are the feelings of many Shropshire people towards this still growing town. I am going to live near my younger daughter and her family. We are downsizing and it is going to be different from the very rural place we are leaving behind.

So what has Telford done for Shropshire in its 57 years? Is it all as bad as many people think?

I discovered lots of fascinating and positive things about Telford as we searched for a home. First, is the road system. Once you have got the hang of it, it's great. And for the whole county as well: building it meant we got a little bit of motorway, the M54, connecting us to the national network via the M6, which is one of the roads that brings in visitors to our beautiful county.

Telford is home to a World Heritage Site which I think even the most cynical person has to admit is an amazing place. Ten different sites make up the whole. The Ironbridge Gorge is more than just a bridge, the first solid piece of iron uniting the two banks of the River Severn. It's the longest river in the UK, meandering through our county on its way to the Bristol Channel - all 220 miles of it!

The Heritage Site marks the places that saw the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution, which changed not only our

country but most of the world. Abraham Darby (1678–1717) revolutionised the iron industry, by using coke to smelt iron ore in a blast furnace, in Coalbrookdale. This innovation dispensed with charcoal, enabling the mass production of affordable cast iron and laid the foundation for the Industrial Revolution. Incidentally, Coalbrookdale church is open to visitors again after some work in the building.

And there is more history in what is perceived as a 'new' town. On 29th February 1244, King Henry III signed Wellington's first market charter. It was amongst the earliest awarded in Shropshire and the town still boasts one of the busiest markets in Shropshire 800 years later. It's a lively market today and currently Wellington Town Council is improving it, both inside stalls and outside. Well worth shopping and eating your way around on a Saturday.

The original villages that formed the beginnings of Telford still exist, their centres being small shopping centres and entertainment places. The churches range from the medieval remains of the monastic settlement founded in 1135 in Wombridge, the building in Stirchley which has Norman origins, and Madeley church designed by Thomas Telford himself in the late 1790s and still going strong. Many more churches were built in the 1800s as the population grew.

I think I could grow to like this place a lot!

Anni Holden Calver

Trustee of Caring for God's Acre
and Churchyard Task Team cheerleader!
www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk



ROUND UP OF EVENTS AT DVH

PUB 'N FOOD NIGHT

What a fantastic evening we had at DVH when our lovely community gathered for our first pub 'n food night of the year. The hall was buzzing with laughter and lively conversation as neighbours, friends, and newcomers came together to enjoy an evening full of camaraderie and first-rate entertainment.

Bar Stefano kept everyone's glasses topped up with a superb selection of beers from Ludlow Brewery and wines, while the Street Food Collective were a genuine hit with their famous 'Foldies' — mouth-watering filled handmade pittas that quickly became the talk of the night.

Our 'house band,' Rockfall, provided the soundtrack for the evening, playing two brilliant sets that had the dance floor packed from start to finish! Their energetic performance and perfectly chosen tunes encouraged everyone to get up and have a boogie, ensuring spirits remained high throughout the night.

Talented lead guitarist Sid dazzled the crowd with twelve iconic guitar riffs for his music quiz, 'Sid's Riffs,' and everyone was thoroughly impressed with the score from the winning team The Corftonites (from Corfton!), who scored an incredible eighteen out of a possible twenty-four points! Cheers and applause erupted as they accepted their prize, and congratulations were shared all round to runner up Alan – who had come from Yorkshire to play with the band and to Charlotte's team from Diddlebury in third place.

Events like pub night truly remind us how special our DVH community is. Thank you to everyone who joined us, and to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the evening such a resounding success and helped us raise vital funds for maintaining and improving DVH. We can't wait for the next get-together. See you there!

A HUGE SUCCESSFUL TABLETOP SALE AT DVH

Huge thanks to all our great stall holders for making our very first tabletop sale possible. Your hard work and enthusiasm made a real difference.

We're also grateful to the incredible number of shoppers who came along. Your support and good spirits helped make the event a success for everyone.

Thanks to our car park 'boys' for helping to park all the cars - quite a challenge but they did it with a smile.

Thanks also to all the bakers for their delicious cakes - the choice was incredible and by the sound of it were greatly enjoyed.

And finally, a big thank you to the tearoom team for working non-stop to keep everyone fed and watered. The smell of bacon frying brought folks flocking for the bacon baps with some saying they'd happily come to DVH again just for another one!

Keep a look out for our next sale which we'll be advertising once we've set a date.

Kim Simm



THE NEW DIDDLEBURY PARISH WEBSITE

Diddlebury parish website has moved, been updated and revised to include new features.

Firstly, the new web address is www.diddlebury-pc.gov.uk

The website is primarily to support the parish council and communicate its business.

The council section features sections on 'meet your councillors,' and the dates of their meetings. The meeting agendas, and the minutes are published as are records of the parish finances, and its budgeting. Included are the historic records going back some years.

The website features a new 'planning tracker' which automatically updates from Shropshire council's planning portal with all the applications and their status for Diddlebury parish.

The Corvedale church services are listed as before.

There is a section dedicated to the footpaths, walking routes and the work of the volunteer footpath maintenance group.

Included is a helpful community directory of contact numbers for local businesses.

The two village halls in the parish have sections giving contact details and include dedicated calendars and booking forms.

Events outside of these village halls are published in an events calendar.

The Diddlebury Flood Action Group has an action plan, a resilience document, and a guide of steps to take to protect properties, including emergency numbers.

Corvedale News magazines are archived at the end of each month.

Other sections are News, Corvedale Show details, Highways closures and more.

If you want to be kept updated automatically sign up with an email and get a nudge each time the site is updated.

The new site has already had over three hundred hits as of mid-March.

Any other suggestions / comments would be welcome.

Clive Martyn

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CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

CONCLAVE BY ROBERT HARRIS

Just four of us came together in March to discuss this book, nevertheless we enjoyed an energetic and engaging conversation! Three of us had already seen the film and so, given that the book is according to some reviews a 'suspenseful, gripping thriller', knowing what happens in the end somewhat spoiled the read for a couple of us.

Having said this, we appreciated the detail with which Harris writes. It is interesting to learn about the inner workings of the Conclave to elect a Pope and we felt that, reading of the immense amount of research listed in the acknowledgments, this is reliable. From time-to-time mention is made of a particular Pope from the past and, in the midst of the fictional names (and there are a great many to get to grips with), the verisimilitude (a new word for me!) - for example of the Pope who refused to ride in a limousine (very likely Pope Francis) - brings the story closer.

We watch events unfold through the character of Cardinal Lomeli, Dean of the College of Cardinals, who is responsible for overseeing the election of a new Pope, a process that is immensely precise and steeped in tradition. We are told that *'the entire apparatus was archaic, absurd and oddly wonderful'*. We get to know Lomeli well as we watch events unfold through his eyes and ears, and also his heart. There are some jerky juxtapositions of descriptions of external events and his internal feelings. For example, at the beginning of the novel as he enters the elevator to go to visit the Pope's body. *'He pressed the button for the second floor. If it is your Will to call him to your presence and leave me behind, then grant me the strength to be a rock for others. In the mirror, beneath the yellow light, his cadaverous face was grey and mottled. He yearned for some sign, for some infusion of strength.'* We warmed to Lomeli as a likeable man who holds a weighty bureaucratic role and is a reflective and consultative leader who genuinely cares for the church. The same cannot be said of many of his fellow Cardinals, among whom we witness the uncovering of ambition and scandal.

We thought that a major theme of the novel is about power and how this works itself out in human terms. The Cardinals

show themselves to be very human as, contrary to the rules of the Conclave, they huddle and plot with others of their particular ecclesiological persuasion, mainly along liberal or traditional lines. The film has several dramatic shots of their serried ranks - all in red or, on one occasion, holding identical umbrellas - and in the book one can imagine from Harris's detailed descriptions that they look pretty uniform in their robes. Along with this uniformity and the immovable process of the voting, the text is interspersed with set prayers and Bible verses. One might assume that the continuance of the tradition in this centre of spiritual power is safe, but this is by no means the case. Although on the surface showing devotion, these are all men who are flawed in some way. Indeed, Lomeli's surprising speech to the Conclave urges his peers to consider the importance of doubt. Those who believe in certainty proceed to fall flat on their faces.

Alongside faith/doubt also runs a theme of inside/outside. Inside, the secrecy of the Sistine Chapel - outside, the crowds gathering in St Peter's Square; outside, the role that Lomeli successfully manages to conduct - inside, his considerable turmoil. It is not until an extraordinary event in the outside world seems to blow everything up in the air inside the chapel that the Conclave is able to reach a conclusion... and Harris completes the novel. The ending comes completely out of the blue and seemed to us to be unrealistic and absurd. However, perhaps this is the logical outcome of the point that Harris is making - that all these holy men have flaws. Oh! And I haven't mentioned the women, who quietly fulfil servant roles, but who actually exercise power in surprising ways. There is more that one could think about here!

We agreed that *Conclave* is indeed a pacy page-turner. We didn't think that it could be described as 'literature' but might be a good book to take on a long flight!

At our next meeting on **Thursday 9th April** we will be discussing *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. We are looking for new members to attend the group and have spare copies of the book available. If anyone is interested please contact: cathburley@hotmail.com

Faith Claringbull

HOL(E)Y DUSTERS AT DIDDLEBURY CHURCH

Another great session of cleaning, chatting, mirth, and coffee drinking by the lovely volunteers! This month we have to thank Melissa, Jean, Eileen, Liz and Paul who did a fabulous job!

Thanks also to Alison who donated a lemon drizzle cake and a selection of other cake slices from the Friends of DVH.

We have a new piece of kit thanks to the lovely Jess. On placement with John for a week, whilst training for ordination, she bought the church a 50ft long pole and brush! So the ancient cobwebs up in the rafters were brought down by Paul. It worked a treat! Thanks Jess.

Due to a number of bank holidays falling on the Mondays we clean I have changed the dates in the next couple of months for cleaning...see below.

Please come and join us. Jobs to suit all levels of fitness and a guarantee of delicious cake and coffee or tea. We start at 10am and finish by 11.30am.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 30th March	Cleaning ready for Easter
Monday 11th May	Avoiding the Bank Holiday
Monday 1st June	As usual first Monday of the month

Thank you!

Sharon Constable



MUNSLOW IS WILD ABOUT NATURE!

SAVE THE DATE! - SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

Advance notice of a fascinating opportunity for all residents of Munslow parish. On the afternoon of **Saturday 6th June** experts from the Shropshire Discovery Centre in Craven Arms will be leading a wildlife walk from Munslow parish hall in Beambridge. They will help residents identify birds, insects, trees, and plants and explore the diversity of our natural surroundings. We are keen to encourage people of all ages, and a special welcome for families. The walk will be followed by afternoon tea at the parish hall. There is no charge for this event, but we need to know numbers in advance for catering purposes.

Please book by emailing sskelby@outlook.com.

Sara Kelby

Member of the Munslow Parish Nature Recovery Group

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Entrants are reminded that only official seed potatoes can be entered and the single potato must be grown in a standard two gallon plastic bucket. Foliage can be trimmed but the stem must remain on the plant.

Potatoes cost £1 and can be collected from John Woodhouse (01584 841 359).

Ross Stokes

DOG FOULING

PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG

There has been a notable increase in dog fouling throughout the area and especially in and around Diddlebury village. Whilst most dog owners are responsible citizens and clear up after their dogs there are obviously some people who are not adhering to the law.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, but also dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizure and can cause salmonella in cattle.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

Bag it, bin it !



OLD CORVEDALE

The latest article in our occasional series features a postcard which our eagle-eyed reader Chris Meeson bought in Penzance, Cornwall a couple of years ago. The caption reads 'Munslow School re-opens April 7th.'

It is dated 1913 and is addressed to Miss C E Rowland-Jones, Glebe House, Diddlebury. John Roland-Jones had been the headmaster at Diddlebury school until Easter 1909 and died after falling from his bicycle in November of the same year.

Local history expert Martin Speight says: "I think that it almost certainly referring to the Easter holidays, as Easter Sunday was 23rd March in 1913. Elvira the recipient never appears to have been employed full-time, though for a while she was governess at Broncroft Castle. Elvira played the organ at Westhope, where she and her mother moved by 1915. In 1921 she married a boot and shoe dealer from Pontypridd and began the family's gradual return to their homeland."

If any of our avid readers have more information about this postcard or the school and Miss Rowland-Jones we would love to hear from you.

The Corvedale News Team



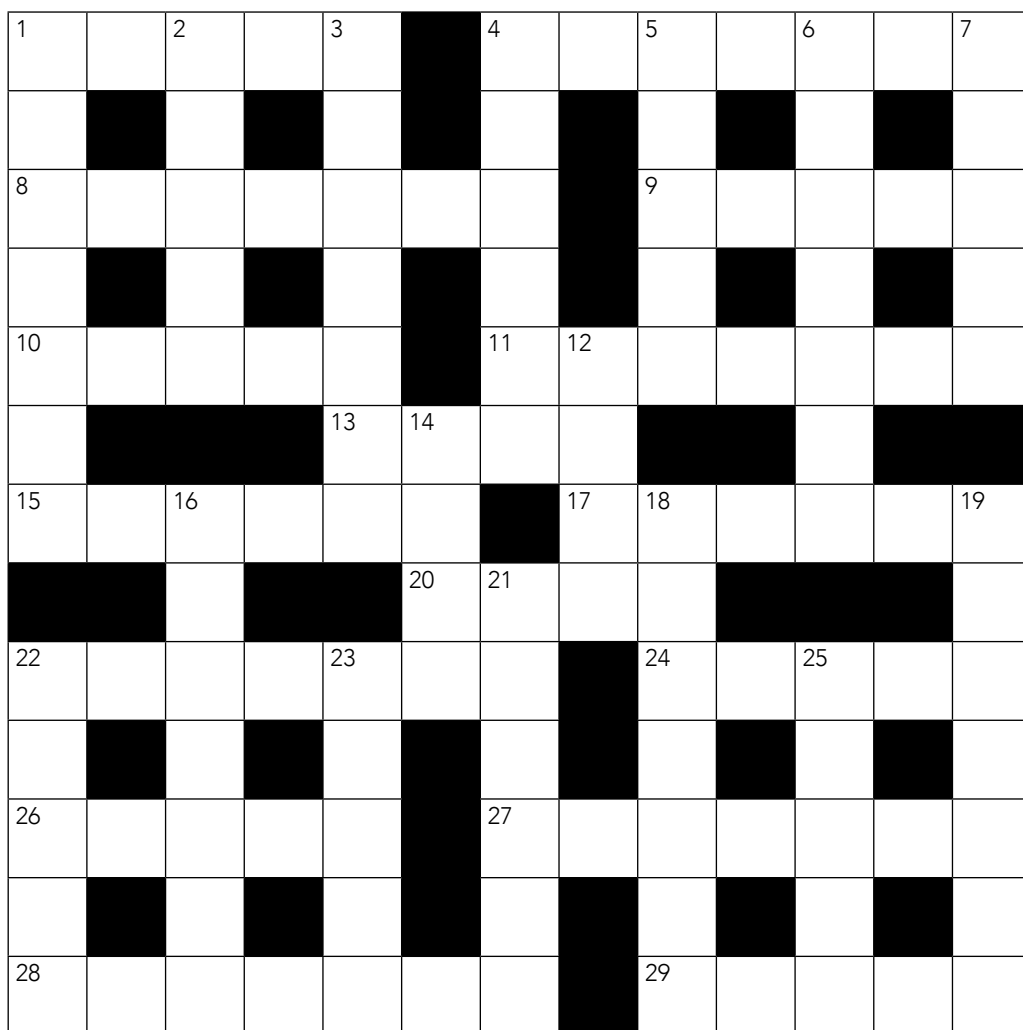
APRIL CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY ARTEMONAS

Answers to this month's crossword can be found on page 23 in this edition of the magazine.

ACROSS

- 1) Gallery representatives for wheelchairs (5)
- 4) Almost hot and relevant (7)
- 8) Companies fail – in the sea? (2,5)
- 9) That particular vase has baby insects in it (5)
- 10) Go into Nice centre for a pick me up (5)
- 11) Favour a very quiet over perhaps (7)
- 13) The lab lent part of can (4)
- 15) Wish for little man's anger (6)
- 17) Saga is translated into a court champion (6)



- 20) Feature of a church round 12 down (4)
- 22) Attacks malaria by one in five in the East (7)
- 24) Lowest point round drain (5)
- 26) Landing beach in Nebraska? (5)
- 27) Average cut of vegetable (7)
- 28) Have ice crushed in order to succeed (7)
- 29) Dripping water on radio for the Welsh? (5)

DOWN

- 1) Corrected the grid when broken (7)
- 2) Weep for Irish mountains (5)
- 3) Are discs a broken addition to a motorbike? (7)
- 4) Al's art can create these bones (6)
- 5) Many police can create growth (5)
- 6) A posh car in beds for vegetables? (7)
- 7) Agreement for a field in Kent area perhaps (5)
- 12) Hope a supermarket can provide the veg (4)
- 14)and who'd be a neighbour to provide more? (4)
- 16)and turn a church into a leafy one (7)
- 18) Common army officer? (7)
- 19) It purrs as it invades (7)
- 21) Old footballer has work on Sunday paper (6)
- 22) 60s rock group? Thanks for the share (5)
- 23) Part of the fair at Edinburgh is angry (5)
- 25) Form of exercise that could follow the sun? (5)

CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON 3RD MARCH 2026

Present: Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mr I Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Mr J Caine, Mrs J Disley, Mr A Lewis, Mrs J Mear, Mrs J Williams.

In Attendance: Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Ms J Watts, Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None.

Public Involvement Session: One member of the public was present.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd February 2026 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Emergency Plan and Potential Emergency Ring Round System: Mr Hugh Disley discussed the possible use of WhatsApp as a 'ring round' system for emergencies. Members of the group would opt in, and Mr Disley and the Clerk could be administrators of the system. Cllr Caine warned that it must be used for emergencies only as members would remove themselves if it became a general 'chat' group. Councillors supported the idea and Mr Disley would write an advertisement for consideration at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Reports from Members: *Shropshire Council* – Cllr Stanford could not attend.

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Mear reported that the AGM would be on 19th May. The drainage problem was still being investigated, and Severn Trent had confirmed there was not a water leak nearby. There would be a parish ball at the racecourse on 7th November. Bookings for the hall were going well and there were plenty of events planned.

Flood Action Group – Cllr Disley said that there has not been a recent meeting. For those who had signed up to the Environment Agency Scheme work was due to start in March.

Planning: 26/00221/FUL: Formation of playground, Upper Norton Farm Clubhouse, Onibury, Craven Arms. The council noted that there was a bio-diversity net gain for this development and resolved to support the application.

Highways: Matched funding of up to £1,000 would be available from Shropshire Council for Environmental Maintenance Funding for 2026-27. A grant of £750 would be requested.

Environmental Maintenance: The hourly rate for 2026-2027 would be increased to £20.00.

Blocked Bridleway: A Mapping and Enforcement Officer from Shropshire Council would visit the site on 9th March and update the parish council after that date.

Shropshire Council's Devolution Agenda: To reduce expenditure Shropshire

Council planned to not provide some Street Scene services from April 2027 and was in negotiations with Parish and Town Councils to take ownership of this provision. The information provided to the Parish Council on which services would no longer be provided was not clear at this point. The issue would be discussed further at the Annual Parish Meeting in May when it was hoped more information would be made available by Shropshire Council. The Clerk would write to Cllr Wagner (Shropshire Council) to clarify which services were involved in the process.

Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at 7pm on 5th May 2026: This would include devolution and expenditure on donations.

Amalgamation of Police Services: There were concerns that if West Mercia Police were amalgamated with a more urban-based force rural crime would not receive the level of attention it needed. The Clerk would write to the Police and Crime Commissioner expressing concern.

Risk Assessment: The changes were agreed.

Repairs to the Vehicle Activated Sign: Cllr Caine reported that the VAS has been sent off for an assessment of the fault. The Council would make a payment of up to £750 for repairs and reimburse Cllr Caine for £103.62 for the new battery and the cost of postage of the unit. Both amounts would be paid from the council's reserves.

Finance: The extended warranty for the laptop, costing £48.96, would not be purchased.

Asset Register: This was adopted.

Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation: Expenditure as at 26th January 2026 was £7,184.91 and the bank account held £9,320.11. It was forecast that in addition to reserves the carry forward to 2026-27 would be in the region of £46.15. The report was accepted and Cllr Disley signed the bank reconciliation.

Donations: The Council had budgeted for donations this financial year totalling £222.00. The Council discussed the benefits of supporting local groups.

The sum of £222.00 would be carried forward and included on the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Payments were authorised to H Coonick for: HMRC and clerk's salary Jan – March £935.19; clerk's travel expenses £12.60; stationery reimbursement £12.55; to D Lewis (environmental maintenance) inv 939 £194.75; and to the Information Commissioner's Office (GDPR) £52.00 (direct debit).

Items for the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held after the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 5th May 2026: a. Donations b. Devolution.

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs D Hedgley, T O'Boyle, R Povall, A Rattu, C Martyn, A Watson, S Povall and W Watts.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Morgan.

In attendance: The Clerk, Corvedale Cllr Colin Stanford and one member of the public.

Public Involvement Session: Mr Phil Mark introduced himself. He had been appointed by Severn Trent Water as a Community Flooding Officer for Shropshire and would be the first port of call for residents whose buildings, as opposed to land, had been flooded. His number is 07484 573 551, email: Phil.CD.Mark@severntrent.co.uk.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th January 2026 were approved.

Matters Arising included the issues of speeding in Mill Lane and congestion at the DVH car park, especially when school children were delivered to and collected from school. Actions to alleviate the problems were suggested and would be implemented.

Reports: *The Chairman* reported on his various DPC duties carried out in February. *Shropshire Council:* Corvedale Cllr Stanford reported that SC had been granted a large loan from the government, but it was unclear how the loan and interest would be repaid. Council taxes had been increased by 8.99%. Action on the Shirehall had been deferred for six months. Cllr Stanford would make enquiries about the future of CIL and about what was happening with the new food waste collection service. Cllr R Povall wanted to know what steps were being taken to investigate those responsible for signing off payments to Kier for non-existent services. Cllr S Povall wanted to know why 1500 houses had got planning permission on a greenfield site in Bridgnorth and 300 in Wenlock, when farmers could not get permission for agricultural buildings, even though the UK was no longer able to feed its population and chicken and beef were being imported from countries with very poor standards of animal welfare compared to those

imposed on UK farmers.

Flood Action Group: Cllr Martyn reported that potential sites for Slow the Flow measures were being actively investigated. He would be attending a multi-agency flooding meeting the following day. Mr Phil Mark was invited to attend.

Westhope Village Hall: Mrs Worthington said work had commenced to remove the stage area to create a second small room which could be used for minor medical treatments.

Highways And Environmental Matters: Many vehicles were being damaged by potholes. Unless the holes were 20cms deep, 41cms wide and had been reported to SC and remained unfixed for 12 days, compensation could not be claimed. The Chairman suggested that potholes in the parish should be recorded, measured, logged with FixMyStreet – and then monitored. How this suggestion could be implemented was discussed at length: as Diddlebury is a large parish it was not felt likely that a volunteer would step forward for the role and it would be prohibitively expensive to employ someone. A WhatsApp group was to be investigated. Cllr Martyn would start to map all the drains in the parish.

Communications and Correspondence: Five items were considered and noted.

Finance Report for February 2026: Cheques totalling £403.14 were approved for payment, leaving DPC with funds of £16,452.53. An invoice from Hugo Fox for website hosting fees and domain name fees of £317.74 was awaited. Cllr O'Boyle approved the cash book/bank statement reconciliation.

HSBC were creating many difficulties to thwart DPC's attempts to open a deposit account. NatWest would be tried instead.

Any Other Business: No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

The next Parish Council meeting is 7.30pm on 25th March 2026 at Westhope Village Hall.

Agendas and full copies of the minutes and finance reports can be viewed by visiting the Diddlebury Parish Council website at www.diddlebury-pc.gov.uk or obtained from the Clerk:

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ABDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2026

Present: Cllrs Ed Povey (Vice Chair), Barbara Archer, Nigel Dobson, Chris Meeson, Stuart Rowbotham and Graham Williams.

In Attendance: Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO) and Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

Cllr Williams was elected as temporary Chair.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Richard Arnold and Val Fotheringham.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th February 2026 were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

Reports: Shropshire Council – Cllr Stanford reported that Council Tax would be increasing by 8.99 % in April and the council had been granted exceptional financial support by the government: £70 million for the present financial year and a further £120 million for coming years if needed. The Northern Relief Road project had been scrapped but it was unclear whether the £40 million already spent by the council would be returned. The divisional councillors would now meet monthly with the highway's maintenance manager for the area to discuss issues. The Council was considering eleven options regarding the future of the Shirehall. Cllr Stanford was a member of the Health Oversight and Scrutiny Committee and working on including health in all decisions made by the council: they have been working on planning and would move on to continuing health care.

Munslow Village Hall – Cllr Dobson reported that the last of the coffee mornings would be held this month. The Nature Recovery Group had been meeting at the hall.

Planning: 26/00566/TCA - Crown reduce by 20 percent 1no. Tulip tree within Aston Munslow Conservation Area. Chapel, Aston Munslow, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9ER and **26/00655/TCA** - Fell and replant 1no Douglas Fir & 1no Yew within Munslow Conservation Area - Munslow House, Munslow, SY7 9ET. The council would make no comment on either of these applications.

26/00472/FUL - Proposed change of use of agricultural land for the siting of 2no self-contained holiday units with associated hardstanding (part retrospective) Rowe Farm, Rowe Lane, Stanton Long. The council supported this application as it did not impact neighbouring properties and would support local businesses and potentially increase local employment.

Food Waste Collections by Shropshire Council: Shropshire Council did not have a date when it would start food waste collections due to a lack of funding, so from 1st April it would be acting illegally by not providing the service.

Devolution of Services from Shropshire Council: Cllr Alex Wagner (Shropshire Council) had provided a breakdown of the amount spent on grounds maintenance within Munslow Parish Council Area. It was verge cutting alongside the highways which councillors considered to be a legal requirement of SC to carry out. The Clerk would ask for clarification at the South Shropshire Area Committee Meeting on 11th March.

Nature Recovery Application: The council would sign the application to Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund for a grant of £704.49 for the Species on 'The Edge' - Munslow Parish Nature Box Scheme.

Safeguarding Policy: The Safeguarding and Diversity Policy was adopted.

New Tasks for the Environmental Maintenance Contractor: The grant from Shropshire Council to support this activity would be continued during 2026-2027 and the Clerk would prepare a grant application for £1,000 for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

Interim Report from the Internal Auditor for 2025-2026: The auditor had not made any recommendations and found that the Council was compliant with the requirements. The report for the full audit would be available at the June Parish Council meeting.

Management of Assets: The Asset Register was confirmed as being correct.

Repairs/Replacement of Notice Boards: This was deferred to the next meeting.

Finance: As of 24th February 2026 expenditure was £7,826.92 and income was £8,444.16. There had been an expenditure above budget for burial ground maintenance, defibrillator maintenance and administration. The carry forward to the next financial year was forecast as only £93.44 but there was a general reserve of £5,175. The bank accounts as of 19th January 2026 held a total of £9,401.36. The report was accepted and Cllr Williams signed the bank reconciliation.

Income of £17.10 had been received from the collection box at Aston Munslow Garage. The council noted this and thanked Aston Munslow Garage for hosting the box.

Payments were authorised to: D Lewis (environmental maintenance) inv 934 £251.75; H Coonick and HMRC (salary Jan – March) £965.97 and travel expenses £20.70; Cllr Dobson (reimbursement) battery charger £21.99.

Items for the Next Meeting at 7.30pm Wednesday 1st April 2026 at Munslow Parish Hall: a. Devolution b. Notice boards c. Environmental maintenance grant application d. Agree a new additional bank signatory

Councillor Barbara Archer had tendered her resignation to the Vice Chair Cllr Ed Povey. The council thanked her for her time as a councillor including as the chair and wished her well. The clerk will enact normal procedures after the resignation of a councillor and bank signatory.

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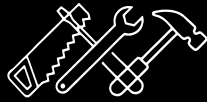
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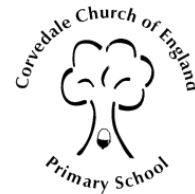
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THE CORVEDALE GROUP OF PARISHES

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL 2026

	5th April Easter Day	12th April Easter 2	19th April Easter 3	26th April Easter 4	3rd May Easter 5
Abdon	9am HC	9:45 HC		6pm Songs of Praise	
Broadstone			8:30 HC		
Culmington	9:30 HC		6pm Evensong	8:30 HC (BCP)	11:15 HC
Diddlebury	11:30 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	9:45 HC
Holdgate	<i>Saturday 4th, 7:30pm Vigil and HC for Easter</i>				8:30 HC
Munslow	11:15 HC	11:15 HC		9:45 HC	6pm EP
Tugford	10:15 HC		9:45 HC		

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

Holy Week Services

Wednesday 1st April	Compline and Address	7:30pm at Broadstone
Thursday 2nd April	Maundy Thursday HC	7:30pm at Tugford
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday Sung Compline	5:30pm at Culmington
Saturday 4th April	Easter Eve Vigil and HC for Easter	7:30pm at Holdgate.