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Tel: (01743) 874923
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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 11th June 2026



CORVEDALE ARTISTS

meet every Tuesday from 10.00 am until 1.00pm in **Beamridge 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

Sunday 21st June
 Comer Woods and Pools, 10am

Thursday 9th July
 Aston Locks, 10:30am

Sunday 9th August
 The Bog, 10:30am

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

TALKS
 Will resume in September.

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 


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

JUNE 2026

Mon 1st	Coffee, Cake and Cleaning	St Peter's, Diddlebury	10am - 11.30am
Tue 2nd	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
Wed 3rd	Community Lunch	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
Wed 3rd	Westhope Clover Club Lunch	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
Sat 6th	Nature Walk and Afternoon Tea	Munslow Parish Hall	1.45pm
Sat 6th	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock	7pm
Wed 10th	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
Wed 10th	Munslow WI Meeting	Munslow Parish Hall	7.30pm
Wed 10th	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
Thu 11th	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Thu 11th	Hayton & District WI Meeting	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 13th	Unfinished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
Sat 13th	Garden Group Visit	Pitchford Hall	10am
Sun 14th	Memorial Race Day	Westhope Village Hall	12 noon
Mon 15th	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
Wed 17th	Flicks in the Sticks: Nuremberg	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
Thu 18th	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
Thu 18th	Ludlow Nutrition Pamper Evening	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
Sat 20th	Village Walk	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
Sun 21st	RSPB Walk	Comer Woods	10am
Tue 23rd	Stanton Lacy Village Hall AGM	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed 24th	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri 26th	Pub & Pizza Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	6.30pm
Sat 27th	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm
Sat 27th	Community Market Day	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	10am
Sat 27th	Guided Walk around Hayton's Bent	From Stanton Lacy Village Hall	2pm

JULY 2026

Sat 4th	Diddlebury Fete	School Field & Village Hall	12-4pm
Sun 5th	Tabletop Sale	Culmington Village Hall	10am-2pm
Wed 8th	Munslow WI Outing	Dudmaston Hall	TBC
Thu 9th	Hayton & District WI Meeting	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
Thu 9th	RSPB Walk	Aston Locks	10.30am
Sat 11th	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	Ticklerton Village Hall	7pm
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 Tues	Yoga	Westhope Village Hall	9.45-10.45am
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	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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The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 15th June 2026

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

Culmington Village Hall

Table top sale

Sunday 5th July
Open 10.00am to 2.00pm
Set up 9.15am

Pitch inside **£10** per table.
 Pitch outside **£10** per 5.0m wide car park space

Information and booking
 Avril Lines 07958 957408
 culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com
 Payment in advance required.

QUIZ NIGHT

Wed. 10th June

At DVH

Teams of up to 4 - £10 per team

A great Quiz & lots of fun - Come & join our last quiz of the season

Bar Opens: 19:00
Quiz Starts: 19:30

Booking Essential

07396 730342

diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com



NUREMBERG starring Russell Crowe

Set in the aftermath of the Second World War, as the Nuremberg war trials are about to begin, U.S. Army psychiatrist Lt. Col. Douglas Kelley (Rami Malek) becomes locked in a psychological showdown with Hermann Göring (Russell Crowe), the notorious former Reichsmarschall and Hitler's second in command.

WEDNESDAY
17 JUNE

Bar Opens: 19:00
Film starts: 19:30

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

Entry £5



STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

YOUR VILLAGE HALL IS AT RISK!

If we don't get **MORE VOLUNTEERS** to help run it...

WE WILL LOSE IT.

If nothing changes, Stanton Lacy Village Hall **WILL CLOSE.** And we will lose it completely.



- ✓ No hall means no events.
- ✓ No hall means no groups.
- ✓ No hall means a loss for our whole community.

DATE **TUESDAY 23RD JUNE 2026**

TIME **7:30PM**

LOCATION **STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL**

PLEASE COME. PLEASE HELP. PLEASE SAVE OUR HALL.
 ALL WELCOME - OUR HALL, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR FUTURE.





STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL
Community Market Day
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026
10:00 A.M.

TEAS & COFFEES
 HOMEMADE CAKES
 COMMUNITY STALLS
 SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!

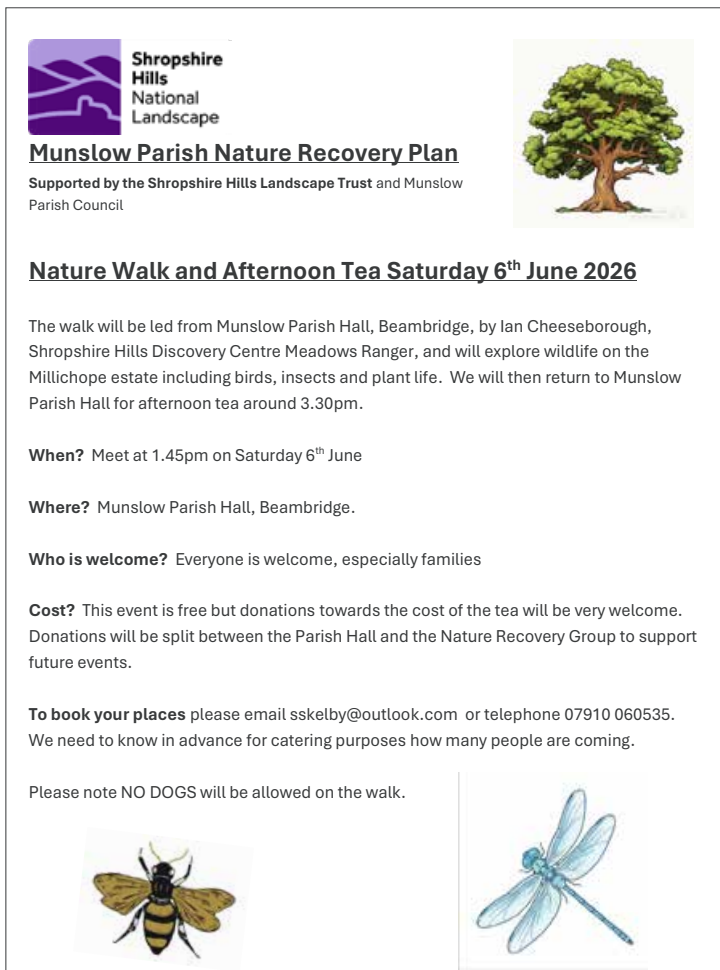
2:00 P.M. TRAIL WALK
An afternoon stroll
DOGS WELCOME!

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
 RAISE MONEY FOR **BLOOD CANCER UK**
 Blood cancer UK
 Beating blood cancer since 1950



Diddlebury Church
Sausage Sizzle, Fete and Dog Show
Saturday July 4th
12:00 – 4pm
Diddlebury Village Hall and School Field

Sausage Sizzle from 12:00
 Dog Show at 1:30
 Duck Race at 3:30



Shropshire Hills National Landscape
Munslow Parish Nature Recovery Plan
 Supported by the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust and Munslow Parish Council

Nature Walk and Afternoon Tea Saturday 6th June 2026

The walk will be led from Munslow Parish Hall, Beambridge, by Ian Cheeseborough, Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Meadows Ranger, and will explore wildlife on the Millchope estate including birds, insects and plant life. We will then return to Munslow Parish Hall for afternoon tea around 3.30pm.

When? Meet at 1.45pm on Saturday 6th June



Where? Munslow Parish Hall, Beambridge.

Who is welcome? Everyone is welcome, especially families

Cost? This event is free but donations towards the cost of the tea will be very welcome. Donations will be split between the Parish Hall and the Nature Recovery Group to support future events.

To book your places please email sskelby@outlook.com or telephone 07910 060535. We need to know in advance for catering purposes how many people are coming.

Please note NO DOGS will be allowed on the walk.


PUB & PIZZA NIGHT
at DVH
Friday 26th June

Bar Stefano open 18:30–22:30
 Delicious handmade pizzas by The Street Food Collective served 18:30–20:30

Enjoy an evening out with old & new neighbours & friends

Bar purchases help raise vital funds to maintain and improve DVH facilities for us all to enjoy.

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

COMING SOON!
June 26th
PUB & PIZZA











Have a drink with friends & neighbours and enjoy scrumptious pizza in our lovely hall or outdoors if the weather is kind to us!
 See advert for more details

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

Wednesday
17th June
Nuremberg

	<p>Great quizzes and lots of fun and laughter... Come and see why we have such a loyal following! Teams of 4 - £10 per team. Booking is essential.</p>	<p>Wed. 10th June Bar Open 19:00 Quiz Starts 19:30</p>
	<p>Nuremberg -Starring Russell Crowe and Remi Malek. U.S. Army psychiatrist Lt. Col. Douglas Kelley (Malek) becomes locked in a psychological showdown with Hermann Göring (Crowe), the notorious former Reichsmarschall and Hitler's 2nd in command.</p>	<p>Wed. 17th June Bar open 19:00 Film starts 19:30</p>
<p>PUB 'n FOOD NIGHT</p>	<p>Have a drink at BAR STEFANO - with Ludlow Gold on draft & a full bar inc. 'zero' options <i>then</i> order delicious Artisan Pizzas from The Street Food Collective to eat in our lovely hall or outdoors if the weather is kind! Please let us know if you're thinking you might come so the caterers have an idea of how much food they need to bring. Thank you.</p>	<p>Fri 26th June Bar 18:30 – 22:30 Food 18:30 – 20:30</p>
	<p>The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact: Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com</p>	<p>Thursday 11th June 19:00</p>
	<p>Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group – term time only £2.50 per Family</p>	<p>Mondays 09:30 - 11:30</p>
	<p>The Corvedale Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.</p>	<p>Mondays 19.30 -21.30</p>
	<p>The Blue Hills Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.</p>	<p>Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00</p>
	<p>Zumba Contact Cat: zumbawithcat@outlook.com /07817 448832</p>	<p>Tuesdays 18.00</p>
	<p>Tai Chi Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250275 hello@goldenthreadscic.com</p>	<p>Thursdays 10.00 - 11.00</p>
	<p>Pilates with Tina Bookings only via pilateswithtina@outlook.com</p>	<p>Thursdays 18:00 – 19:00</p>
	<p>Physiotherapist-led Pilates Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412</p>	<p>Fridays 9.15 - 10.15</p>

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

Our improvements are almost finished with the installation of all the doors and the painting completed. It certainly has given our lovely hall a fresh new look. All that remains is to lay the floor in the hub and have the sound system installed. Outside, the freshly painted wall, new picket fence and notice board gives our hall an improved and welcoming look. All work was done over several weeks by a volunteer local resident who prefers to remain anonymous.

We can now accept payment by card and phone. Due to unreliable internet at the hall, we may have to accept transactions without being able to connect to the customer's card provider, so have put a £100 ceiling on transactions.

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

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



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 3rd June, 12:30 for 1pm.

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

Booking essential.

Memorial Race Day Afternoon

Sunday 14th June, 12 noon – 8pm

Please see separate page elsewhere in the magazine detailing the full programme of events.

Community Lunch

August, date to be confirmed, 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. 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 and booking details to Betty 07860 447 397 or Moira 01584 861 663.



WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



Just six members of the Clover Club met for a committee meeting at Westhope village hall on Wednesday 6th May, to finalise the programme for this year. On **Wednesday 3rd June** we will once again join the Westhope community lunch at 12.30 for 1 o'clock at Westhope village hall. 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 - Please Note: Currently Suspended

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

JUNE EVENTS

Lunch Club

Thursday 18th June

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

Ludlow Nutrition Pamper Evening

Thursday 18th June, evening

Contact Sara Davies for more details 07791 840 993.

Village Walk

Saturday 20th June

Enjoy beautiful countryside views on this circular route starting and finishing at The Swan Inn, Aston Munslow.

Contact Jeff Williams 01584 861 848.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

Tabletop Sale

Sunday 5th July, 10am - 2pm

Inside and outside pitches available. £10 per space.

To book contact Avril Lines 07958 957 408 or email:

culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com

Culmington & District Flower & Produce Show

Sunday 23rd August

Get preparing your entries now! Schedules from Culmington Village Hall, All Saints Church or Cyril Bason.

Contacts: Sue Lewis 07800 820 194, Joy Williams 01584 861 849 or Jo Mear 07872 109 936.

MUNSLOW PARISH HALL

Nature Walk and Afternoon Tea

Saturday 6th June

This will be a walk from the parish hall to explore wildlife on the Millichope Estate Followed by afternoon tea at the hall. Please contact sskelby@outlook.com or call 0791 000 535 for details. We need to know in advance how many people to cater for.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

September. Date and time to follow nearer the time.

Nestbox Workshop

Saturday 10th October

Workshop at the parish hall to create nest boxes for birds and mammals. Details to follow nearer the time.

We look forward to seeing you soon at these events.

STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Bar Night Every Wednesday

The hall is open from 8pm. All welcome.

Shropshire Hills Vintage Tractor Club

3rd Wednesday of the month, 7pm

Community Coffee Mornings

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

For more details contact Phyllis 01584 823 426.

Hayton and District Women's Institute

Every 2nd Thursday of the month - 7.30pm start.

For more details contact Phyllis 01584 823 426.

Stanton Lacy Village Hall AGM

Tuesday 23rd June, 7.30pm

All welcome. Your village hall needs you!

Community Market Day

Join us at Stanton Lacy village hall on **Saturday 27th June** for a wonderful Community Market Day. From 10am, come along and enjoy teas, coffees and homemade cakes, browse community stalls and catch up with your neighbours. Then at 2pm, lace up your boots and join us for an afternoon walk through the beautiful Hayton's Bent countryside. Dogs welcome on a leash!

All proceeds from the day will be raised for Blood Cancer UK, a vital charity dedicated to funding research into leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and all other forms of blood cancer. Since 1960, Blood Cancer UK has been at the forefront of the fight against blood cancer, funding the scientists and clinical trials that have transformed survival rates and improved the lives of the thousands of people diagnosed every year in the UK. They also provide information and support directly to patients and their families at what can be an incredibly difficult time.

Every cake sold, every cup of tea poured, and every step taken on the walk will help make a real difference. We hope to see you there!

Follow us on Facebook - Stanton Lacy Village Hall Events

ABDON VILLAGE HALL

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

Saturday 13th June, 10.30am - 12.30pm

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

Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th June, 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

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

During April and May each of the parishes has to have what is known as the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) at which we elect the churchwardens for the coming year and hear reports on the activities and finances for each church during the previous year. As I write this, I have three meetings done and three to go (not that I am counting). If I'm being honest, I have to say that the APCMs do not form the highlight of my year, but it's important that we have them, not least because they form a sort of ongoing record of what happens in each parish.

One of the things which always stands out at these meetings is the commitment of the many people who give so generously of their time and talents to help in the running of our churches. There are the people whose work we see or hear – flower arrangers, cleaners, people who keep churchyards tidy, bell-ringers, lesson readers and organists; but there are also many whose work is less visible – churchwardens, treasurers and secretaries, people who apply for grants and fill in forms, who liaise with contractors and who try to work out what is going on with the electricity bill; then there are the people who organise and help at a huge range of fundraising events – and the list goes on. Our churches wouldn't be able to stay open without the generosity and commitment of many people – to all of you: thank you!

Having said that, I don't think any of our churches would say that they had a team of volunteers which is somehow 'full' – there is always room for others to come along and join in. Whether you would like to volunteer to do something or you'd like to come along to enjoy the events which others have organised, we'd love to see you in the months ahead. There are services every week and a variety of events planned for the summer: come and join us!

Rev'd John Beesley

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH PLANT SALE

The total raised at this year's plant sale came to £1,103.80 which is almost a record. Thank you very much to all those people who so kindly donated plants, made cakes and preserves, helped sell, and came to buy. Your hard work and generosity is hugely appreciated.

The Diddlebury church plant sale has been a fixture in the calendar for over twenty years and it is always a pleasure to see our regular customers and welcome new faces.

Diddlebury Church Fundraising Team

MUNSLow CHURCH

The Flower Festival on 2nd May was a lovely afternoon: the church was beautifully decorated and there were some delicious refreshments to enjoy as well. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the afternoon so enjoyable. It raised £337 for the church. Rev'd John Beesley

FLOWERS & BRASSES - JUNE

7th Wendy Ross 14th Wendy Ross
21st Liz Jones 28th Liz Jones

REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

9th May Luci Ownsworth & Matthew Davis Diddlebury
16th May Laura Proud & Jonathan Quinlan Diddlebury

DIDDLEBURY SUMMER FÊTE

**THE SCHOOL FIELD & VILLAGE HALL ON
SATURDAY 4TH JULY 12 - 4PM**

There is such a lot going on in the world and in our lives that sometimes it's good to slow down and enjoy a Saturday afternoon of simple summer loveliness! St Peter's Church Diddlebury and Corvedale School presents the opportunity to do just that.

Come along to our fete and find something all the family (and the dog!) will enjoy.

The DOG SHOW is at 1.30pm with lots of fun classes. Can your dog catch a sausage the fastest?

Not to be outdone a SAUSAGE SIZZLE BBQ will serve up delicious local butcher's sausages to humans too from 12 noon! Tea, coffee, and delicious homemade cakes will also be on sale.

STALLS that you can wander round and pick up a bargain from Corvedale honey, cakes, plants, and games. Do you have a craft business? Tables are available to join us at £10.00 each. We would really welcome more stalls, email lizandmartinj@gmail.com to book.

An exciting new activity this year is the DIDDLEBURY DUCK RACE. Buy a plastic duck for just £1.00 and it will enter the race down the Diddle brook at 3.30pm. The ducks will be launched near Glebe Farm by kind permission of Alison and Tom O'Boyle. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd to make it over the weir! Come and cheer your duck on by the brook in Mill Lane.



There will also be a BOUNCY CASTLE too for the children!

So come and join us and for a while enjoy an afternoon of a traditional English Summer Fete!

Sharon Constable



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POLICING CONSULTATION

As you may already know, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), John Campion, has launched a consultation on the future of policing which closes on **Monday 15th June**.

While waiting for your kettle to boil, you can have your say on policing...

This short consultation gives you the opportunity to have your say on the Government's proposals to create twelve 'mega police forces'.

As this could be the biggest shake up to policing in six decades, the PCC wants to make sure you can share your views on this change. He will share the public response directly with the Government to consider in their review.

The consultation closes on **Monday 15th June**. Have your say by visiting the West Mercia PCC website - www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
01905 331 656

NEW ADVERTISER ALERT

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COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS

'We live in a world where people's natural gifts of compassion, togetherness and equity are recognised as more powerful than medicine alone.'

If this resonates with you then please read on...

Compassionate Companions (CoCo) is an initiative run through Brown Clee Surgery to tackle loneliness and isolation which can be experienced from becoming increasingly frail, or living with, or caring for someone with a long term illness. This can be physically debilitating but can also lead to people becoming socially isolated. CoCo volunteers support people to remain active members of the community by visiting them once a week, just to chat, which is a rewarding experience for both the volunteer and the client.

So, if you have a couple of hours a week to spare and are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Alison Roberts on 07878 051 987. Full training and DBS checks are required to support you in your role.

Alternatively, if you think someone would benefit from this scheme then ask them to contact their health care professional for a referral next time they see them at Brown Clee surgery.

Alison Roberts

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

I was writing this monthly missive of mine in May as the rain hit the window above my computer with a force driven by the wind and the odd interruption from hailstones and then the sun came out. All very odd weather. So, let's be optimistic that all will have calmed down for June.

The good thing about June is that the evenings are lighter and longer. Sunshine means sitting out in the garden in the summer warmth. This got me thinking about making more of these longer days and getting out and about again (like I suggested last month.)

I am a member of the National Trust which for a reasonable sum can give you lots of days out for free. This came to mind when I opened the latest magazine to see mentioned Attingham Park, just west of Shrewsbury on the road to Telford, right in the middle of our county. Last year saw archaeologists working at the site and uncovering a Roman shrine, an industrial complex and an Iron Age roundhouse, the latter I do not think I have ever seen (exhibition **6th June – 19th July**).

All this got me thinking about other attractions in Shropshire. English Heritage is another useful organisation to join for free days out once you have the membership. A trip to Wroxeter Roman city is a treat. It's just west of Telford in the village of Wroxeter. Popular with children but lots to excite older people too!

Grandad and I have taken grandchildren to Much Wenlock Priory, where a children's handout keeps them entertained for a couple of hours. This takes you back to Anglo-Saxon Shropshire. They enjoyed the story on the 'phones' too and so did we.

We took three of them to Avebury and Stonehenge in half-term so it was a surprise to discover another EH place to visit called Mitchell's Fold. It is a neolithic stone circle, once comprising 30 stones and 15 are still visible, despite being 10,000 years old. Shrewsbury to Bishop's Castle road, (A488) and turn at White Grit. What an amazing site, a place of legends here in Shropshire. A good spot for a June evening picnic perhaps.

How about an outing to a battlefield? In July 1403 the Battle of Shrewsbury took place just north of Shrewsbury. It was a very bloody affair and 1600 bodies were buried on the site. Today it's a peaceful place, supported by Shropshire Council. The site is free to visit and has lots of information. The church built to remember the fallen was built between 1406 and 1410 and is looked after by the Churches Conservation Trust.

I have highlighted a few suggestions but there is much more to visit locally. A day out in Oswestry on market day (Wednesdays) is always pleasant (weather permitting). Drop in to the huge church in the centre of the town as well, a welcome awaits and lots to see.

Your local church could also be worth a visit and a place for a picnic with children. Take paper and pencils and do grave rubbings. Check out how old some of the graves are too. Get hold of a copy of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group brochure, you will find it on the website (see below).



Anni Holden Calver
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GREEN MATTERS

REVIVING OUR SEAS

'It pulls me, madly, with its salt scent, the rush and scrape of shingle, the teasing winds that whip my hair, and the shocking assault of cold against my skin. Swallowed whole and tossed like a toy boat, I feel its power, its will, and in the first seconds that take my breath away, I am infinitely small, refreshingly insignificant. In the shallows, when the water is clear, I've seen spider crabs lunging over barnacle-crusting rocks, shoals of fleeting silver darts as bream twist through sugar kelp and bladderwrack, cushion stars and crimson beadlet anemones, all awaiting the turning tide. Just once, I shared a quiet moment of awe with a grey seal as we watched the full-moon set into the hazy dawn horizon.'



Nearly three quarters of our planet is covered by sea. Always moving, it is vital to our climate system, driving a global conveyor belt of currents that carry oxygen, nutrients, carbon, and heat. This constant churning supports all life on Earth and allows

extraordinary diversity to thrive and flourish here. Where ocean currents bring nutrients to the surface, the startling blaze of phytoplankton that erupts can be seen from space. This is the base of the food chain; the source of half the oxygen we breathe; and as this organic frenzy dies off and sinks to the seabed, it takes with it carbon that can be locked away in sediments.

Just as the ocean locks away carbon, it also locks away heat and is a vital ally in our fight against climate change – but this does not come without a price. Warmer water fuels rising sea levels, intensified storms, and strengthened marine

heatwaves, all with grave consequences for human safety. At the same time, last year's astonishing documentary 'Ocean' by Sir David Attenborough starkly demonstrated the extent of other human pressures at sea, with factory fishing vessels, bottom trawlers and dredgers desecrating the seabed to an incredible extent across the entire globe, including almost all the world's marine protected areas.

Our eyes are opening to the damage that has been wreaked at sea, and there is real hope for a quite different future. World Oceans Day, on 8th June, offers us a chance to celebrate our seas and do better by them. We have entered the second half of the United Nations Ocean Decade, an immense international effort to restore humanity's relationship with the sea. Early this year, the High Seas Treaty came into force, the first ever international, legally binding treaty to protect marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction. This followed the World Trade Organisation's agreement to end harmful fishery subsidies. Slowly, we are recognising that one of the best things we can do for ocean recovery is to leave it alone.

Healthy seas also vitally depend on healthy rivers, and they depend on every one of us taking action. Minor changes, together, make a significant difference – and conversations do too. Let's talk with our MPs and councillors and ask what they are doing to protect our rivers, coasts, and seas. Let's join the campaign to end the sewage pollution scandal; and take care what gets flushed down our loos (just paper, pee, and poo!) Let's get involved with marine conservation charities including the Wildlife Trusts, Marine Conservation Society, and Surfers Against Sewage. Let's fall in love with the sea, and nurture this in others too.

Cathy Cole

THROUGH THE 'HEART OF WALES'

As I write this, my 'long walk' is already fading into what feels like the distant past, and I'm starting to 'itch' for another adventure, although it will have to wait until the autumn.

Before I set off, I was frequently being asked what happens if it rains? Well, for the first week it didn't just rain; I had snow, hail, gales, biting wind – and torrential rain on the long and most remote section between Knucklas and Llanbister Road, where I arrived soaked to the skin. By the time I staggered into Llandrindod Wells, wet and exhausted after sixteen miles, I had had quite enough of being wet!



other; soaked one week, baked the next! The section from Llandrindod down through Builth Wells, over The Epynt, and on to Cynghordy, Llandovery, Llangadog and Llandeilo was exceptionally beautiful and very peaceful, Llandeilo

being the first place of any size.

With only three days remaining from Llandeilo, the end of the walk came much quicker than I was ready for. By this time, I had settled into a steady routine; get dressed, eat breakfast, pack rucksack, and set off to walk. Eat, sleep and repeat! I discovered how pleasant life can be if we could only keep it simple. As I lay in bed listening to the early train from Llanwrtyd depart without me, I felt incredibly sad that I wasn't on it ready to enjoy the simple pleasure of putting one foot in front of the other!

It wouldn't be right to end without thanking all the kind people who made the venture possible. To Katharine, who not only helped me recce some of the sections before I set off, lent me a lot of essential gear, and got up in the middle of the night to drive south to accompany me on the last leg – thank you so much! To my husband Paul, who transported me to stations, and spent three weeks in solitude waiting for me to return each night – thank you!

Finally, a huge thank you to all the people who sponsored me. As of today, I have raised £2,500 for the Corvedale churches, which is a sum beyond my wildest dreams.

Ruth Henley

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

LILY: A TALE OF REVENGE BY ROSE TREMAIN

The Corvedale Book Group members were unanimously enthusiastic about this month's book choice, Rose Tremain's 2021 novel, *Lily: A Tale of Revenge*. Despite its sombre elements, we all found it interesting and enjoyable – as well as a short and easy read after last month's lengthy and challenging *Demon Copperfield* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Unexpectedly, however, there was substantial thematic overlap between the two books. In writing these, both Tremain and Kingsolver had been initially inspired by strong desires to write about pressing problems in modern society, 'fury at a society that still allows children to be hurt' in Tremain's case, and anger at the US opioid crisis in Kingsolver's. Both had then shaped their exploration around parallels in Victorian England: Kingsolver structured her novel as a modern reworking of Dickens' *David Copperfield*; Tremain set her novel in 19th century London. Kingsolver thus pegged her work to the twists and turns of an external pattern; while in writing about *Lily*, Tremain claimed 'not to be a great forward-planner' and that 'novels succeed best when they're a kind of journey for the author.' Reading these two books consecutively threw light on these two major authors' working practices, as well as on the persistence of abuses and exploitation of the vulnerable across centuries.

Tremain's novel is narrated throughout by its protagonist, the sixteen-year-old Lily, intercutting details of her recent life with the backstory of her early childhood. Abandoned as a newborn baby, she is rescued from snow and wolves by a young constable, Sam Trench, who takes her to the Coram Foundling Hospital. After an idyllic but time-limited six years being fostered on a farm, she must return to Coram where her life takes a swift turn for the worse; as the book continues,

she is betrayed, abandoned, or exploited by almost everyone she encounters. The only positive constant in her life seems to be an older man observing from the margins, someone whom she instinctively feels will protect her – but when she discovers he was the young constable who saved her, the knowledge comes with the revelation that he is now a Detective Inspector, potentially fated to bring about her destruction.

For, on the very opening page, Lily reveals she is 'a murderer,' living in permanent fear of being discovered and hanged. However, there is no indication whom she has killed, nor why, nor whether this killing has been justified, and it is rather a long time before the details are revealed. The only clue is the book's subtitle '*A Tale of Revenge*,' a description that many of us felt didn't quite fit the story or the way in which it unfolds.

This brings me to one key area in which group members differed – how far the red herrings, omissions and tonal variety in the story were deliberate authorial choices, tied in either with the ambiguity of first person narration or a desire to create a world of uncertainty and unreliability, or whether they were frustrating results of the author's free-flowing creative processes.

Despite this, the group recommended the book and looked forward to reading other works by Rose Tremain.

Corvedale Book Group meets at Diddlebury Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month. We have been delighted to welcome two new members recently; do join us if you are interested!

Cath Burley
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DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

A GREAT PUB & INDIAN NIGHT AT THE HALL

Our pub and Indian food night was a warm and relaxed evening, bringing friends and neighbours together for delicious food from the Indian Melting Pot, drinks and banter at Bar Stefano, and a great atmosphere created by Ian Davies' playlist and Clare McNally's excellent photos from India. A lovely reminder of what community is all about.



DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

If you missed our recent AGM, you can read the full annual report on our website www.diddleburyvillagehall.org.

It has been a busy and positive year at the hall, with successful events bringing people together, boosting bookings and helping us invest back into this much-valued community space.

To keep the hall safe, welcoming and thriving, we need to keep raising funds for essential upkeep, practical improvements and a small reserve for unexpected repairs.

- **Maintenance & Repairs:** Helping us stay on top of day-to-day upkeep, including safer new flooring in the toilet areas.
- **Kitchen Improvements:** Replacing key equipment such as oven, hob and sink so the hall can continue to support community events and private bookings.
- **Safety and Compliance:** Covering inspections, servicing and any work needed to meet regulations.
- **Reserves:** Giving the hall a little protection when unexpected costs arise.

Could You Help?

- **Practical Skills And Trades** - We have had some costly repair work this year, especially electrical work, so if you have practical skills such as plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, painting, decorating or general maintenance, even occasional help with small jobs could make a real difference.
- **Bar Work Volunteers** - We also need a few more bar volunteers as evening party bookings increase. If you could lend a hand now and then, you would be helping us support more events and raise more funds for the Hall.

If you think you may be able to help, please speak to a committee member, let us know what skills you can offer and when you may be available, or download a volunteer form from our website and email it to us at diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com.

Volunteer forms are available via the QR code or on our AGM page at www.diddleburyvillagehall.org/agm. Every bit of help is greatly appreciated.

Kim Simm

MEMORIAL RACE DAY FOR ELLIE

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 12 NOON – 8PM

Westhope Village Hall is proud to host a memorial day on behalf of the family of Brian Ellis (Ellie), a great and much-loved stalwart of Westhope who sadly passed away in October last year after a short illness.

Ellie always enjoyed the race nights, so we have organised a great day of entertainment in his memory.

Proceeds

Apart from the bar takings, all proceeds will be donated to charities that Ellie's Family have nominated, 'Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis' and 'Brain Tumour Research'.

Sponsors and Supporters Prizes

We would like to thank local businesses and residents who have so generously donated the following prizes totalling over £1500 to be won on the day on the races, the programme draw and the raffles:

£955 in race prizes donated by The Station Inn, The Manley Family, The Dobson Family, BFG Groundworks & Construction, BM Accountancy and Bookkeeping, Shropshire Country Brides, The Ragleth Inn, Shropshire Country Brides Properties, Westhope Country Retreats, Cakes by Leigh and Acton Scott Café.

Raffle Prizes Include:

- A three-course home cooked meal for six including wine and coffee
- 1 night pod stay from Shropshire Way Glamping & Caravans
- Meal vouchers from The Green Dragon, The Kings Arms and The Swan
- 4 ball voucher from Church Stretton Golf Club
- Homemade bird table from a Westhope resident
- A piece of art from Westhope College
- Cakes and a breakfast voucher from The Little Café, Church Stretton
- Bottle of Prosecco donated by Westhope village hall
- A day's free work from a local electrician

Further prizes to be confirmed....

Barrow of Booze Raffle

The 'Barrow of Booze' raffle has a single prize of a brand-new wheelbarrow donated by Huws Gray, filled with various donated alcoholic beverages.

Tickets for both raffles will be sold at the event.

Programme of Events

Entry is free and we start the day at 12 noon with food provided by 'The Pizza Girls', 'Hoof & Scoop' ice cream and a licensed bar with Ludlow Gold on tap. We can now accept credit payments but due to intermittent internet, have a £100 transaction limit.

There will be a toast to Ellie with a free glass of bubbly provided for all.

Racing starts at 2pm with a programme of nine races including an 'Auction Race'

We still have a few jockeys and trainers to sell at £5 each with a £20 prize to jockey/trainer of the winning horse.

Betting tickets are £1 each, and due to the slow internet, the Tote will only take cash payments.

The evening entertainment will be provided by 'The Singing Farmer'.

Commemorative Prize Programme

£2 each on sale from 25th May. Each programme contains a unique number to win £130, donated by Ellie's family and Westhope village hall to the three lucky winners in our programme grand draw.

Free Parking

There is limited parking at Westhope village hall. Please, no parking on the lanes.

Overflow parking kindly provided by Westhope College with a free shuttle service 12 noon - 1pm and 7pm - 8pm

Enquiries

Please contact Betty 07860 447 397 or Moira 01584 861 663.

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

The choir enjoyed a very successful evening travelling away to the lovely Regal Theatre in Tenbury Wells in May. The travel theme was maintained in the singing schedule with a sequence of songs in succession; African Prayer, Jamaica Farewell, American Trilogy and World in Union during the second half. The concert was an opportunity to join vocal forces and sing part of the concert together with the relatively newly formed Regal Community Choir of Tenbury Wells, a great experience for both choirs. The Regal Theatre is a pleasure to visit and the evening was much enjoyed by both audience and performers.

You can next hear us sing in Much Wenlock on **Saturday 6th June** when we will be welcoming the Serendipity ladies choir based in Narberth, Pembrokeshire. Tickets are £12 from choir members or Penny Farthing in The Square in Much Wenlock.

Our final concert of this season will be at Ticklerton Village Hall, near Church Stretton, on **Saturday 11th July**, at 7pm. The village of Ticklerton barely qualifies as such since it

possesses no public house, post office, shop or church. However, it does have a thriving village hall and activities centred on it, which makes it an exciting venue in prospect for what will be a full concert from the Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir. The concert is a charity event to raise money for Parkinsons UK. Parkinsons UK is a charity to support every Parkinsons journey, campaigning for better health and care, funding research into groundbreaking new treatments with the overall mission of improving life with Parkinsons. The aim is that together we can help bring hope, support and awareness to those living with Parkinsons.

Tickets are £15 each including tea/coffee and cake. Please contact Gill or Brian Joseph on 07885 644 291 or email g.joseph17@btinternet.com, or 07885 290 390 or email josephbrian886@gmail.com

Peter Smith

MW MVC contact: Dick Langford
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

MUNSLOW WI

Louise Reynolds gave a remarkably interesting talk to Munslow WI on Wednesday 13th May about her experiences as a world class triathlete.

Louise told us that she assumed the sport out of stubbornness when a (male) colleague implied that the triathlon was not a sport for women. The reality came as something of a shock, however: an 800m swim, followed immediately (without changing) by a 20-mile bike ride and then a 5km run! But Louise persisted and eventually qualified to represent Great Britain in the women's World Triathlon championships. There is a lot of support when you reach that level – a coach, a dietician etc. and although there was sponsorship, Louise still had to pay for some of her own equipment, including the specialist bike.

Louise brought some of her equipment to the meeting: an all-in-one suit worn throughout the event with a thin wet suit and goggles worn on top for the swimming event and a lightweight bike with a very thin aerodynamic saddle. The wetsuit and goggles had to be taken off, shoes and a helmet

put on, and the bike mounted within 30 seconds to have a realistic chance of winning.

Some aspects of life as a world level triathlete were hard. The training regime was demanding and had to be balanced with the needs of family and work. Travelling could be lonely – despite the wonderful locations (Louise's first event was in Honolulu) - and injuries were a reality. Yet it was outweighed by the benefits – the elation that comes with success, the camaraderie of the team, learning to tackle difficulties with courage and becoming a more self-disciplined and resilient person. Although Louise no longer competes, she is now a coach and a volunteer at world championships.

Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 10th June** at 7:30pm in Munslow parish hall. Rosie Watkins will talk about Sekem: sustainable development in Egypt since 1977. On **Wednesday 8th July** there will be a visit to Dudmaston Hall. Please contact our secretary, Val Hardwick, at sparchford@btinternet.com if you would like more information.

Wendy Brogden, wendy@brogden.info

HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

April's Meeting

Thank you to Les King, author of *'Cornflakes with Whisky'*, for sharing his experiences in the police force. Les joined West Mercia Police as a 16-year-old cadet, and remained in the police for 33 years until his retirement in 2003, and rising to the rank of Chief Inspector. Throughout his career he met and dealt with people at the sharp end of some of the toughest jobs and situations. His talk was both thought provoking and

humorous as he regaled us with some amusing anecdotes. As for *'Cornflakes with Whisky'*... only Les can tell you that!

Our competition winners were - letter of the month C - 1st Pam (Chicken) 2nd Rose (Cornet) 3rd Barbara (Coppers) and flower of the month - 1st Joyce (Peony) joint 2nd Phyllis (Lilac) Barbara (Viburnum).

Thank you to the hostesses for the evening – Phyllis & Joyce.
Pam Macintyre

Upcoming Event: Jo Ward – *'Every Contact Leaves a Trace'* – My Life as a Crime Scene Investigator

Thursday 11th June 7.30pm at Stanton Lacy Village Hall.

We are delighted to welcome Jo Ward a Senior Forensics Specialist in the West Midlands. Jo has been working in crime scene investigation for nearly 26 years. Her investigations into high-profile crimes have been the subject of a BBC 2 documentary *Forensics – the Real CSI*. Everyone welcome. £5.00 WI Members / £7.00 Guests inc. refreshments.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of

the month at 7.30pm at Stanton Lacy Village Hall. 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 - haytonanddistrictwi@wi-shropshire.co.uk

DIDDLEBURY AND WESTHOPE WI

This month we warmly welcomed Kate and Sam Davies, who entertained us with tales of *'Modern day self-sufficiency.'*

It was very inspiring to hear how they have given up jobs in nursing and teaching and live mostly off their land through their own efforts and hard work. Living in the Corvedale for eleven years now not far from our own village hall, they are tucked away in a small barn with two acres of land. Apparently when The Sun was open and run by Norman he would call them 'Tom and Barbara' from *'The Good Life,'* for those that remember that far back... I think we all did!

The one essential factor in managing this kind of life is to have someone to share the load with. While they do not have enough land to grow crops like wheat and still have bills to pay and a vehicle to run, they aim to live 'as lightly on the land as possible.'

Other than one avocado lapse... they have not bought any

supermarket fruit and vegetables for twenty years. They are vegetarian but also keep chickens for their eggs and goats for milk and cheese. Even in January they are able to eat some fresh produce from their raised beds, but they also rely on stored vegetables some frozen and some dried as well as those that have been pickled or made into preserves.

They have two greenhouses and one of Sam's top tips was to keep a water butt full of rainwater in the greenhouse rather than alongside and it helps with watering but also keeping the greenhouse warm over the winter.

Using the 'no dig method' and a 5-year crop rotation they have large bins of compost which their chickens are enthusiastic in helping to aerate! They use honey from their bees as a substitute for sugar in baking, make their own wine and cider and even polish for furniture and soap, hand cream and lip balm. Kate has plans to keep experimenting with what

they can make for themselves in the future, which sounded exciting. What an inspiring couple and remarkably interesting talk. We all took their gardening tips home as well as a few jars of delicious honey following a good chat and delicious tea and cake made this month by Eileen and Judy. A really interesting, informative and inspiring WI evening.

Prior to our talk we had discussed the ongoing plans for our WI and events coming up including the craft and garden interest groups and the group meeting at Stanton Lacy village hall on **11th June**. A brief report was given on attendance at the

Spring council meeting in Shrewsbury by Anne and Cynthia.

The next WI meeting on **Wednesday 10th June** will be 'A taste of Wales', a DIY evening where we all contribute to the theme by bringing food and Jacqui will be composing an appropriate quiz on Wales to challenge us.

As always if anyone would like to come along to our meetings either as a visitor for the evening or join as a member you would be very welcome. Visitor fee is £4 Please do ring Joy Williams our secretary if you would like any further information on 01584 861 849.

Jayne Disley

CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP

MADRESFIELD COURT



We were delighted when we were able to book a house and garden tour at Madresfield this year and it didn't disappoint. Saturday 9th May was a glorious day to be in the vicinity of the Malvern Hills. With plenty of parking available, it was easy to walk into the reception area where we were warmly greeted by the staff and introduced to Sue and Ian, our house guides for the morning.

The first house on the site was built by the Norman, Robert de Braci, who dug a ditch to mark the boundary of his property. A few generations later his descendent Joan de Braci married Thomas Lygon of Kidderminster; their grandson Richard Lygon (1477-1512) married the daughter of Lord Beauchamp of Powick, forming strong connections up the Worcestershire boundaries. Thus, they were kin to the powerful Earls of Warwick. William Lygon (1568-1608), 'the Wastrel', extensively rebuilt the house, replacing the timber framed building with handmade Elizabethan red bricks, whilst retaining the inner courtyard and great hall. Further rebuilding, in the Gothic revival style, was undertaken by the architect, Philip Hardwick the younger, under the fifth earl (1822-1892) creating 160 rooms of which we saw ten! Entering the building through the main door beyond the moat, we were delighted by the scent of the wisteria which was humming with bees. The original church was later rebuilt in the village, but a preaching cross remains as does the original stew pond for fish. Frederick, the 6th Earl, was a high church Anglican and the house is influenced strongly by that and the arts and crafts movement. Despite his wish to embrace celibacy, he had a dispensation to marry when he inherited the title and he and Mary Stanhope had five children. Frederick founded Keble College Oxford, and Malvern college and was a well-known philanthropist. His grandson, William, the 8th earl, died childless in 1979: his widow lived at Madresfield until her death after which the trustees named Lady Rosalind Morrison (nee Lygon, the 8th Earl's niece as beneficiary). Today her daughter Lucy Chevenix-Trench, her husband John and their four children are custodians of the property.

The entrance hall glittered with coloured glass and

provided access to the stunning eight thousand volume library where beautifully carved wooden panels created by the Guild of Handicrafts 1860-1905, recently restored by NADFAS, depicted a tree of life and a book thief. The seventh earl's seven children, three sons and four daughters (the Beauchamp belles), resided there and at Walmer Hall. The Earl was bisexual and was exiled abroad after being 'outed' where he made sculptures and embroidered chair backs. Having been made Mayor of Worcester at 23, then Guardian of the Cinq Ports, he was stripped of his order of the garter. Evelyn Waugh would visit and is thought to have based *Brideshead Revisited* on the family and used a writing desk there to pen *Black Mischief*. Moving into the chapel we were stunned by the creativity of Lettice's (sister to the second duke of Westminster) wedding present to her husband in 1865. Tempura wall paintings included family members, a reredos, windows depicting the great sword of state which Beauchamp carried at George V's coronation, a gold altar cloth, and painted glass panels. Moving on we traversed the Long Gallery, the new gallery, the staircase hall and the drawing room and dining room – which could seat forty-eight. Family portraits abounded including several by van Dyck and portraits of Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria, and Lady Jane Grey. A visual feast! Other literary connections are made with Charles Dickens' *Bleak House*, and Edward Elgar's father is said to have tuned the pianos here too. Princess Margaret was a visitor and the house was destined to protect both Margaret and Elizabeth should we have been invaded in WWII. Each generation of collectors left its mark, with a wealth of pictures and 'objets d'art.'

A much needed coffee break with an exceptionally light lemon drizzle cake in the converted stable yard then fortified us for the extensive sixty-nine acre gardens. Long avenues of cedar, oak and Lombardy poplars, were planted mid-19th century. We explored the two formal yew gardens, a pulhamite rock garden, more recent iris and peony gardens, and the new oval garden planted within the former maze. There is a wide variety of species trees with meadow and woodland walks, a stream, and beds of rhododendrons, beginning to burst into flower. The gardens are regularly open for the NGS but I would recommend signing up for the house tour too.

On **Saturday 13th June** we will be doing a second house and gardens tour, this time to Pitchford Hall, SY5 7DN, which was the subject of a Ludlow lecture in the autumn. If you would like to join us tickets are £27.50. Please contact Alison Benbow to reserve a space.

Cath Burley, cathburley@hotmail.com

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

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.



The photo shows a recently completed kissing gate on the Corvedale Three Castles route near Munslow.

THE DIDDLE BROOK CARE GROUP



Twice a year a wonderful group of neighbours get together with wheelbarrows, forks and trimmers to tidy the brook at the bottom of Mill Lane.

I would just like to record a huge thank you to this lovely group for all the hard work they do to keep the brook running clear and the banks tidy in a sensitive and wise way to help nature and wildlife flourish.

This time, tree branches washed down stream were gathered from the weir and banks and the weeds in the middle of the stream cleared to keep the brook flowing.

The grass verges were trimmed and the weed pile was dug out. One member of the team took a ducking this time!

We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful area in our village and thanks to this lovely group for taking care of it. Real care in the community!

Sharon Constable (who fell in!)

Many thanks to Sharon and Paul who organised the working party and for keeping us nourished and hydrated after the hard work.

Sara Thompson



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SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Our National flag, the Union Jack or Union Flag is causing controversy in our county. For patriots it represents all that is good about our country, for others it is seen as a political weapon for extreme views. Shropshire Council has decided, or at least the council leaders have decided, to uphold the law and remove flags that have been placed illegally on public property. I might venture to suggest that when resources for the council and the police are so stretched we might focus on more pressing matters such as provision of good quality social care in our rural areas and fixing our roads which are not only dangerous but an embarrassment. Some might argue that this is censorship and suppressing freedom of expression. After all what we have called graffiti in the past, placed illegally but somehow tolerated, has bizarrely become collectable art!

Shropshire Council has officially recognised that along with over fifty other English counties it cannot meet the requirement for provision of Food Waste Collection which was required by statute from April this year. Unfortunately, the costs are too high at £3.6m and more time is needed to set up the necessary infrastructure.

Thanks to the generosity of the British Heart Foundation, a new defibrillator has been installed in Corfton (to the left of the garage doors at Lower House, Lower Corfton). This cabinet is not locked so it can be accessed without a code or the need to make a phone call.

The Corvedale won two prestigious West Midlands tourism awards recently out of only eleven awards. They were Westhope Country Retreats and Acton Scott Camping and Glamping site. Well deserved and great to see our area being recognised.

On council finances, as a condition of the Exceptional Financial Support that the council has received, it has to undergo a "Finance and Governance Review" which is undertaken by an independent body – CIPFA or Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting, and will be starting soon. The council is also working on a new corporate plan.

The devolution agenda now renamed 'Street Scene' by the council has been started this month and four councils have adopted all or part of the new responsibilities on offer.

Shrewsbury and Broseley have gone for full adoption i.e. street cleaning, grounds maintenance, verge cutting, footpaths, public waste bins, and upkeep of public spaces. Shropshire Council will retain overall governance to meet statutory duties. However, decision making and basic funding is devolved to town and parish councils taking on these added responsibilities.

Shifnal has taken on 'minimal' additional responsibility essentially maintaining lines of communication to enable partnership working and align priorities!

Oswestry has taken on partial devolution which is green spaces, parks, footpaths, and some environmental services.

To date no new arrangements have been agreed with parish councils although some are in discussions with the council to understand past expenditure thought to be erroneously attributed to their parish. Certainly, a clear understanding of the likely costs of any future responsibilities that parish councils might want to undertake seems an essential starting point.

As part of my council work, I am involved with the cross party Scrutiny Committee on health. Last week we interviewed and questioned the new providers of the Out of Hours GP service that replaced Shropdoc, called Healthhero. I was pleased with what we saw, especially the level of patient satisfaction with the new service which started six months ago.

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CORVEDALE SHOW SCHEDULE

The schedule for the Corvedale Autumn Show is now available to help you decide which classes to enter.

This year's show will be held at Diddlebury Village Hall on **Saturday 5th September.**

Among the many classes of fruit, vegetables, flowers, cooking and handicrafts is a new giant pumpkin category in the children's section.

And if you haven't already planted your potato for the Spud in the Bucket competition there is still time to buy your official seed potato.

Digital copies of the show schedule are available from Ross Stokes: ross.stokes@icloud.com.

Ross Stokes

DIDDLEBURY PARISH POTHOLE WATCH

We all know just how infuriating the potholes on our local and national roads can be. The advice given is to report any potholes via FixMyStreet but we understand that not all residents are willing or able to do this.

So, Diddlebury parish council has set up a pothole watch group on WhatsApp, where we will report local potholes for you. All we need is a photo of the pothole and a rough location, or you can use 'what3words' if you prefer.

You can join the group using the link below:
[chat.whatsapp.com/
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Alternatively, send an email to:
dpc-potholewatch@outlook.com
where a councillor will help to get you added.

Diddlebury Parish Council

JUNE CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY ARTEMONAS

Answers to this month's crossword can be found on page 22 in this edition of the magazine.

ACROSS

- 1) Is part of the cobra in bowl multi coloured? (7)
- 5) Start a live portrait here at the beginning (5)
- 8) Two papers follow small football team, not uniform, though (5)
- 9) Smacked 500 apples around (7)
- 10) So anger can produce this fruit? (7)
- 11) Went with some fakir over the way to see ballet (5)
- 12) Make one in Greek island (6)
- 14) Don't our pop groups some of the time go away? (2,4)
- 17) Most of the brushes may be used here (5)
- 19) Very large old tree around a thousand years (7)
- 22) Used to peck the police? (3,4)
- 23) Nice round Edith's younger relative (5)
- 24) Some of his language is appalling (5)
- 25) Forces through short streets (7)

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DOWN

- 1) City with nothing to offer him (5)
- 2) Blow up in apartment E (7)
- 3) Deliver second circle (5)
- 4) Ernie's on the street, being the cleverest (6)
- 5) Sadly, Katherine has an inhabitant of a US state (7)
- 6) Billy plays the tunes? (5)
- 7) Mostly give up this town (7)
- 12) Presents vicars' assistants? (7)
- 13) Songs it may be throwing in the air (7)
- 15) Keys could be first batters at the crease (7)
- 16) To laze around a fanatic perhaps (6)
- 18) End part of the home game (5)
- 20) Finds the right pitch, but not for cricket (5)
- 21) Odds of number top to bottom? – not really (5)

MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST APRIL 2026

Present: Cllrs Ed Povey (Vice Chair), Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, Chris Meeson, and Stuart Rowbotham. In Attendance: Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Election of Chairperson: Cllr Stuart Rowbotham was elected as a temporary chair.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Richard Arnold.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Update on Hill Ford Stages Rally: Mr David Mills reported that the planning for the rally was going well. The organisers were meeting with Shropshire Council on 2nd April to get the final agreement signed off. They would produce guidance soon on what would happen on the day. They had not yet decided on the spectator areas. They encouraged the neighbouring parish councils involved to communicate on the plans.

Public Forum: No members of the public were in attendance. The Clerk read out a letter from a member of the public in Aston Munslow who had concerns about access during the road closure.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th March 2026 were approved as being a correct record and were signed by the chair.

Council Vacancies and Consider Co-option Candidates: Sara Kelby was eligible to stand and willing to be co-opted. She had provided a short resumé including why she was interested in becoming a councillor. The second vacancy could now be advertised for co-option and the clerk had advertised it on the notice boards, website and Facebook page. A second person was willing to stand after June if no-one else came forward. It was resolved to co-opt Sara Kelby.

Temporary Road Closure in Aston Munslow: The closure of the B4368 for National Grid works was planned for 18th May-12th June. National Grid report that this was the preferred route for both National Grid and residents. All properties would have access, as would emergency vehicles.

It was resolved to contact Shropshire Highways to check the notices for the diversion routes.

Reports: Cllr Stanford (Shropshire Council) reported that work continues on potholes. He was a member of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership which had reduced the size of its committee.

Cllr Dobson (Munslow Village Hall) said that events were being planned for the Summer. A local resident had offered to pay for the cost of the materials for the redecoration of the hall.

South Shropshire Area Committee: The clerk reported that at the meeting on 11th March Cllr Wagner (Shropshire Council's Deputy Leader) gave a presentation on the devolution of services from Shropshire Council to Town and Parish Councils. Election of a second representative was deferred to the next meeting.

Devolution of Services from Shropshire Council: An officer would be available to councils planning to take over non-statutory services from Shropshire Council.

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2026 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr R Povall (Acting Chairman), Cllrs A Rattu, C Martyn, A Watson, R Morgan and W Watts.

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs D Hedgley, T O'Boyle and Corvedale Cllr C Stanford.

In Attendance: The clerk and two members of the public, Mr Simm and Mrs Worthington, who addressed the meeting on agenda items.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 25th March 2026 were approved and Matters Arising dealt with.

Reports: The Chairman submitted a written report. He had completed the survey on the proposed reduction of police forces from 43 to 12 (not supported), arranged for redundant cones to be removed, and reported damage to the pavement/walling opposite DVH's car park. He had expressed his views on SC's proposed devolution of statutory duties to town and parish councils which was being considered by DPC that night.

Corvedale Cllr Stanford also submitted a written report dealing with the outbreak of flags at Meole Brace, and confirmation that SC could not afford to implement the legislation requiring collection of food waste prior to 2028. SC was undergoing a Finance & Governance Review as required following the grant of the Exceptional Financial Support from government. He congratulated Acton Scott and Westhope Country Retreats on the West Midlands Tourism awards they had received. He dealt at length with the devolution agenda. So far only a few town councils were taking on services formerly operated by SC: no parish councils had become involved.

Westhope Village Hall: Mrs Worthington reported that DPC was in error at its last meeting in stating that WVH could have got a Broadband connection from Starlight for £75: they had ascertained that this offer was only available to domestic properties and therefore continued to seek funding from DPC for the installation costs. Cllr R. Povall reminded WVH of the need for documentary evidence of the cost involved before the request can be considered.

Planning: 26/01025/VAR, listed on the agenda, had been withdrawn.

26/01105/FUL was an application for installation of an air source heat pump at Corvedale C of E Primary School. Mr Simm represented the school in his capacity

So far, the information made available on what had been provided appeared to be inaccurate in some cases. Before the council decided if it wished to provide any services it would need to know what Shropshire Council has a statutory duty to provide.

Planning: 26/00860/FUL- Erection of single storey extension to side/rear elevation, 8 Greenyard Cottages, Munslow, SY7 9EX. There was some discussion about the lack of an Environmental Impact Report

The application would be supported but a comment made on concerns about the loss of some hedgerow and that exterior lighting which needed to be controlled to prevent light pollution.

Nature Recovery Application: The Species on the Edge Munslow Parish Nature Box Scheme had been awarded a grant of £704.49 by Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund. The Clerk had signed the acceptance form.

Three Priorities for Neighbourhood Policing for the period 1 April – 30 September 2026: These were agreed to be antisocial driving, speeding, and thefts from farms.

Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting on 6th May 2026: The meeting would include information on Shropshire Council's Devolution Agenda and the Munslow Parish Nature Box Scheme.

Archiving of Parish Council Records: The clerk had deposited the records with Shropshire Archives. Some were in very poor condition and for them to be archived would need extensive conservation and deemed to be of low historical value. The minutes from 1897 to 2020 were in good condition and alongside other correspondence and records would be archived.

It was agreed that Shropshire Archives should destroy the records they deemed unlikely to be salvageable or difficult to salvage and of little historic value except the Rate Book for 1854 which Cllr Meeson would review.

Environmental Maintenance: An application would be made for a grant of £1,000 for 2026-2027. The contractor's hourly rate would be £20 for 2026-2027. Expenditure for 2025-26 was within the grant conditions. A new task for the contractor was to ensure that vegetation was managed around corners and signs.

Repairs to Notice Boards at Aston Munslow and Broadstone: This would be deferred to the next meeting.

Vehicle Activated Signs: The issue with the sign not charging had been resolved.

Finance: It was resolved that Cllrs Dobson and Povey would remain signatories and Cllr Chris Meeson become a signatory with online access.

Payments were authorised to: D Lewis (environmental maintenance) inv 955 £156.75; Corvedale News (for the Clerk) £8.00; Cllr Dobson (reimbursement for VAS Fuse Holder) £5.49.

Items for the Next Meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 6th May 2026 at Munslow Village Hall: a. Update on Repairs/Replacement of Notice Boards.

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as a school governor and advised it was felt this application, lodged by the Diocese of Hereford, was premature, as the school was still in negotiations about this matter. A secondary issue was that DPC had been contacted by National Grid and told they wished to dig a trench from the main road to the school. This would put the DVH and school car parks out of action for two weeks. All parties involved want an opportunity to discuss this application with National Grid before it can deal with this planning application. DPC's position therefore was the application was premature and no decision could be taken on it at this stage.

Consideration of DPC's response regarding proposals in the English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bill: This Bill, which was being considered by the Government, was not in Labour's manifesto. It states that it sought to shift decision making from the centre (ie local authorities) to local areas: in fact, it did the opposite, by questioning the future of town and parish councils. The pack produced by SALC was considered and it was agreed that DPC would write to Stuart Anderson MP objecting to the Bill and making its objections known widely.

Communications and Correspondence: Ten items were considered and noted. On behalf of DPC and the Bache Mill community Cllr R Povall thanked Cllr Clive Martyn and his neighbour for their efforts in erecting the new notice board provided by DPC.

Finance Report for April 2026: Cheques totalling £569.21 were approved for payment, leaving DPC with funds of £15,158.93. Cllr Watson approved the cash book/bank statement reconciliation.

2025 - 2026 Audit Matters: The 2025/26 Schedule of all Receipts and Payments, the end of year bank/cash book reconciliation and DPC's IT Policy were all approved by councillors.

Any Other Business: It was noted with approval that work has started on 3 and 4 Mill Lane, Diddlebury.

There being no further business the Acting Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

The next Parish Council meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm on 27th May 2026, which will then be followed by the usual Parish Council meeting at Diddlebury Village Hall.

Agendas and full copies of the minutes are on the Diddlebury Parish Council website at www.diddleburyparish-pc.gov.uk or from the Clerk, Mrs J de Russett at No 12 Church Road, Brampton Bryan, SY7 0DH Tel. 01547 519282 email: clerk@diddlebury-pc.gov.uk

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

- ACROSS:** 1) Rainbow 5) Alpha 8) Mufti 9) Slapped 10) Oranges 11) Kirov 12) Create
 14) On tour 17) Rooms 19) Extreme 22) The Bill 23) Niece 24) Slang 25) Thrusts
- DOWN:** 1) Romeo 2) Inflate 3) Bring 4) Wisest 5) Alaskan 6) Piper 7) Andover
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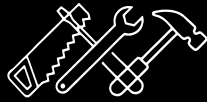


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CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE 2026

	7th June Trinity 1	14th June Trinity 2	21st June Trinity 3	28th June Trinity 4	5th July Trinity 5
Abdon		9:45 HC		Group Service of Holy Communion 10am at Diddlebury	
Broadstone			8:30 HC		
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm Songs of Praise		11:15 HC
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC
Holdgate	8:30 HC				8:30 HC
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC			6pm EP
Tugford			9:45 HC		

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

Thursday 4th June Holy Communion in Corvedale School at 9:30am