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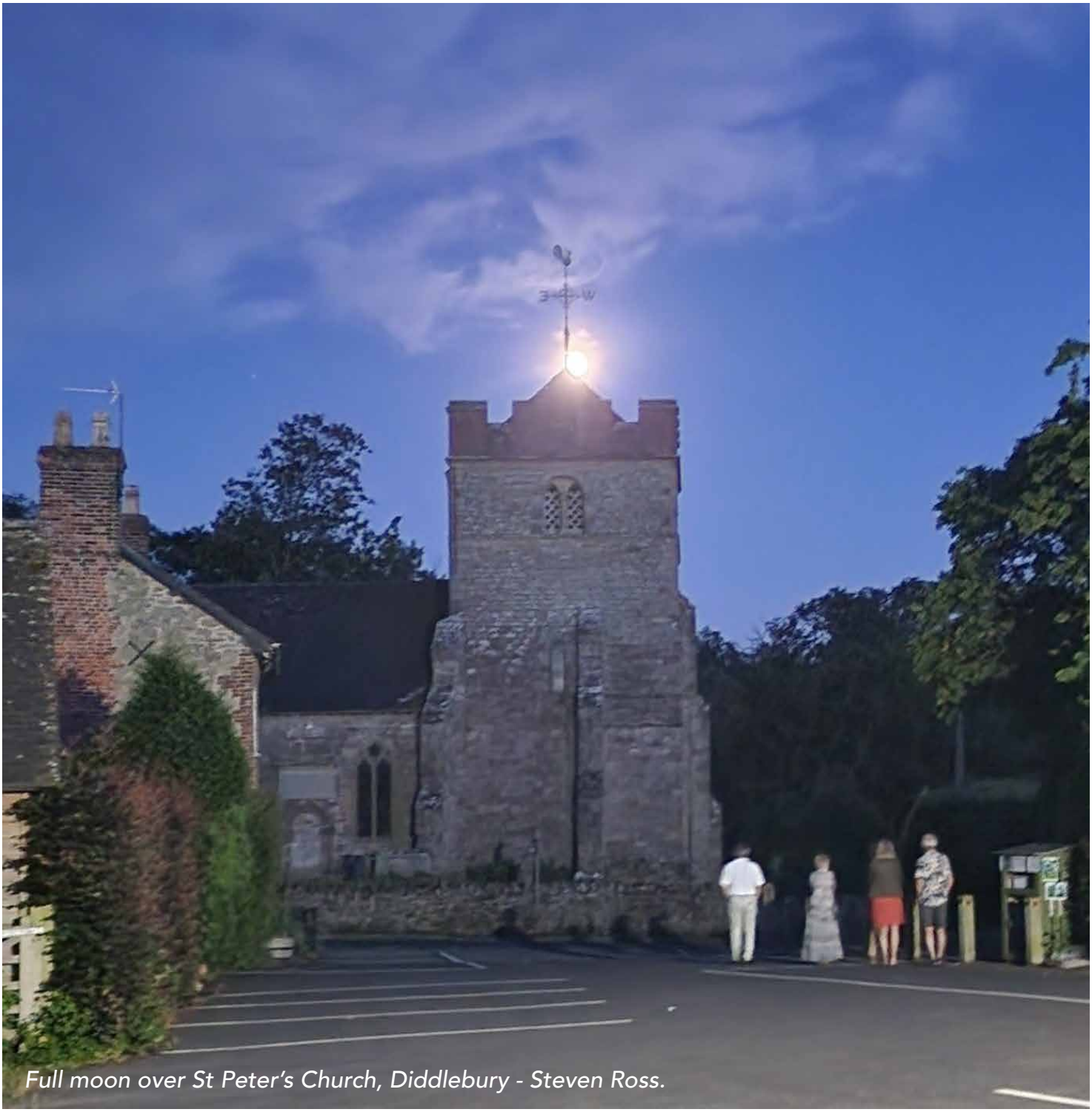

Full moon over St Peter's Church, Diddlebury - Steven Ross.

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(Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm)

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0808 223 1133

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0800 144 8 444

On the web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

SUPPORT & RESOURCES

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

From information about household recycling, planning applications, and highways to help with Cost-of-Living and Benefits. Help and information can also be obtained by phone: **0345 678 9000.**

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EDITOR'S NOTE If anyone knows of other events taking place within their immediate area in the next few months, could they please let the Editor know so these may be included in the Dates for Your Diary.

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To those of you who have already paid your subscriptions for 2026 – a huge thank you from the Corvedale News Team. However, we still have just over £500 outstanding. And whilst this is a huge improvement on previous years it still represents around 16% of our total subscription income for the year.

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With thanks for your continued support.

The Corvedale News Team

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Craven Arms: for service times and ministers, please contact the Shropshire and Marches Circuit Office

Tel: (01743) 874923

circuitoffice2803@gmail.com

LOCAL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Mini Moos

Baby and toddler group

Every Monday
9.30-11.30 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
corvedale.book.group@gmail.com
if you would like to join us.

Second Thursday of the month
7.30pm - 9pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.
Next Meeting: Thursday 13th August 2026

Corvedale Artists

meet every Tuesday
from 10.00 am until 1.00pm in
Munslow Parish 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

Sunday 9th August
The Bog, 10:30am

Sunday 20th September
The Long Mynd (west side), 10am

TALKS

Third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Wistanstow Village

Wednesday 16th September
Farming in Protective Landscapes – Lucy Grove

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

AUGUST 2026

Mon	3rd	**Coffee, Cake & Cleaning**	St Peter's Church, Diddlebury	10-11.30am
Sat	8th	**Corvedale Garden Group**	Growing Point, Credenhill, Hereford	10am
Sun	9th	**Children's Craft Session**	Culmington Village Hall	10am
Sun	9th	**RSPB Walk**	The Bog	10.30am
Wed	12th	**Westhope Clover Club**	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
Wed	12th	**Community Lunch**	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
Wed	12th	**Munslow WI Garden Party**	Coseley House, Munslow	2pm
Thu	13th	**Corvedale Book Group**	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	15th	**Munslow Church Fete**	Munslow House (The Old Rectory)	2pm
Mon	17th	**Churchyard Tidy Up**	St Peter's Church, Diddlebury	6.15pm
Mon	17th	**Corvedale News Copy Deadline**		
Thu	20th	**Messy Church**	St Peter's Church, Diddlebury	11am
Thu	20th	**Folk Fiddle Workshop (experienced)**	Westhope College	10am-4pm
Fri	21st	**Folk Fiddle Workshop (novice)**	Westhope College	10am-4pm
Sun	23rd	**Culmington & District Flower & Produce Show**	Culmington Village Hall	TBA
Sat	29th	**Coffee Morning**	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am

SEPTEMBER 2026

Tue	1st	**Culmington Parish Council Meeting**	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
Wed	2nd	**Munslow Parish Council Meeting**	Munslow Parish Hall	7.30pm
Sat	5th	**Shropshire Hills Vintage Club Working Day**	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	TBA
Mon	7th	**Coffee, Cake & Cleaning**	St Peter's Church, Diddlebury	10-11.30am
Thu	10th	**Corvedale Book Group**	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Thu	10th	**Hayton & District WI Meeting**	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	12th	**Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning**	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
Mon	14th	**Corvedale News Copy Deadline**		
Wed	16th	**Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting**	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed	16th	**RSPB Talk** - *Farming in Protective Landscapes, Lucy Grove*	Wistanstow Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun	20th	**RSPB Walk**	The Long Mynd (west side)	10am
Wed	23rd	**Quiz Night**	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	25th	**Social Evening with The Fish Heads**	Culmington Village Hall	5pm
Sat	26th	**Coffee Morning**	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am

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	9.30am
Every Tues	**Blue Hills Choir**	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	**Corvedale Artists**	Munslow Parish Hall	10am
Every Tues	**Zumba**	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Tues	**Yoga**	Westhope Village Hall	9.45-10.45am
Every Weds	**Line Dancing**	Onibury Village Hall	5.45 - 8.45pm
Every Weds	**Pub Night**	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	8pm
Every Thur	**Tai Chi**	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Thur	**Slow Flow Yoga**	Diddlebury Village Hall	4pm
Every Thur	**Pilates Beginners/Intermediate Class**	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Fri	**Physiotherapist-led Pilates**	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

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The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 17th August 2026.

ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?

Contact the editor to include your poster in the next edition:
corvedalenewseditor@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

Diddlebury Village Hall

INDOOR TABLETOP SALE

SUNDAY 1ST NOV.

11:00 – 13:00

Set up from 10:00

Booking in Advance Only

Sorry No Traders

Homemade cakes, bacon baps and hot drinks available

TABLES provided

£10 Large 6ft ***£12 Large + rail*** ***£5 Small 3ft***

Contact DVH **07396 730342**
bookdvh@gmail.com

Raising funds for DVH Charity number 522511

Folk Fiddle Workshops

with Kitty Greenwood

Thu 20 Aug (experienced): **FiddleSavvy**
Fri 21 Aug (novice): **FiddleFriendly**

£75 per day, lunch included

10.00 – 16.00 | Westhope College Craven Arms SY7 9JL

077 846 542 50 | www.kittygreenwoodmusic.com | folkfiddleteacher@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS At DVH

October

Friday 2nd

Fashion Show by Bodenhams & Oska of Ludlow

Wednesday 14th

Movie Night

November

Sunday 1st

Tabletop Sale back by popular demand

Friday 13th

Colour Analysis Demo Evening by Practical Style

Wednesday 18th

Movie Night

December

Friday 4th

Pub, Food & Band Night with ROCKFALL

Friday 18th

Carols by the Diddle Brook

QUIZ!

Nights at DVH

Wed 23 September

Wed 28 October

Wed 9 December

Teams of 4 – £10 a team

Already taking bookings for September !!!

Message or email to book

07396 730342

diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com

DATE FOR THE DIARY

5TH SEPTEMBER

SHROPSHIRE HILLS VINTAGE CLUB

annual working day

HERE ON THE FIELD
AT STANTON LACY
VILLAGE HALL

kindly hosted by the Gatehouse family

WORKING DAY IN THE MORNING

BACON BAPS

CUPPA TEA
& COFFEE

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
IN THE EVENING

ALL WELCOME

Time for the live entertainment in the evening to be confirmed

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Lil's

WALKING GROUP

A friendly walking group for our wonderful village community

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY

LEAVING FROM STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

AT 6.30 P.M.

All about the sense of *community* within our village.

A lovely way to *connect* with others.

ALL WELCOME

WELL-BEHAVED DOGS ON LEADS WELCOME

Good company. Fresh air. A calmer mind.

Book now

The Tally Ho Inn
Bouldon

COUNTY WINNER
THE NATIONAL PUB & BAR AWARDS 2024

Food Times

Wed 6-8pm
thur 12-2, 6-8pm
fri & sat 12-2, 6-8:30pm
sunday 12-4pm

www.thetallyho.co.uk
01584 841830

Join us for our Events

Pizza Night - 30th July from 6pm

Corvedale Supper Club - 13th August

Dawn Larose - spiritual Medium - 20th August

An evening of Mediumship with Dawn Larose

Thursday 20th August at 6pm
£25 per person
includes fish & chips & lemon Posset
booking essential.

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org What's App/call - 07396 730342 Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall.org

QUIZ NIGHTS

23 September

28 October

9 December

Christmas Quiz

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

14 October

18 November

QUIZ NIGHT	**We are already taking bookings for our September Quiz!** Message or email us to save a table Teams of 4 - £10 per team.	**Wed. 23rd Sept** **Bar Open 19:00** **Quiz Starts 19:30**
DVH FASHION SHOW	We are thrilled to announce our first ever fashion show featuring the new season's fashions from **Bodenhams** and **Oska** of Ludlow. *Tickets on Sale soon – keep a lookout!*	**Fri 2nd October**
TABLETOP SALE	**Back by popular demand** Have lots of 'stuff' to get rid of? Then book a table at our next sale and sell it! Homemade cakes, bacon baps and hot drinks on sale too!	**Sun. 1st November**
Colour Analysis	**Colour Analysis Demo by Practical Style of Ludlow** An evening with a Style Coach – numbers limited for comfort	**Friday 13th November**
	The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact: Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com	**Thursday 13th August 19:30**
	Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group – term time only £2.50 per Family	**Mondays 09:30 -11:30**
	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**
Pilates	**Physiotherapist-led Pilates** Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412	**Fridays 9.15 - 10.15**

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

The Race Day for Ellie raised an amazing £5,505.13, with donations continuing to come in for over a week after the event. All the monies raised have been donated to Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis and Brain Tumour Trust and many, many thanks to everyone who helped to make the day such a phenomenal success. On Friday 17th July, Andy Bright from Pulmonary Fibrosis came along to Westhope village hall to meet some of the volunteers and to be presented with a special giant cheque in appreciation of the amount raised.

Later the same evening, we hosted a private skittles night and supper for a local church group which was enjoyed by everyone. We received several compliments about our lovely hall. Many of our guests decided to eat al fresco to enjoy the evening sunshine and wonderful views.

We still have a few upgrades planned and are hoping for additional grants to facilitate these necessary improvements.

The QR code to the right links to our page on the Diddlebury Parish website.

We can now accept payment by card or phone. Unfortunately, we can only accept payments when we have a signal due to the poor or non-existent coverage at the hall, we may occasionally have to decline card payments. We are taking advice on how to connect and/or boost the signal at the hall, but the solution is likely to be expensive.

REGULAR EVENTS

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Lunch
Wednesday 12th August, 12:30 for 1pm
Two-course home cooked meal with tea/coffee, £12pp. Booking essential.

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.
£15pp. Booking essential.

Westhope Lotto 2026
£600 Prize Money to be won. Next draw December 2026.

One hundred 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 and booking details to Betty *07860 447 397* or Moira *01584 861 663.*

WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

The afternoon tea on 9th July at Ashlea Pools, Hopton Heath was a great success. They were delighted to meet us and looked after us well. We ate inside due to the overwhelming heat, and had a varied selection of finger sandwiches, pork pie, sausage rolls, jam and cream scones and small fancy cakes, all unbelievably delicious.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 12th August**, when we once again join the Westhope Community lunch from 12.30pm for 1 o'clock at Westhope village hall. Everyone very 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*

AUGUST EVENTS

Children's Craft Session to prepare entries for the show.
Sunday 9th August, 10am – 12 noon
Children must bring an adult! Refreshments provided.
Contact Kat *07875 382 170.*

Culmington & District Flower & Produce Show

Sunday 23rd August
Still time to prepare your entries! Schedules from Culmington Village Hall, All Saints Church or Cyril Bason. Contacts: Sue Lewis *07800 820 194* or Joy Williams *01584 861 849* or Jo Mear *07872 109 936.*

FUTURE EVENTS

Social Evening

Friday 25th September
With Fish Heads fish and chip van. The bar will be open. Food 5-8pm. Bar open till late. No need to book or cook!

Please note there is no Lunch Club in August or September. Lunch Club will return in October.

ABDON VILLAGE HALL

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

UFO will NOT meet in August for our summer break. We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday 12th September**, 10.30-12.30 as usual.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 29th August,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 Margaret Buckingham:
abdon.villagehall@gmail.com or *01746 712 296*
or visit our website for the booking form and details:
www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

DIDDLEBURY HOL(E)Y DUSTERS

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who clean St Peter's in Diddlebury every month! It is lovely to get together, clean and polish, and stop for a good old chinwag over coffee and cake in the middle, then leave with the church looking and smelling amazing. We have had comments from visitors and congregation alike who have been impressed with how the church is looking and are deeply appreciative.

On the right are the dates going into the autumn, if you are interested in joining our merry band, please just come along. There is no commitment to clean every month. Just turn up and pick a job suited to you.

Sharon Constable

Mondays from 10 to 11.30am

- 3rd August
- 17th August *evening churchyard tidy at 6.15pm*
- 7th September
- 5th October
- 2nd November

NEWS FROM BROWN CLEE PPG

(PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP)

Patients have now had time to work with the new system of booking appointments (using eConsult), and so we looked forward to some genuine feedback from them at the meeting of the PPG on Tuesday 21st July. Our meetings are a great opportunity for patients to hear directly from doctors, nurses and other practice staff, and ask the questions they need answering.

All patients are welcome to attend these open meetings, and if you are interested, the next one will be on **Tuesday 20th October**, and you would be made very welcome.

Contact the PPG to get your name on the mailing list *browncleeppg@gmail.com*

Tina Ranson, Chair BCPPG, *browncleeppg@gmail.com*

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

On **Saturday 10th October** there is to be a Confirmation Service in St Laurence's Church, Ludlow at 2:30pm, conducted by Rt Rev'd Richard Jackson, the Bishop of Hereford. Confirmation is an opportunity for us to confirm for ourselves the promises made at our baptism, promises which were possibly (probably) made on our behalf by our parents and godparents when we were too small to have an understanding of what was happening. Having been confirmed, we are able to share in the bread and wine at Holy Communion. Confirmation is available to people in the last year at primary school and older (there's no maximum age limit). If you haven't been confirmed and you would like to be, or if you'd like to ask more about it, please contact me by the middle of August. We normally run some preparation sessions before the Confirmation happens, which we can sort out once we know who might be interested.

Standing up and saying that we believe in something is becoming unfashionable, but it's important – not just in terms of religion but in other areas of life too. It's extremely easy to talk about what other people think but we are often more reluctant to commit ourselves. I am reminded of the occasion when Jesus asked the disciples who people were saying he was: the disciples were quick to report on what the crowds thought but more hesitant when the next question was about their own opinion. In the end it was Peter who filled the silence with the declaration that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God.

Confirmation gives us an opportunity to declare for ourselves that we recognise Jesus as the Son of God and that we think what he taught is important in the world of today. It is because we think what Jesus taught is important that many of us gather in church each week – to think about his message and how it might apply to us. We're all on a journey towards God: we invite you to travel with us.

Rev'd John Beesley

MUNSLOW CHURCH

Munslow Church Fete this year will be on **Saturday 15th August** from 2pm in the grounds of Munslow House (the Old Rectory). We are incredibly grateful to the Gabb family for the use of the garden. We hope to have all the usual stalls, activities, and refreshments.

If you might be able to help with a stall or an activity we would be delighted to hear from you, or if you can help by providing plants, cakes / produce or items for sale. Whilst the proceeds from most of the stalls will go to the costs of running and maintaining Munslow church, we would be incredibly happy if you wanted to run a stall for another cause. Please let us know if you can help run a stall or help to set up / clear away on the day. Do come and enjoy the afternoon.

Rev'd John Beesley

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church will be on **Thursday 20th August** in Diddlebury church when we will have a BBQ and enjoy some games in the churchyard. We'll have a wet weather plan if we need one. We look forward to seeing you!

Rev'd John Beesley

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH FETE

The sun shone brightly on Diddlebury church fete, held on Saturday 4th July. Lots of people from far and near turned up to enjoy the sizzling sausages (quickly sold out), ice cream (ditto), the always popular dog show, teas and delicious homemade cakes, and stalls selling all sorts of things such as crafts, plants and cakes, and not forgetting the bouncy castle which was very busy all afternoon. The lack of rain meant that there was not very much water in the Diddle brook but that did not spoil the great excitement generated by the duck race, which formed the grand finale to the afternoon. Many thanks are due to Corvedale School and everyone else who helped to make the afternoon so much fun. We raised over £1,000 for church funds.

(Memo for next year: order more sausages and ice cream!)

Diddlebury Church Fundraising Team

ST PETER'S CHURCH, DIDDLEBURY

A tidy up of St Peter's churchyard in Diddlebury is planned for the evening of **Monday 17th August**. We usually weed the path around the church and tidy up the shrubs as needed.

Everyone is welcome to come and help on the evening. Many hands make light work, and if you are able, please bring your own tools.

We start about 6.15pm and do a couple of hours followed by drinks and nibbles!

So do come and join us, you would be most welcome! If you can bring a contribution towards the drinks and nibbles, that would be great, but not essential.

Sharon Constable

FLOWERS

Munslow church would like your help please. We are organising a rota of local people to put flowers in the church. They do not need to be large displays: just a few flowers in a vase on the font make a lovely welcome to visitors! Your help could be just once a year or more often if you feel able. If you would like to know more or to offer your support, please contact Bev Harris on *07933 724 728*. Thank you!

REGISTERS

WEDDING

27th June	Sophie Lewis and Oliver Uffold	Tugford

FUNERAL

20th June	Michael Bennett	Abdon

FLOWERS & BRASSES

AUGUST

2nd	Melissa Hartop
9th	Liz Jones
16th	Liz Jones
23rd	Liz Jones

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

THINGS ARE NOT WHAT THEY USED TO BE!

It's been delightful recently visiting and working in our churchyards, many of which are full of colourful summer flowers in amongst the gravestones. But not everyone agrees with me! Some people feel that the grass should be kept well mowed and very neat and tidy. This got me thinking about the people who had built our ancient churches a thousand years ago. In those days, the only stone building in the village was the newly built church, started as a small place for worship and then expanded as the naves were added. William the Conqueror was very encouraging after his triumph at Hastings and bringing his forward-looking fancy French building ideas. The church would have been novel for our ancestors. Imagine putting all that effort in and only using it once a week for service! That is not what happened then. While the chancel, the part of the church where the altar stands, was reserved for the priest, the nave became the meeting place for everyone.

So, while moved by faith to build the church, it soon became a covered space for other activities. There is plenty of evidence, particularly in the Marches, of games being played with balls thrown and caught from the walls of the buildings: something you could do then if the rain was pouring down. The nave was also used for council meetings and, if needed, as a court, and as time went on other events were introduced. Patronal festivals and the marking of important feast days became more than just a service by the addition of singing, dancing, and drinking. They were remarkably busy places.

Ironically today many of our churches are used for services once a month and often little else. Changes are happening to make them more useful but opposition to the addition of toilets and kitchens and removal of the Victorian pews can be extremely hard work for those keen for change.

Back in the churchyard where we started, the work of Caring for God's Acre has made the meadow approach more popular as many a village now enjoys an amazing display of wildflowers, a stunning spread of colour, decorating the headstones. They now look as they would have looked a thousand years ago albeit with bigger yew trees.

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

Anni Holden Calver
Secretary of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group and Trustee of Caring for God's Acre
www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk
www.discovershropshirechurches.co.uk

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Reorganisation at the Shropshire Hills National Landscape (SHNL) means that a new twelve member Advisory Committee has been formed. I am honoured to have been elected as a Vice Chair so I hope to be able to represent our area even more effectively on that body. It will be of interest to some to note that the SHNL made representations to Shropshire Council about the car rally that is coming through the area in September and articulated very clearly why it could not support it. As you will be aware the necessary road closures were voted through the Council Cabinet so the rally will go ahead. If any residents have access difficulties whilst the road closures are in place please let me know and I will pass this on to the local contact at the rally.

Wearing another hat, I attended my second meeting of Rushbury C of E Primary School this week and it is fantastic to hear how much amazing work goes on there not least when our rural schools feel threatened. It was also wonderful to know more about the dedication of the staff and the level of support provided by local organisations including the minibus committee that enable all pupils to go on school trips. The recent residential trip to Liverpool sounded fascinating and even involved a ferry ride on the Mersey! – what great experiences for youngsters. The future for Rushbury appears very bright.

The council's Medium Term Financial Plan has been refreshed, focussing on Financial Sustainability and Recovery. The key elements are:

1. Strengthening reserves and balances
2. Making best use of our assets, including an asset disposal programme
3. Maximising income generation and collection, including fees, charges, revenues, and benefits
4. Ensuring value for money from our traded services
5. Reviewing Council Tax options, including a commitment to increase beyond capped levels where needed
6. Continuing service transformation (including adults, children's services reforms, and digital programme)
7. Strengthening financial management across the organisation
8. Optimising debt financing
9. Reviewing and rationalising the capital programme
10. Continuing to make the case for fair government funding
11. Supporting and enabling economic growth

In the context of asset disposal, Shropshire Council Cabinet has finally agreed the future of Shirehall, which will be sold.

Bus services supported by the council have also been reviewed and because of low numbers and high costs, the Park and Ride facilities at Meole Brace and Ludlow Ecopark will close.

The Helena Lane day care facility in Ludlow will also be closed and care provided elsewhere in the area.

Library services are also being scrutinised although at present there haven't been any recommendations made. For our area it is the Mobile Library Service that needs protecting and our libraries in Church Stretton and Ludlow.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

MUNSLOW WI

'We should have more outings!' was the conclusion after our visit to Dudmaston Hall on Wednesday 8th July. We all thoroughly enjoyed looking round the house with its exceptional collection of paintings, sculptures, and display of exquisite fans, all assembled by Sir George and Lady Labouchere who travelled the world on diplomatic service between the 1930s and 1966. The weather was too hot for much exertion but some of us found a delightful woodland walk and the orchard was cool and shady: we ate ice creams, drank tea, and spent an incredibly happy time chatting together.

Our next meeting is the annual garden party at Coseley House in Munslow on **Wednesday 12th August** from 2pm. Please contact our secretary, Val Hardwick at *sparchford@btinternet.com* if you would like more information.

Wendy Brogden, *wendy@brogden.info*

HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

At our July meeting we welcomed Jenny Lack from the Brooke Working Horse & Donkey Charity as our guest speaker. Jenny gave an inspiring and moving presentation on the work of the charity. It's all thanks to the remarkable Dorothy Brooke, a keen horsewoman herself. Before relocating to Cairo with her husband, who had been appointed to command the British Cavalry Brigade in Egypt, Dorothy had read about the fate of the former war horses that were now living in poor conditions in Egypt. These horses had been shipped overseas from the UK to serve in WWI but were never returned home. From 1930 to 1934 through her sterling efforts to raise awareness and funds Dorothy brought back 5,000 horses and mules. As almost all were unfit to endure the long voyage, they were given water, feed, rest, and kindness before they could make the journey home. In 1934 The Old Warhorse Memorial Hospital was established to provide a free veterinary clinic for all the working horses, mules, and donkeys in Cairo. Today the UK-based international charity has a global reach that continues to transform the lives of working horses, donkeys, and mules.

In 2009 Jenny experienced first-hand the work of the charity in Egypt. She shared the remarkable work, dedication, and achievements of the charity that, collaborating directly with owners, vets and farriers, provides hands-on training and essential care. For rural villages, the vets keep a regular weekly route in their fully equipped vehicles so that owners and their animals can drop in for treatment. Education is key to the charity as 80% of the cases treated are preventable. Jenny pointed out that the problems Brooke sees are often caused by poverty and lack of understanding.

Jenny herself is a remarkable woman, having spent over twenty years raising funds for the charity through talks and her stall at Ludlow Market on a Monday.

Upcoming Event: Thursday 10th September - 7.30pm at Stanton Lacy Village Hall.

Guest Speaker: Keely Simpson – The Girl in the Wool Shop

We are delighted to welcome Keely Simpson, from The Wool Shop in Ludlow, as our guest speaker for the evening. Keely will be talking about her career moving from working in the corporate world to a local shop owner in Ludlow.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at Stanton Lacy Village Hall SY8 2AT. We enjoy a varied programme of speakers and activities in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. New members and visitors are always welcome, so come along on the night or contact us for more information.

President: Phyllis Steventon - *01584 823 436*
Secretary: Jennette Arnold OBE
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Pam MacIntyre

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

The final concert of our summer season took place on a lovely warm evening at Ticklerton village hall. It was a good night for Parkinson's UK, the charity we were supporting, and the England football team who progressed to the World Cup semi-finals later that evening! The concert was very well attended with the choir in fine form. Pleasingly the organisers raised over £1,500 for the work of Parkinson's UK, which was an excellent total for the evening.

We are always pleased to hear from any fundraising group or organisation who may wish to host a concert with our support. Please use the contact details below for an initial conversation.

The choir now takes a summer break until mid-August, and with the William Brookes School closed for the summer, we return to the Priory Hall in the Bullring for practices. These will be open practices where we invite folk to come and see if singing in a choir is for them. It usually takes a little while to get used to how it all works, but you may never regret it. You don't need to be a Pavarotti or a Sam Ryder, just a willingness to give it a go. More details are given in our flyer on the right.

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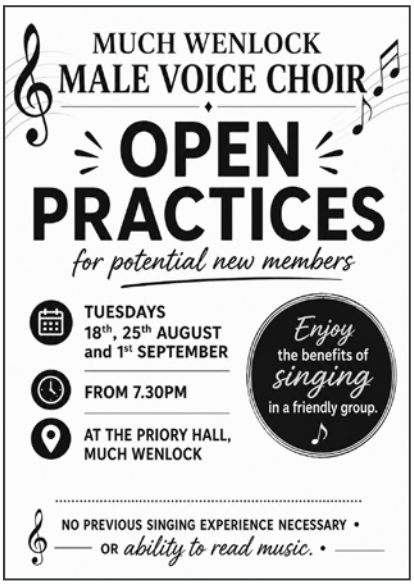

MUNSLOW PARISH NATURE RECOVERY PLAN

Supported by the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust and Munslow Parish Council

We had a very successful June nature walk when thirty of us found and identified a wide range of insects including wasps, bees, damselflies, spiders, butterflies and moths on the Millichope estate. We also examined some of the veteran and ancient trees and learnt that details about these trees are kept on a central national record.

Big Butterfly Count – 17th July to 9th August

There is still time to take part in our next citizen science project. Google 'Big Butterfly Count' (from Butterfly Conservation) and register your interest to take part. There is a simple phone app to upload or you can record your results using a laptop/PC. Any time up to 9th August observe the butterflies in your local environment and record the maximum number of each species you observe over fifteen minutes. You can take part as many times as you like during the July/August dates. Please send your results to *sskelby@outlook.com* so we have a baseline central record of species observed in the Corvedale.

Key Date For Your Diaries

Habitat Box Building Day – Munslow Parish Hall – 10th October 2026 – More information coming soon.

Sara Kelby, Member of the Munslow Parish Nature Recovery Group

DIDDLEBURY FLOOD ACTION GROUP

HIMALAYAN BALSAM

Himalayan Balsam is a very invasive weed which spreads very quickly, especially adjacent to watercourses. It has been seen locally on the banks of the Diddle brook.

Himalayan Balsam is a fast growing, tall, upright annual. Seed germinates in early spring, producing broad, almost square seed leaves that are followed by lance-shaped true leaves with finely serrated edges. Sturdy hollow stems, often with reddish tints, grow to a height of about 2m (6½ft) during summer. Scented flowers in shades of pink and purple, and occasionally white, are borne from June to November.

All parishioners are asked to remove these weeds from our waterways whenever they see them. They are simple to pull up as they have short roots. Without control they can distribute their seeds up to seven metres from the flower and spread downstream seeding next year's growth.

Further information on this website:
www.rhs.org.uk/weeds/himalayan-balsam

Clive Martyn

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

We have countless miles of footpaths and public rights of way in the parishes of Munslow, Diddlebury and Abdon & Heath and these have hundreds of gates, stiles and footbridges. Some are used daily, some occasionally and some probably never. Many are in good condition, others less so and some do not align with the map or cannot be found.

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. To aid identification please use What3Words or provide the Ordnance Survey map Grid Reference or at the very least a good description of its location. A photograph of the problem would also help.

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*.

Katharine Wale

PS - Huge thanks go to Sue Morgan from Diddlebury who strimmed and cleared away the overhanging foliage from the footpath and gates from the main road to the school.

GREEN MATTERS

THE IMPORTANCE OF SPECIES ABUNDANCE

It is widely known that the UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world. We have lost at least half of our wildlife since the industrial revolution, and 1 in 6 of our species is at risk of extinction. Our destruction of habitats, sterilisation of landscapes, and pollution of waterways have driven the collapse of our ecosystems and much that they support.

Shifting Baseline Syndrome, a gradual change in the accepted norms for the condition of the natural environment over time, masks this loss of species abundance and is not seen by the majority. When combined with an extinction of experience, a generational reduction in knowledge passed down due to less engagement with the natural world, it has caused most of the population to have a very warped sense of what our wider landscape and the species that frequent it should look like and ultimately cause further extinction.

Emperor Moth

For many years we have managed land as nature reserves – relatively small, isolated pockets, where we protect a particular habitat and suite of species. This has largely worked well in saving specific areas, and is hugely important so they can act as rich hubs for when we have a wilder landscape. It's also altered our perceptions of which species truly belong in which habitat to falter, with many species clinging on to the edges of where they can survive. When given the space, there are now countless examples of species not adhering to the guidebooks – Purple Emperor on Sallows at the Knepp Estate and White-tailed Eagles nesting low down on willows in the Oostvaardersplassen just being a couple of examples.

We can't address this exponential loss with incremental change: protecting our existing nature is simply not enough if we want to stop a sixth great extinction. There is now a large push across the UK to move towards extensive, landscape scale restoration, where we can restore natural processes such as water retention and introduce mixed grazing, to establish mosaic landscapes proven to deliver high levels of species diversity and abundance. Increasing abundance in both isolated populations and meta-populations helps build resilience across a landscape. Resilience is needed to prevent population loss, and ultimately extinction, by better enabling species to withstand both anthropogenically driven and stochastic events such as climate change, pollution, disease, and habitat loss.

As a new Senior Reserves Officer at Shropshire Wildlife Trust, I will be looking to put these principles into practice across any suitable land, helping to drive a nature recovery network across the county. If you would like to get in touch, please feel free to email me at *sebe@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk*.

Seb Ellwood

Shropshire Wildlife Trust
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MUSINGS ON LIFE

A LESSON IN PLAYFULNESS

Last month I was reading a lyrical piece about the writer's experience of swimming with dolphins.

What sagacity dolphins transmit, and what a clever move they made a mere fifty million years ago (so the palaeontologists tell us). The story takes a turn to the east where, in those times, a shallow sea existed between the Indian sub-continent and the rest of Asia. Sea creatures, like all life, had originally evolved in the seas and then some made the long, slow, transition to land.

Now, a group of land animals called cetaceans, which superficially looked like long-snouted dogs, were plying their trade catching their lunch (and trying not to be somebody else's!). Let's imagine that one day a more than usually lateral-thinking cetacean came up with the notion of spending time in the shallows. This would be a good way of hiding and bagging a passing fish at the same time. Maybe it was an even cleverer beast who saw the advantages, before his friend, who had just gone for a dip to cool off in the heat of the day – a thing we could all associate with this summer.

So here comes the clever bit – the penny dropped. Live in the water and it's a pretty much even temperature all the time: none of this English summer nonsense of boiling one day and reaching for a jumper the next. No holding up your body weight as you lumber around all day: the water does that for you and it doesn't take a day off. As for food, well, that's much more plentiful in the sea and there's no need to wash up. As they say: what's not to like?

So, the dolphin and his big whale cousins have had fifty million years to fine-tune the job so when those dozy humans got to sailing the seas in their clumsy boats all the dolphins had to do was set their tail fins at the right angle to be pulled along. When the dull-eyed sailor gets a sighting it just all looks like play, and probably it is!

They have also left us a fascinating trail to follow. The development of the individual (ontogeny) mirrors the evolution of the species (phylogeny). Dolphins are mammals… mammary… milk producing and are live born. Even their skeleton can recall their terrestrial sojourn with five finger-like bones within their flippers.

So, the article mentioned at the beginning expressed what many have long felt: a deep connection without the need for language, just a meeting of minds, a resonant energy. No wonder we have such a sense of awe if we even just glimpse these sea mammals and so many go to great lengths to watch them, although most of us could only imagine swimming with them.

Peter Cornah, *villageadamandeve.uk*

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

THE PAINTER'S DAUGHTERS BY EMILY HOWES

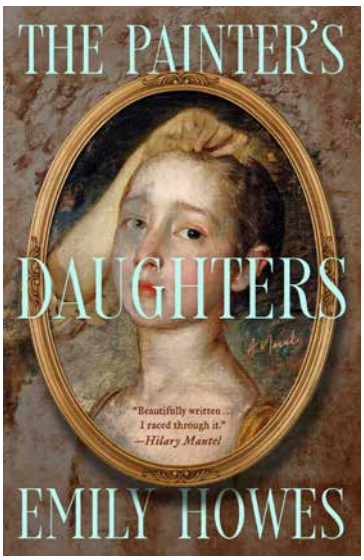
Members of the book club generally enjoyed this work by Emily Howes, finding it both an easy and interesting read and high scores being given by members who are usually hard to impress! It is an accomplished and deeply affecting historical novel that brings to life the household of the celebrated nineteenth-century artist Thomas Gainsborough through the eyes of his two daughters, Peggy and Molly. Winner of the Mslexia Novel Prize and widely praised for its originality and emotional depth, the novel offers a richly imagined exploration of family relationships, creativity, disability, mental health, and the often-overlooked experiences of women in history.

One of the book's greatest strengths lies in its content. Rather than focusing on the celebrated painter himself, Howes chooses to tell the story through the women who lived in his shadow. The sisters are vividly characterised, and their contrasting personalities create much of the novel's emotional tension. Peggy is intelligent, observant, and increasingly aware of the constraints placed upon women of her period, while Molly's mental fragility and vulnerability provide some of the book's most moving passages. Through their experiences Howes explores themes of love, duty, ambition, and sacrifice, demonstrating how the lives of family members can be shaped by the genius of one individual.

The novel's structure is particularly effective. Alternating perspectives allow the reader to understand the differing experiences of the two sisters while maintaining narrative momentum. The shifting viewpoints create a layered portrait of family life, revealing both the affection and frustrations that exist within close relationships. Howes carefully balances historical detail with storytelling: descriptions of eighteenth-century Britain, artistic circles and domestic life are seamlessly woven into the narrative rather than presented as background exposition. The result is a novel that feels both educational and immersive.

Another notable achievement is the author's sensitive treatment of mental health. Historical fiction has often struggled to depict psychological conditions with nuance, but Howes presents Molly's experience with empathy and complexity. Rather than reducing her to a historical curiosity, the novel invites readers to consider how society treats those who do not conform to accepted norms. In doing so, it demonstrates that many issues we consider contemporary have deep historical roots.

Indeed, the novel resonates strongly with several current themes. Questions surrounding women's voices, agency and recognition have become increasingly prominent in modern historical writing and *The Painter's Daughters* contributes meaningfully to this conversation. By recovering the stories of women whose lives were overshadowed by a famous male figure, Howes participates in a broader literary movement that seeks to re-examine history from neglected perspectives. The book also speaks to contemporary discussions about caregiving and family responsibility. The sisters' lives are shaped by expectations placed upon daughters and by the emotional labour required to support loved ones. These themes remain highly relevant today when many families continue to navigate questions of duty, independence and the balance between personal fulfilment and caring for others.



Stylistically, Howes writes with elegance and restraint. Her prose captures both the beauty of Gainsborough's artistic world and the emotional complexity of family life. She avoids sensationalism, preferring carefully observed moments and subtle character development. This measured approach allows the emotional impact of the story to emerge naturally and gives the novel considerable depth. Ultimately, *The Painter's Daughters* is much more than a historical reconstruction. It is a thoughtful examination of how families are shaped by talent, ambition, illness, and love. Through meticulous research and imaginative storytelling, Emily Howes succeeds in illuminating lives that have long remained in the margins of history. The novel will appeal to readers who enjoy literary historical fiction, biographies of artists, and stories centred on complex family relationships. It is a moving, intelligent, and highly rewarding work that deserves its critical acclaim.

Emily Howes is due to speak at the Ludlow Assembly Rooms on **Saturday 29th August 2026** at 6 pm. The event, titled *Mrs Dickens*, will feature discussion of her second novel which explores the life of Catherine Dickens, the wife of Charles Dickens. Tickets are available through Castle Book Shop or on the door.

Cath Burley

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CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP

CUCKOO HALL, ABERMULE, MONTGOMERY

After a meltingly hot week a brave few, thirteen of us, had a stunningly beautiful drive to meet Gill and Cliff Plowes at Cuckoo Hall. The rest of you missed a treat! Do try to visit when it is next open for the NGS.

Gill and Cliff moved to Powys from Yorkshire about five years ago. The Victorian hall is less stunning than the more historical Madresfield Court or Pitchford Hall which we recently enjoyed. However, it is nestled in a dip in the hills near a quiet stream and it was a beautiful place to visit. Cliff met us at the gate and recounted the history of the building and the garden whilst we stood under the shade of an outbuilding. After a career as a medical secretary, Gill decided in her thirties to go for something different, and they bought a seven-acre plot and ran a plant nursery in Yorkshire, attending several RHS shows and winning medals for their beautiful plants. Cuckoo Hall garden is divided into three sections, a garden plan they had been contemplating for thirty years, so it is still a work in progress. The section to the left of the house is a hillside, boasting several beautiful specimen trees, three interconnected ponds full of wildlife, including newts and frogs, and a beautiful dragon sculpture 'Idris.' The relaxed semi-formal planting was a joy to see, and the pollinators were loving it. Other sculptures were scattered throughout the garden as were lovely mosaic panels including one for a child, Robert, who had died young. The NGS funds go towards Robert's father's chosen charity for Parkinson's disease.

The second section is more organised chaos, a 's'welter of herbaceous plants and shrubs. The third section was a courtyard of Japanese acers and other Asiatic plants. Ducking under a rose pagoda we found a thriving vegetable patch cum potager garden, with storage sheds, poly tunnel, and beds of some of the seventy-odd Astrantia down two sets of steps and along the stream beside the summer house. Here, it was cool and shady with ferns and a moon gate leading to a bluebell wood. The sloping woodland border was very dry, offering opportunities for other sorts of plant families. More gabions of stones and mosaics of local birds and then we returned to the shade for coffee, cakes, scones and sausage rolls and the opportunity to purchase plants and homemade preserves. A great visit!

Our next visit on **Saturday 8th August** is to Hereford, to see and support the work of Growing Point at Credenhill, Hereford HR4 7DX. Here the demonstration garden is designed to support people with physical and mental health challenges. The garden is designed to provide horticultural therapy and well-being sessions as well as social and sensory experiences to help these gardeners manage the life-changing experiences they are facing. The visit is open to anyone in the Corvedale who would like to join us. Entry fee of £10 supports the charity and includes refreshments. Please contact Alison Benbow, a week beforehand via *corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com* if you would like to join us.

Cath Burley, cathburley@hotmail.com

Idris - The Dragon Sculpture

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

A BRILLIANT NIGHT OF PIZZAS, PUB AND CATCHING UP!

What a great evening we had at our recent Pub and Pizza Night! It was lovely to see neighbours, friends and families from all along the Corvedale coming together for good food, a drink or two and a proper catch-up.

After the heatwave, the weather had cooled down just enough for everyone to sit outside, and the welcome breeze made it an extremely enjoyable evening. An excellent playlist added the perfect finishing touch, with song choices that kept the atmosphere relaxed, cheerful and just right for a summer get-together.

Josh and Jack from The Street Food Collective did a fantastic job turning out excellent pizzas with hardly any queuing, while Bar Stefano was busy all evening and the draft Ludlow Gold seemed to go down very well indeed.

One of the best things was hearing people say how wonderful it was to see faces they had not seen in ages. That is what community is all about, and exactly why DVH puts on events like this.

To top it all off, the money raised through bar sales will help keep the hall in tip-top condition and go towards our fund to improve the kitchen equipment. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a success.

Kim Simm

CORVEDALE KITCHEN

BANANA LOAF (WITH CHOCOLATE CHIPS OR CRUNCHIE BARS)

from the kitchen of Jacqueline Turner

INGREDIENTS

200g	Self raising flour
¼ tsp	Bicarbonate of soda
Pinch	Salt
2	Eggs, *beaten*
75g	Margarine
175g	Caster sugar
450g	Bananas *(be generous)*

For extra flavour add either

100g	Chocolate chips
2	Crunchie bars, *roughly chopped*

METHOD

1. Grease and line a deep ½ kg loaf tin.
2. Place the flour, bicarbonate of soda, salt, eggs, margarine and sugar in a bowl and stir to mix. Add the mashed bananas and stir in.

   If using the chocolate chips add now and mix in. Spoon the mixture into the tin.

   If using the crunchie bars, spoon the mixture into the tin and scatter over the chopped crunchie bars. Swirl through with a round bladed knife.
3. Cook in a conventional oven for 50 minutes at 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Check the loaf from around 35 to 40 minutes by inserting a skewer into the loaf, it should come out cleanly when cooked.
4. Cook in an Aga in the roasting oven for 50 minutes to an hour. Put the shelf on the floor of the oven and slide the cold shelf onto the second set of runners from the top of the oven. Check the loaf with a skewer from 35 to 40 minutes. If the loaf is browning too much slide a piece of foil loosely over the top.
5. Cool for 5 minutes in the tin and then remove from the tin and cool on a wire rack. Slice and serve with butter, if liked.

Be featured in the next edition of Corvedale Kitchen.

Send your recipes to: *editor@corvedalenews.co.uk*

MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST JULY 2026

Present: Cllrs Stuart Rowbotham (Chair), Richard Arnold, Liam Bell, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, Sara Kelby, Ed Povey, Chris Meeson.

Apologies for absence: None.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Forum: No members of the public were in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2026 were accepted as an accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

Reports: *Shropshire Council* – Cllr Stanford reported that Cllr Boddington had been replaced by Cllr Waite as chair of the Southern Planning Committee. The Council was reviewing all services in an attempt to save money. They were closing Helena Lane Day Centre and some of the services would be transferred to Alexandra House. He'd had regular meetings with Highways. It was hoped that a 20mph speed limit would be installed at the school in Rushbury. There was a public consultation on the Local Plan. He was now vice chair of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership.

Munslow Village Hall – Cllr Dobson had nothing to report.

Nature Recovery Project – Cllr Kelby said there had been 30 people on the recent guided walk and further 6 joined them for tea. A meeting had been held in Aston Munslow and there was a lot of interest from residents. They were encouraging people to get involved in the butterfly count. The bird box construction day at Munslow parish hall would be on 10th October. They were evaluating each element of the project as they go along.

Streetscene Services: The Council would complete the Expression of Interest form indicating an interest in exploring Streetscene/ Grounds Maintenance with Shropshire Council but would consult with SALC about the legality of Shropshire Council proposing to cease cutting verges alongside highways.

Consultation for the Local Plan: Members of the public would be encouraged to complete the consultation form by publicising it on the website and Facebook page.

New Tasks for the Environmental Maintenance Contractor: The contractor had recently cleared weeds from the brook in the centre of Munslow. Cllr Bell reported that Millichope Estate had various 'Slow the Flow' scrapes and had reinstalled the pond above Munslow to help reduce flash flooding. The contractor would be asked to strim verges on corners.

Biodiversity Policy: Cllr Kelby had added actions relating to the Nature Recovery Project and the policy was adopted.

Website Accessibility Statement: This was adopted.

Data Protection Training for Councillors: Councillors would let the clerk know when they wish to be booked onto the training course.

Management of Assets: Consideration of repairs/replacement of notice boards was deferred to next meeting.

Cllr Dobson would check battery power on one of the vehicle activated signs.

Cllr Dobson would let the clerk know the most recent replacement cost for the Vehicle Activated Signs. The new laptop was added to the asset register and the old one shown as decommissioned. The asset register was accepted with the agreed changes.

Acton Scott Heritage Farm: Acton Scott would be informed that the council did not make grants.

Finance: The Shropshire Council Environmental Maintenance Grant of £1,000 and donations from patrons of the Crown Inn at Munslow of £33.10 for the defibrillator fund had been received.

A transfer of £182.94 to the Environmental Maintenance Reserve would be needed to increase the carry-forward to £1,000 to match the grant of £1,000 from Shropshire Council. There was an overspend of £55.44 for the affiliation fee with SALC. As at 31st May 2026 the current account held £7,934.62 and the savings account £7,338.26.

The bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr Arnold.

Insurance for the Forthcoming Year: The insurance period would end on 4th September: the clerk would ensure that the updated asset register was provided to the insurance company. Once a quote had been received two further insurers would be asked for quotes and councillors would review the outcome via email before the final decision was made.

Payments were authorised to: D Lewis (environmental maintenance) inv 1028 £140, H Coonick, clerk (inks, postage, laptop) £250.52, Nest Box Company (Nature Recovery Project) £691.47.

Items for the Next Meeting on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at Munslow parish hall: a. consider purchasing solar panels for Vehicle Activated Signs b. update on the expression of interest with Shropshire Council Streetscene services. c. update on councillor training in data protection regulations d. replacement/ repair of notice boards.

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON 7TH JULY 2026

Present: Councillors Mr Matthew Seabrook (Chair), Mr Ian Alderson (Vice Chair), Mrs Carol Byng, Mr John Caine, Mrs Jayne Disley, Mr Adrian Lewis, Mrs Jo Mear and Mrs Joy Williams.

In Attendance: Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies For Absence: Cllr Ms J Watts, Cllr C Stanford (Shropshire Council).

Declarations Of Interest: Cllr Byng declared an interest in the planning application as she was a member of the Parochial Church Council.

Public Involvement Session: Three members of the public were in attendance.

Mr Darren Tustin reported on the activities of the campaign group 'Keep Shropshire Beautiful' which was opposed to the proposed solar farm at Norton. They were not against green energy but opposed solar farms being built on agricultural land. The 138 acres at Norton had been farmed for 50 years without chemicals, a recent survey had found eight skylark nesting sites, and barn owls had been monitored on the site for the last 20 years. They were concerned that Shropshire Council did not consider it necessary for an Environmental Assessment earlier this year. The group was also concerned that the roads to access the site would not cope with the construction traffic, the runoff might increase local flooding and there was a potential for an increase in thefts. This development may put a viable farm out of business and threaten food security. The group had set up a website and had support from the Campaign for Rural England and Stuart Anderson MP had raised the issue of using good agricultural land for solar panels with government ministers.

The other member of the public asked if the clerk could visit them to look at Seifton brook which bordered their property. It was agreed that the clerk would do so. They were also concerned about when the green bins would be collected as there had been cancellations recently due to the hot weather. Councillors said this was Shropshire Council's issue, but it was understood that the green bins would be collected that week.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2026 were accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the chair.

Reports from Members: *Shropshire Council* – Cllr Colin Stanford had sent a report: There would be road disruption around Cardington this summer to correct the work undertaken at Grove Farm junction. He was pleased to report that he had been elected as a Vice Chair of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape. He had attended Rushbury CoE Primary School, and it had been fantastic to hear how much amazing work went on there, not least when our rural schools felt threatened. The future for Rushbury, however, appeared to be very secure. The Council's Medium Term Financial Plan had been refreshed, focussing on financial sustainability and recovery. Shropshire Council's Cabinet was to debate the future of Shirehall following a recent options appraisal and an independent report. Bus services supported by the Council had also been reviewed and changes reflected low numbers and costs, leading to the loss of the Park and Ride facilities at Meole Brace and Ludlow Eco Park. Library Services were also being scrutinised. To date no recommendations had been made: clearly, for our area, the Mobile Library Service needed protecting.

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Mear reported that they were getting quotes for repairs to the drainage system and hoped to start the extension soon. They had a very enthusiastic team, and had sold all 32 tables for the Ball, which is raising money for the extension and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Flood Action Group – Cllr Disley said there would be a FAG meeting the following day, so she would report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Shropshire Local Plan Consultation: The questionnaire was considered. The only issue particularly relevant to the parish council was the section on Community Characteristics. The parish council supported the statement but noted that in the past there had been instances where Shropshire Council had not used this as the starting point and not listened to the local community or parish council. The Clerk would complete the relevant questions accordingly.

Proposed Solar Farm at Norton: the council had received a letter from ILOS, who were the developers, outlining their plans. There would be a community information event at Onibury Village Hall from 3-7pm on Tuesday 15th September. The Council discussed the report from the campaign group made during the public session of the meeting. There were also concerns that the campaign website had already recorded the support of Culmington Parish Council.

It was agreed to write to Shropshire Council asking it to reconsider its decision not to require an Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed site and to ask the campaign to remove the reference to Culmington Parish Council from their website.

Assistance with the Funding for Ludlow Library: This was deferred to the next meeting.

Planning: 26/02268/FUL All Saints Church, Culmington, SY8 2DB: erection of a mower equipment/storage building. The application was supported.

Request for a Donation to Acton Scott Heritage Farm: The Council did not consider such a donation would directly benefit parishioners. Acton Scott Heritage Farm would be informed accordingly.

Vehicle Activated Sign Repair: Cllr Caine said he had installed the repaired sign and it was working well. The repair invoice of £712.80 including VAT had been paid as agreed at the meeting on 3rd March 2026.

Website Accessibility Statement: This was adopted.

General Data Protection Regulation Training: Councillors who had certificates of completion of training would provide copies to the clerk. The remaining councillors would inform the clerk when they wished to be enrolled for training

Finance: As at 26th May 2026 the bank account held £12,040.17. Expenditure was within budget except for a small overspend on donations and an overspend on repairs and replacements for the Vehicle Activated Sign which would be covered by reserves as agreed at the meeting on 3rd March 2026.

The report was accepted and Cllr Disley signed the bank reconciliation.

Since 1st April, the council had received £6,381.94, and the previous year's VAT would be claimed in August.

Payments Were Authorised To: D Lewis (environmental maintenance) £140, H Coonick, clerk (reimbursement Microsoft 365 and hall rental) £35.16.

Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on 1st September 2026 a. Consider entering an agreement with Shropshire Council to assist with the funding for Ludlow Library b. Update on the closed footpath at Seifton batch. c. Flood Action Group councillor report.

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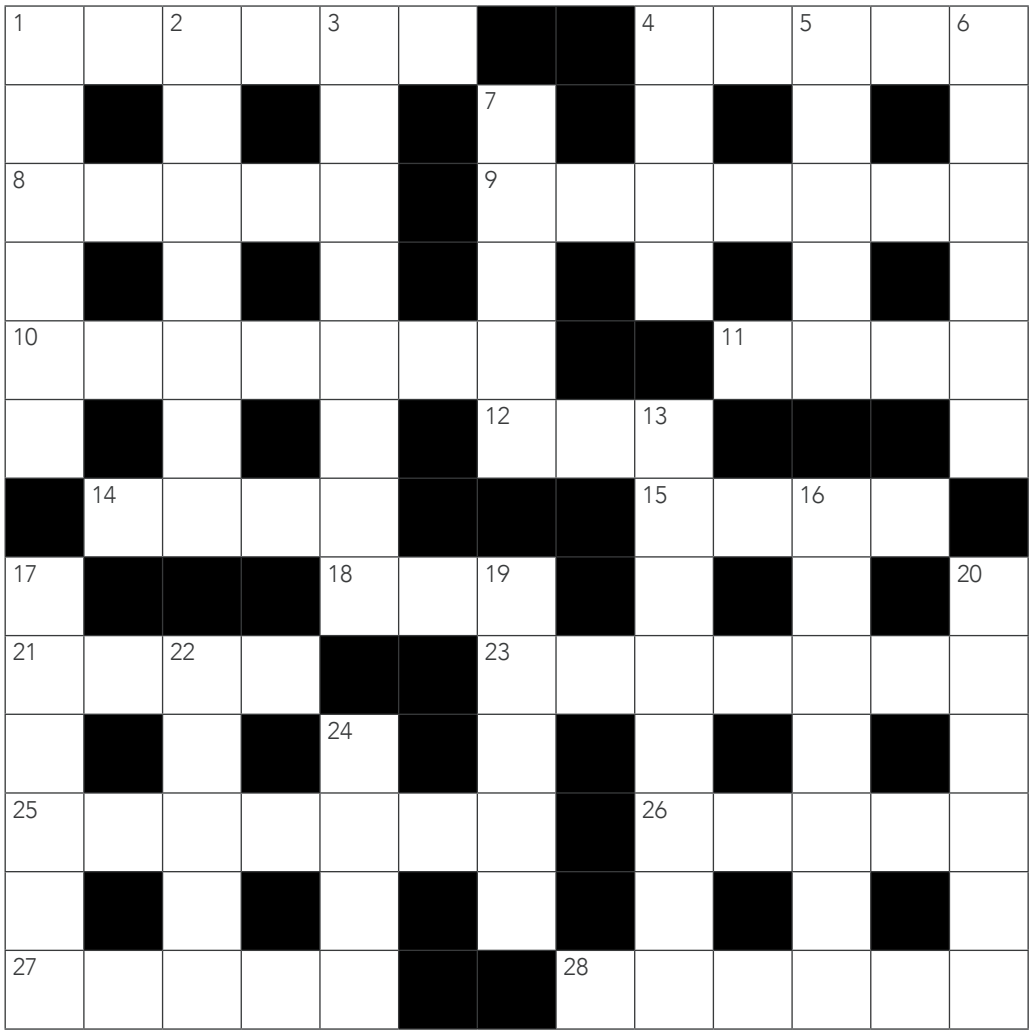

ACROSS

1) Relaxed, but could be a comic (2,4)

4) Amble around and take the rap (5)

8) Ghostly place when a French one wears a hat (5)

9) May tide turn while it's still light (7)

10) Some seen at Urals are unchanged (7)

11) Before relative on the radio (4)

12) Broken net for X? (3)

14) Callas mainly produces a song (4)

15) Just one child? (4)

18) Agree to see most of eyes (3)

21) Egg on a piece of hamburger (4)

23) A treat he arranged for the playhouse? (7)

25) Grieving on the radio early in the day (7)

26) Bert put on Eastern hat (5)

27) Rushes a section of the orchestra? (5)

28) Burnt the creamy pudding? (6)

DOWN

1) Fat hen should partly live here (6)

2) Centre line changed a quote about Romeo (7)

3) Most of a planet has 24 hours to provide a time for many to relax (8)

4) Kind of horses at the coast? (4)

5) Start a long interview every night with ET perhaps (5)

6) The Spanish flat is enough for a team (6)

7) Grown up learner leaves a boring junction (5)

13) 5th or 11th for remembering? (8)

16) Maybe rate all to the side? (7)

17) Warmer weather for the mathematician (6)

19) Particular section in the theatre (5)

20) Pest the French connected to a graduate's hat? (6)

22) Plant in bog or seeded area (5)

24) Helps with the illness? (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1) At ease 4) Blame 8) Haunt 9) Daytime 10) Natural 11) Ante 12) Ten 14) Aria 15) Only 18) Yes 21) Urge 23) Theatre 25) Morning 26) Beret 27) Reeds 28) Brulee

DOWN: 1) Athens 2) Equator 3) Saturday 4) Bays 5) Alien 6) Eleven 7) Adult 13) November 16) Lateral 17) Summer 19) Stage 20) Pestle 22) Gorse 24) Aids

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Corvedale Google Group
This is a free service and issues purely local information such as road closures, flood warnings, planning applications, local events and so on to its members on a regular basis. If you would like to join this service, please email Martin Jones: martinggcn@gmail.com

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

THE CORVEDALE GROUP OF PARISHES

CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST 2026

	2nd August Trinity 9	**9th August** Trinity 10	**16th August** Trinity 11	**23rd August** Trinity 12	**30th August** Trinity 13	**6th September** Trinity 14
Abdon		9:45 HC		6pm EP	Group Service of Holy Communion 10am at Tugford	
Broadstone			8:30 HC			
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm Compline	8:30 HC (BCP)		11:15 HC
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS		9:45 HC
Holdgate	8:30 HC					8:30 HC
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC		6pm EP
Tugford			9:45 HC			

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

Thursday 20th August Messy Church Games and BBQ, 11am-1pm, Diddlebury Church