

CORVEDALE NEWS

THE CORVEDALE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

SEPTEMBER 2022



Diddlebrook Barn at Sunset - Alison Gray

£7.00 per annum

Digital Only £5.00 per annum

Community Contacts



SOUTH SHROPSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE

To access information and advice:

FREE Shropshire Adviceline:
(Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm)
0808 278 7894

Specialist Debt Team:
(Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm)
01742 280 019

**FREE Citizens Advice Consumer
Helpline:** 0808 223 1133

FREE Universal Credit: Help to claim:
0800 144 8 444

On the web
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

PHILIP DUNNE

*Member of Parliament
for the Ludlow Constituency*

54 Broad Street, Ludlow SY8 1GP

tel: 01584 872 187

fax: 01584 876 345

email: philip.dunne.mp@parliament.uk

54 Broad Street, Ludlow, SY8 1GP

SHROPSHIRE UNITARY COUNCILLOR FOR THE CORVEDALE

Cllr. Cecilia Motley
Councillor, Corvedale Division
Cabinet Member for Communities,
Place, Tourism and Transport;
Chairman, Rural Services Network;
Shropshire Council
01588 672 192

COVID-19 SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

If you are in need of help the following resources are available:

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

Church Contacts



Church of England

Rev'd John S Beesley
St Michael's Rectory
Munslow
SY7 9EU
tel: (01584) 841488
revjbeesley@gmail.com

Catholic Church

Canon Christopher Walsh
St Peter's RC Church
Henley Road, Ludlow
SY8 1QZ
tel: (01584) 872906
st.peters.ludlow@talktalk.net

Methodist Chapel

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

Copy for October 2022 Magazine



To make sure your contribution is included in the October 2022 magazine, please send by email to editor@corvedalenews.co.uk by **MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2022** at the latest.

ADVERTISEMENTS. If you would like to advertise in the Corvedale News or amend an existing advertisement, please contact our Advertising Manager by **MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2022** at the latest for inclusion in the next issue: advertising@corvedalenews.co.uk. All adverts must be in electronic format and sent in either jpg or Word format.

PICTURES. We are always very pleased to receive high quality pictures of scenes or events around the Corvedale to add to our library for use on the front cover. Email to photos@corvedalenews.co.uk.

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.

Our Domestics

DON'T FORGET. If you are aware of anyone who does not receive the Corvedale News in your area but would like to, please have a word with your distributor.

FINANCE. If you have an outstanding subscription, please pass it to your distributor. If this is not possible, you can contact our Treasurer (giving your name and address): Martin Jones, Yew Tree Cottage, Corfton Bache, SY7 9LE.

DISCLAIMER. Views expressed in this paper are those of the relevant authors and not necessarily those of the Corvedale News team. We reserve the right to edit or omit any material submitted for publication. No liability is accepted for loss or damage arising from any omission of copy or advertising, and the appearance of advertisement does not imply endorsement or recommendation. The Corvedale News is published and distributed entirely by volunteers, with production costs defrayed by advertising and subscriptions.

OUR MAGAZINE is designed, set and printed by: Craven Design and Print, Email: info@cravendesignandprint.co.uk Unit 1, Stokewood Road, Craven Arms Business Park, Craven Arms, SY7 8NR. Tel: 01588 673972

IMAGE CREDITS. Icons made by Smashicons from www.flaticon.com

Information for Subscribers - List of Distributors and Their Areas

Name	Address	Area Served
Mrs P Baynham	Garage Cottage, Westhope	Westhope
Mrs B Bowers	Hungerford	Broadstone, Rowe Lane, Hungerford
Mrs N Brentnall	Holdgate Pool Farm, Brookhampton	Brookhampton
Mrs M Buckingham	The Old Rectory, Abdon	Abdon
Mrs D Clinton	Sunnycroft, Peaton	Peaton, Peaton Strand
Mrs C Crowther	Corfton Lodge	Corfton, Pedlar's Rest
Mrs C Evans	Aston Munslow	Aston Munslow
Mr I Hankinson	Broncroft, Broncroft	Broncroft, Baucott, Balaam's Heath, Tugford
Mrs V Hardwick	Sparchford Cottage, Sparchford	Culmington Part 1
Mr D Hedgley/ Mrs M Holt	Bouldon	Bouldon, Wynett's Bank

Name	Address	Area Served
Mr M Jones	Yew Tree Cottage, Corfton Bache	Corfton/Corfton Bache
Ms E Bowen	4 Manor Orchard	Culmington Part 2
Mrs S Morgan	1, The Moors, Diddlebury	Diddlebury Part 1
Ms C Morgan	6 North Sutton Cottages	Sutton
Mr N Kennedy	The Old Byre, Diddlebury	Diddlebury Part 2
Mrs A Donnelly	The Ashlings, Munslow	Munslow
Mrs F Sutton	Millichope Lodge, Beambridge	Beambridge/ Millichope
Ms N Fuller	Mill House, Bache Mill	Bache Mill
Mr L Robinson	Lower Middlehope Barn, Middlehope	Middlehope

What's on in the Dale

CRAZY LADY COFFEE & CAKE

Four local nutty women have joined forces to host a weekly coffee morning on

Thursdays, 10.00am – 12.00noon
in the Church Room, Diddlebury.

There will be a small charge for coffee, tea, and cake but laughter and chat are free!

Please come and join us for a bit of a giggle.

For more information phone Sue on
07874 810 562.

Corvedale Folk Club

at The Sun Inn, Corfton
on Monday 26th September
at 7.30pm

and on the 4th Monday of
each month thereafter

Free entry! Everyone welcome!

For further information contact
Ian on 01584 841 331



CORVEDALE TOTS
For Bumps, Babies, Toddlers & Parents!

MONDAYS 10AM – 12PM
TERM TIME ONLY

BABY AREA, TODDLER AREA, BALL PIT, PLANNED ACTIVITY
AND SELECTION OF RIDE ON TOYS.
HOT DRINK AND CAKE INCLUDED.

 **£2.50 PER FAMILY** 

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

Corvedale Festival

International in Scope – Local in Feel

Patron ~ David Matthews

Music

Art

Literature

16th to 24th September 2022

Tickets available from:

Festival Office 07745 825700

or

Ludlow Assembly Rooms Box Office

www.corvedalefestival.org

Logo design © Yvonne Appleby



CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP

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

Also, if any local walkers in the Corvedale notice any stiles or steps in poor condition, please report back to Jenny. The current planned dates are as follows:

September Wednesday 21st Friday 23rd Sunday 25th

What's on in the Dale

BODENHAMS
 ECLECTICA
 EXPENSIVE MISTAKES
 PROMESSE



**CATWALK
 COLLECTIVE**



winter
 fashion
 show

FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022, 7PM

**ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH,
 LUDLOW**

TICKETS: £15 Includes drink on arrival & canapés
All proceeds to St Laurence's

Fashion show, music, raffle & more

YOUR LOCAL MARKET

at

Stoke Saint Milborough Village Hall



**Wednesdays 13th July, 10th August,
 14th September, 12th October
 12.00 mid-day to 4.30**

Light lunches, ice cream, local produce,
 bakery, repair stall - and more.

DROP IN!

Got produce to sell? Contact Jane Killick
 (shulgijm@gmail.com)

Corvedale & District Autumn Show



The complete schedule for this year's show is
 now available to download at:

<http://www.diddleburyparish.co.uk/corvedale-and-district-autumn-show>

You will find us under the 'Community'
 tab in the banner at the top of the Parish
 Council's home page.

It is hoped that, Covid-19 infection rates
 permitting, it will be possible for the
 Corvedale & District Autumn Show to
 return on:

**Saturday 3rd September
 2022**

What's on in the Dale



Corvedale CE Primary School & Nursery
Diddlebury, Craven Arms, Shropshire. SY7 9DH

Tel: 01584 841630 or 01584 841598
email: admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk

WE HAVE PLACES AVAILABLE IN OUR NURSERY FOR SEPTEMBER 2022



Corvedale CE Primary School is a small village voluntary aided primary school situated in Diddlebury. A wonderful area of rural Shropshire, yet only 8 miles from Ludlow. Our Nursery is located within the main building based in spacious, well-equipped rooms.

A unique place for children to start on their learning adventure in a nurturing environment.
For more information contact us.
01584 841 630
admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk
www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk

BEAMBRIDGE CLUB ROOM NEEDS YOU



Beambridge Club Room Committee desperately needs new members. Help to keep the Club Room open by becoming a member of the committee. Contact the Parish Clerk on 07817607355 or munslowpc@gmail.com



Seedpips Community Larder

Seedpips is our very own gardening project based at Corvedale School.

The Children's vegetable garden, complete with polytunnel and raised beds, provides tasty fresh produce now available to the whole community.

Our produce stand is just outside the village hall.

Please support us by providing a donation for fruit, flowers, vegetables, jams, local eggs, or whatever we are able to offer on any given day.

Some produce is provided free by our supporters: please feel free to add your own contribution !

Proceeds go 100% to the project

Contact jo_seedpips@outlook.com for further information

Culmington Village Hall Activities & Events - September

- Every Mon **Coffee Morning, 10:00am - 11:30am.** Everyone welcome.
- Every Mon **Bridge Club, 12.30pm - 5.00pm.** Contact: Peter Whitehead, pst.whitehead@gmail.com
- Every Tues **Chair Yoga For All Abilities** Contact: Liz Curtis, 07734 358 001, lizcurtisyoga@gmail.com
- Sat 10th **Can-Do-Crafts, 10:00am to 12:30pm** Contact: Rosemary Jones, 01584 861 823 or 07837 609 229
Ragamouse (Weighted Doorstop)
- Tues 13th **RSPB meeting** Contact: Carol Wood, carolwood772@outlook.com
- Fri 23rd **Promises Auction**
Come and bid for great items/promises. In aid of hall renovations.
Bar from 5:30pm, pork or beef baps (£4) from 5:30pm to 7:45pm (please order in advance).
Contact: Jo Mear, 07872 109 936 / Jeff Williams, 01584 861 849
- Fri 30th **Village Hall Social Evening**
Come along for a chat and drink with friends and meet new people.

RSPB Walks 2022



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

- Sunday 11th September - Mortimer Forest
- Saturday 8th October - Powkesmore (Brown Cleef)
- Sunday 16th October - Venus Pool
- Sunday 13th November - Whixall Moss

The Quire

The Quire gives performances at concerts, church services and workshops. The concerts combine the music sung from the west galleries of parish churches, together with some historical and anecdotal material from 1720 to 1850, and they are costumed to show what might have been worn in 1820 when John Moore of Wellington was born.

The Quire will be performing in **St John the Baptist Church, Stokesay, Craven Arms** on **Saturday 24th September** from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Tickets £8.00 to include refreshments (children free). Tickets on the door or from Mrs P Broad 01588 672 554.

Proceeds to be divided between the Church funds and The Ukraine Appeal.



Edge Chamber Choir Concert - Sunday 18th September, 3.00pm, Diddlebury Church

Edge is delighted to have been asked to be part of the inaugural Corvedale Festival. We have planned a concert full of the most amazingly beautiful music for you, but as this music is not well known I thought I would write a few words about it.



Two of the works in the programme are written for choir and soprano saxophone, the highest member of the saxophone family - it makes the most haunting and stunningly beautiful sound. It will be played by Alison Dodd who is a local saxophonist and music teacher. The works are **Nunc Dimittis** by Christian Forshaw, Professor of Saxophone at the Guildhall, and **Son of God Mass** by James

Whitbourn. The music for the mass was originally written as background music for a BBC 2 documentary series, 'Son of God', which chronicled the life of Jesus using scientific and contemporary historical evidence, which some of you may remember watching. James Whitbourn later added the words of the mass to it, and I took part in its premiere in Sevenoaks, Kent, quite a long time ago! I loved it then and I love it now and I am sure you will too.

Alongside these pieces, there will be a variety of short pieces including Eric Whitacre's **Sleep** and the first performance of **Pied Beauty** by Paul Henley, founder with his wife Ruth of the Corvedale Festival, plus three gorgeous pieces by women composers.

The concert will be about an hour long followed by afternoon tea - a perfect Sunday afternoon!

Ros Crouch

Diddlebury Village Hall

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



FORTHCOMING EVENTS:



September

October / November



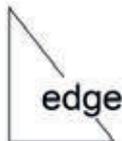
Saturday 3rd September

Corvedale and District
Autumn Show.



Wednesday 21st September

Zakuski – A presentation and reading of Russian literature at 7.30pm.
NB: This event is being held to promote respect and gratitude for the many Russian and Soviet artists who denounce oppressive regimes, including their own, sometimes at considerable personal cost. At the conclusion of the presentation there will be a collection for the people of Ukraine.



Sunday 18th September

Afternoon tea in the Hall following the Edge Chamber Choir concert in St Peter's at 3.00pm.



Saturday 8th October

Harvest Supper and Ceilidh with the fabulous Hi Jinx Band.
Tickets: adults - £10; under 12s - £2; under 2s – free.



Monday 19th September

'Made in the Marches' with poet and presenter Jean Atkin (including poems by pupils of Corvedale School). 7.00pm.



Saturday 26th November

Diddlebury Christmas Fair.

CLASSES AND GROUP MEETINGS

Tai Chi

Classes: Thursdays, 10.00-11.00am

Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014498/enidgil21@hotmail.com.

Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates

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

Book Group

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

Corvedale Choir

Mondays, 7.30pm

Blue Hills Choir

Tuesdays, 10.00am

All dates are subject to further government guidelines which can change at short notice.

Please refer to our Facebook and Website pages for news of any changes.

Westhope Village Hall



Our roof is finally finished and now we have the arduous task of cleaning the hall inside and out ready for a local family's christening tea on Sunday 21st August.

We have a busy programme of events planned for the Autumn to replenish our bank account, starting on 1st September with our **Yoga Group** back at the village hall from 9.30am-10.30am every Thursday. **Tots and Toddlers** will resume every Monday (term time) from Monday 5th September 10.00am-12.00noon. Don't forget our **Line Dancing Evening** on Saturday 17th September at 7.00pm, beginners and all abilities are welcome, this is sure to be a fun evening. We have our usual licensed bar and refreshments. Admission £6.00.

We are all looking forward to joining the local village halls skittles league in October, our first match is at home on **Friday 14th October** with Cleve St Margaret. Licensed bar and refreshments will be available. Anyone interested in joining our team, please contact Betty on 07860 447 397.

With the darker nights fast approaching, and our newly repaired and insulated roof, with no leaks, we are sure our village hall will be much warmer, so please come along and enjoy some of our events planned for the Autumn. Everyone welcome.

Betty Manley



CORVEDALE TOTS

Every Monday 10.00am-12noon.

The tots and toddlers will resume after the summer break in September.

All enquiries to Amie Watson.



LINE DANCING EVENING

Saturday 17th September.

With an experienced caller and tutor.

If there is sufficient interest we will hold line dancing evenings on a regular basis. Please come along and support us. Admission £6.00. Licensed bar and refreshments.



YOGA with SUE PUGH

Every Thursday 9.30 -10.30am.

Sue is fully qualified and insured. To book a space contact Betty on 07860 447 397



COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE

Saturday 8th October. 8.00pm – late.

The very popular Country and Western singers Double Focus.



MONTHLY BINGO

The next bingo night is **Friday 30th September**. Doors open at 7.00pm with eyes down at 7.30pm. The bar will be stocked and there is always great fun to be had.



SKITTLES MATCH - Home

Friday 14th October



WHIST DRIVES

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



HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 22nd October.



COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE

Saturday 10th December.

With Johnny and Howell.



WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

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



CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

Monday 12th December

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

Abdon Village Hall Events

Coffee and Cake Morning Saturday 24th September 10.30am to 12.30pm
Everyone welcome!

UFO (Un Finished Objects) Saturday 8th October 10.30am to 12.30pm
Craft morning returns after a summer break. Bring along your unfinished projects. Join us and learn a new craft skill or teach your craft skills to someone else. Please supply your own materials. Please make a donation for refreshments.

Autumn Supper Friday 14th October 7.30pm.

ABDON VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

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

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

What's on in the Dale - Dates for Your Diary - September 2022

Please note that the deadline for all submissions to the Corvedale News is Monday 19th September.

Every Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10.00am-11.30am
Every Mon	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm-5.00pm
Every Mon	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10.00am
Every Tues	Corvedale Artists	Beambridge Club Room	10.00am
Every Tues	Chair Yoga	Culmington Village Hall	
Every Wed	Working at Home Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm-2.00pm
Every Thur	Crazy Lady Coffee Morning	Diddlebury Church Room	10.00am
.....			
1st Thur	Westhope Clover Club	Westhope Village Hall	1.00pm
3rd Sat	Corvedale & District Autumn Show	Diddlebury Village Hall	2.00pm
6th Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.00pm
8th Thur	Craft Group	Diddlebury Church Room	2.00pm
8th Thur	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
8th Thur	Hayton & District WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Sat	Can do Crafts - Ragamouse Doorstop	Culmington Village Hall	10.00am
11th Sun	RSPB Walk	Mortimer Forest	TBC
13th Tue	Caring for God's Acre	Munslow Churchyard	10.00am
13th Tue	RSPB Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Wed	Local Market	Stoke St Milborough Village Hall	12.00noon
14th Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI and Munslow WI	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
16th Fri	Corvedale Festival		
17th Sat	Corvedale Festival		
17th Sat	Line Dancing	Westhope Village Hall	7.00pm
18th Sun	Corvedale Festival		
18th Sun	Edge Chamber Choir	St Peter's, Diddlebury	3.00pm
18th Sun	Afternoon Tea	Diddlebury Village Hall	TBC
19th Mon	Corvedale Festival		
19th Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
19th Mon	Made in Marches	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.00pm
20th Tue	Corvedale Festival		
20th Tue	Munslow Village Hall AGM	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
21st Wed	Corvedale Festival		
21st Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
21st Wed	Zakuski - Russian Literature	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
22nd Thur	Corvedale Festival		
22nd Thur	Flicks in the Sticks Operation Mince meat	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
23rd Fri	Corvedale Festival		
23rd Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
23rd Fri	Promises Auction	Culmington Village Hall	5.30pm
24th Sat	Corvedale Festival		
24th Sat	Coffee & Cake Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
24th Sat	The Quire	St John the Baptist Church, Craven Arms	2.00pm
25th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
26th Mon	Corvedale Folk Club	The Sun Inn, Corfton	7.30pm
28th Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Group Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
28th Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
30th Fri	Winter Fashion Show	St Laurence's, Ludlow	7.00pm
30th Fri	Village Hall Social Evening	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
30th Fri	Westhope Bingo Night	Westhope Village Hall	7.00pm

Church News



Letter from the Rectory

This September sees the inaugural Corvedale Festival taking place, with nine days of events which include poetry and literature, art and music, with many of the concerts taking place in the churches of the Corvedale Group. Most of the concerts involve several musicians playing (or singing) together in such a way that the whole they create is so much greater than the sum of its parts. You could take a piece of music played by a quartet and listen to each part being played separately, one after the other. However, no matter how accomplished the musicians it would not be anything like as enjoyable an experience as it would be when they play the parts together, mixing and blending to create something that no single one of the parts could create alone.

Thinking about this I am of course aware that we can find other similar examples. I'm writing this at the end of the spell of hot weather in mid-August and over the past few days I have been able to see the fields around this part of the Corvedale being harvested. In each case this is being done by several people working together with different pieces of equipment, so that between them the job is completed quickly and efficiently: and before it started to rain!

There are, of course, other benefits in coming together, even in activities which are essentially things we do alone. We might benefit from the social aspects of meeting up; we might be able to improve our skills by learning from others; and in times of need we may be able to give or to receive support from others in the group.

As I think about the life of the churches I am reminded that as Christian communities coming together we too can experience something that is greater than the sum of its parts, not least by sharing in the skills of those who contribute in so many ways to the life of their church and to our worship of God. Part of our role, too, is to support each other in times of need. Unlike some groups, however,

we are here not only for those who see themselves as church members but for the whole community. Anyone who lives in the parish can have their baptism, wedding or funeral in the church even if they have never been in it before, and anyone is welcome to join us when we gather on Sundays or at other times. As with many things, the hardest bit is perhaps the first step, but everything has to start somewhere - you are welcome to join us whenever you'd like!

Rev'd John Beesley

St Peter's, Diddlebury

Just a reminder that the **Craft Group** meets in the **Church Room** on the **second Thursday** of the month at **2.00pm** and will resume after the summer break on **Thursday 8th September**. All are welcome.



Martin Speight

From the Registers



Weddings

23rd July	Hannah Gorski & George Newman	Diddlebury
23rd July	Hailey Hobbs & Joshua Hughes	Munslow
4th August	Sophie Carrington & Tom Fellows	Diddlebury

Funeral

22nd July	Godfrey Richards	Munslow
-----------	------------------	---------

Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



September 2022

4th	Mrs J Woodhouse	18th	Corvedale Festival
11th	Mrs J Woodhouse	25th	Mrs Jones

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who attended Brian Swaithe's funeral on Friday 27th May at St Peter's Church, Diddlebury, followed by refreshments at The Swan. We raised a staggering amount for the Air Ambulance - £1,824. Unbelievable! Thank you once again.

I would especially like to thank people from the area for all the support we have had. We have lived here 44 years - a long time!

Beccy Harberd Swaithe

Corvedale Festival Tickets

After over a year of planning and preparation the festival is only a few weeks away. The logistics of an event like this are endless and we are tired! However, it will all be worth it if, come September, we have venues full of happy audiences. If you are intending to come, please consider buying your tickets in advance. This will help us enormously in terms of planning catering and paying the considerable upfront bills for things like piano hire, printing, and wine! Of

course, if you turn up on the door, we will still be delighted to see you. This is your festival, supporting your churches and bringing the arts to your doorstep. Please support it!

For tickets contact Ruth Henley at the Festival Office, either by email at *corvedalefestival@gmail.com* or by phone on 07745 825 700. They are also available online and in person from Ludlow Assembly Rooms Box Office.

Ruth Henley

Women's Institute**Diddlebury & Westhope WI**

We had a perfect August evening for our garden meeting at Amanda's house. The evening was so lovely, fourteen of us had a wonderful time wandering around Amanda's gardens and then we had our WI Bake Off competition. The cakes were judged, and a winner declared, who will now have to submit her cake to the Shropshire Federation Bake Off in November! Afterwards, we all sampled the various bakes that were brought along. Thanks to Amanda for hosting us and thank you to everyone who brought cakes along for the bake off. Also, I would like to thank Joy and her team who came second with our entry into the WI competition at Burwarton Show. A lot of effort goes into the entry, and we are incredibly grateful for all their hard work. Great result!

Next month we will be meeting on **Wednesday 14th September** at 7.30pm. We are having a joint meeting with Munslow WI in September, which will be held at Beambridge. In September we will also be hosting our group meeting. This will take place on **Wednesday 28th September** at 7.30pm. We have Pen Turner coming along to give a talk about her life travelling, solo, after giving up an extremely comfortable life in her fifties to travel the world (with her toy penguin)! So, a lot to look forward to in September.

As I have said many times before, there is no commitment to joining the WI, just come along as a guest and give it a try. If you need any further information, just contact me.

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

Hayton & District WI

As we do not have a meeting in August, our secretary, Amanda, arranged a trip to The Victorian Walled Gardens at Delbury Hall, where Richard Rallings and his wife Jill run Mynd Hardy Plants Nursery. Richard had given an interesting talk entitled 'Five Centuries of Women Gardeners' at our June meeting so we were delighted to hear more about how he and Jill had restored the walled garden and developed the plant nursery. We also had permission to visit the gardens at Delbury Hall. It was a perfect afternoon, and one could imagine taking a turn round the grounds in days gone by, providing one had enough staff to keep it well maintained. We finished with a short talk by Richard on the history of English Walled Gardens. Who knew that

the 'posh' ones always had walls three bricks thick and usually had only three sides enclosed to let the frost out! Jill served delicious homemade cakes and a welcome cup of tea to round off a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.



Richard Rallings with WI members at The Victorian Walled Garden, Delbury Hall.

Our regular meetings will recommence on **Thursday 8th September** at the village hall when Darren Bale will give a vegetarian cookery demonstration and the competition letter is X.

Barbara Wright

Munslow WI

A change of the arranged venue forced us into the shade of an ancient yew tree in Jenny's garden where we drank tea and coffee but mainly cold drinks. We were fourteen, mainly members but also a few friends and two visitors, one all the way from New Zealand.

Despite the heat we managed to polish off quite a few sandwiches and cakes whilst chatting on subjects including the heatwave, water shortages and how best to keep our gardens hydrated, an almost impossible task in present conditions.

We discussed future meetings and next month Diddlebury and Westhope WI will join us for a talk on 'Caring for God's Acre.' The following month a skittles evening has been arranged.

Eventually the sun moved round and when there was no shade from the tree, we said our goodbyes and departed.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Beambridge Club Room, and we are always pleased to welcome new members or just visitors.

*Jenny Rose,
01584 841 251*

Westhope Clover Club

The next meeting of the Clover Club is at Westhope Village Hall on **Thursday 1st of September**, this will be our anniversary luncheon, at 1.00 o'clock. The Westhope bar will be open, and a grand draw will take place. Many

thanks to Culmington Parish Council for their kind donation. Please ring Kath or Mary to book your seats on 01584 841 254 or 01588 673 712.

Kath Woodhouse

Drama at Middlehope!



In mid-August there was some major excitement in Middlehope when a contract bailing machine caught fire and set alight to both the field of hay that it was bailing and some of the adjacent woodland. Some quick thinking by the contractor in unhitching the blazing bailer and then getting a harrow to create a fire break around the burning straw stopped the fire from spreading to a nearby property. Good work by local farmers ploughing and dumping soil to make further fire breaks and the local Fire and Rescue Service from both Ludlow & Church Stretton, together with a lack of wind, narrowly averted a complete disaster. The wind was coming from the southeast and caused the fire to enter Wenlock Edge wood. Fire crews returned early the following day to ensure that the fire was completely extinguished in the wood.

Laurie Robinson

Diddlebury Flood Action Group



I have recently taken over from the much-respected Geoff Neden as the leader for the Diddlebury Flood Action Group. I have had links with the village for nine years and been resident for three years. During that time, I have helped my partner, who has lived here for 40 years, through minor flooding after she experienced two severe incidents some years ago and have helped to improve flood defences to her property.

The Environment Agency and your local authority have no statutory duty to protect your property from flooding, so the onus is on you to protect yourself. With autumn fast approaching here are a few suggestions. Let's get prepared!

For example... leaves can cause flooding... filling gutters, blocking road gullies, redirecting water flows. Gutter cleaning before the winter stops the leaves blocking the drains and gullies. Look out for blocked road drains, report these through the FixMyStreet app.

We tend not to think about emergencies until they occur. However, with a practical and positive approach, and by planning ahead, you can make yourself more resilient. The biggest severe weather risk in the UK comes from flooding, whether that's from prolonged or torrential rain, such as that which affected large parts of England and Wales in the autumn and winter of 2019-2020, or overflowing drains.

Householders should undertake an audit of the resources available to them - pumps, buckets, mops, wet vacuums, sandbags and drain rods etc.

Prepare an emergency grab bag, this can be for any emergency - such as fire or flooding (if you need to be evacuated). Useful items to include:

- Prescription medicines and toiletries, Identity documents (driving licence / passport / insurance documents / NHS numbers)

- First aid kit and whistle to signal for help
- Radio and torch (preferably wind-up or with spare batteries)
- Notebook with key contact details such as the doctor/ dentist/school, and a pen.
- Spare glasses/contact lenses, house/car keys
- Mobile phone charger
- Wet wipes, bin bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Items for any pets

Other useful things to be aware of:

- Knowing where and how to turn off your utilities (gas / water / electricity)
- Family meeting place / alternative place to stay in case of evacuation
- Important computer information backed up onto a USB stick or the Cloud
- Three days' supply of non-perishable food and water to be kept in your home
- Check smoke / carbon dioxide alarms weekly
- Storing items of sentimental value or importance upstairs or on upper shelves (bank statements/photo albums etc.)
- Make your own personal emergency plan

Even if you cannot manage all of these, by doing what you can, you will be better prepared for an emergency affecting your home or business.

I hope this information is useful. I can be contacted at: happy4clive@gmail.com

Clive Martyn

Corvedale Book Group

We met on 11th August to discuss *Etta Lemon* by Tessa Boase. Cathy Beardes suggested the book which we all found fascinating, and she has also provided the review below. At our meeting on **Thursday 8th September**, we will discuss *The Salt Path* by Raynor Wynn, suggested by Jenny Vine. A couple who have come upon challenging times at a difficult moment in their lives take to the Southwest Coast Path to let nature help heal them both mentally and physically. Please let me know if you would like to join us to discuss this book.

Cath Burley

***Etta Lemon* by Tessa Boase**

Etta Lemon introduces us not only to the life and work of one of the founder members of the RSPB, but also to the detailed interplay of her life with the contrasting activities of Emmeline Pankhurst, one of the founders of the suffragette movement. Throughout the book we delve into their similar beginnings, strong attitudes and contrasting motivations to become two of the most driven and charismatic women, associated with groups that had a major impact on British society.

The story starts in the London slums in the 1880s where we meet Alice Battershall, a feather worker driven to stealing a feather, the cash of the day, and her fellow workers in the horrific industry that employed thousands of women and children in the cleaning, knotting, curling and onward processing of feathers for hats. We get a surprising insight into the vast scale of 'murderous millinery' where not just feathers but whole birds, sometimes deconstructed and rebuilt to fancy, were perched on the heads of ladies of the time. At its peak, the trade was worth £20 million a year (around £204 million today) and many bird species were driven to near extinction. We read in detail about the cruel egret hunting business in America where nesting egrets were hunted for their breeding plumes and the chicks left to starve in the nests and we see inside the dust filled, stinking warehouses of London where carcasses from across the world were piled high for sale. Hearing about the full extent and horror of the avian slaughter worldwide and the human workforce degradation to provide for this fashion (this latter more evident to our sensibilities than Etta's it seems), it was understandable how Etta became determined to stop the plumage trade.

From her middle-class, evangelical home, Etta started as a teenager with letters to the women attending her local church and later moved on to join forces, via the respectable medium of ladies' tea-parties, with other women of like mind, with the RSPCA, and subsequently with her husband Frank. Emily Williamson who started the Society for the Protection of Birds in Manchester and Eliza Phillips of the Fur, Fin and Feather Folk in South London were prominent and later Winifred, Duchess of Portland was crucial to add necessary aristocratic connections to the society's progress. Throughout their work they were up against opposition from various quarters, not least the millinery industry itself, but also from men of 'science' who ridiculed the women for their sentimentality and their unfeminine behaviour. They also had internal conflicts on the extent of their conservation aims, but Etta was determined to focus on the plumage industry.

Emmeline Pankhurst's story is more widely known than Etta Lemon's. She came from privileged roots, as did Etta, but she was determined to always appear demure and throughout her campaigns wore a plumed hat and fashionable attire as she campaigned for votes for women. In the book we follow the parallel development of the suffragette movement and the lengths to which these women went to try to secure rights to vote. We learn of the difference between the active and sometimes violent protests of the suffragettes and the determinedly peaceful suffragists, led by Millicent Fawcett. We are also introduced to the anti-suffragist women, notably Mrs. Humphry Ward and Etta herself, who believed that women could achieve their goals quietly from their positions in society, without need of a vote. We read about the horrors of the hunger strikes and the inhumane force-feeding of the prisoners. Emmeline escaped this fate: it was the working-class women who were treated most cruelly, a repeated theme throughout the book.

Objectives for both groups came about largely because of changing conditions following WW1 - women had jobs and to some degree voices, men were fewer, and the class structure had been severely dented by the war. In America there were several changes in legislation against the plumage trade between 1900-12 but seeming stagnation in Britain. In 1919 Virginia Woolf, who had campaigned for suffrage, was moved to write acerbically about the thoughtlessness and cruelty of following fashion and Lady Nancy Astor was voted in as MP following (some) women winning the vote in 1918. She was instrumental in the British Plumage Act of 1921, so the two often opposing interests finally came together.

There was lots to discuss about this book: we all felt we had learnt something and were going to dig out ancestral photos to see the horrendous hats worn by our relatives. We had not appreciated the scale of the trade and most of us, though RSPB members, were unaware of Etta Lemon. We found the characters and the research of facts in the early part of the book an engaging read, though later the narrative was a bit wordy.

We reflected on the societal changes of the last one hundred years and how male attitudes and female roles have thankfully largely changed. In the book the two differing approaches of the leading characters was well contrasted: Etta worked a lot through her husband and other influential men, though she masterminded the engagement of local groups of women in spreading the word across the country while Emmeline was always an independent, well-dressed

Corvedale Book Group Continued...

woman who fought her own battles. Neither woman addressed the suffering of women and children in the slums, both focused on their individual aims, and piece rate working, situations of extreme poverty and prejudice, so highlighted in the book, sadly continue.

We wondered how far we would go for a cause we believed

in and how much we could endure for it, and we reflected on what is necessary to engender a change in society. Does it require change in the law? What is necessary for law to change in the face of corporate interests, be it fashion, smoking, sugary foods, or climate change?

Cathy Beardes

Corvedale Past and Present

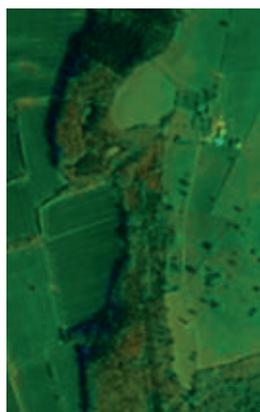
A world on the brink.

One day in the early summer 1315 it started raining. It was a bit like the old joke, 'oh it's only a shower; it should stop by October!' That year it wasn't a joke: it really didn't stop raining till October, and bad summers were suddenly the norm. The hay was ruined, and crops failed. In those days, if you planted a single seed of corn, you needed at least three seeds back from the crop to merely survive.

It was such a shock because times since the millennium had got better and better. Yes, of course there were setbacks, but families got bigger as more children survived and the ambitious had even applied to their Lord to clear a bit of woodland and plant some crops outside the common open fields. Some lords quite liked the idea: a lord on the rise welcomed 'free tenants.' Some of the kit had got better too; ploughs were more efficient, and then there were those new-fangled windmills which made a difference.

There was even talk on some manors, especially those owned by monasteries (which were common), that the monks had worked out new farming systems which were making everyone even more prosperous, mainly themselves!

Looking back now from our perspective in the 21st century, scholars of economic history believe that the population of England rose at least threefold in the years between the conquest of 1066 and the year 1300. More people were climbing out of grinding servitude on the land and some peasants were even - in a modest way - becoming part of the monied classes, something unheard of in their fathers' and grandfathers' day.



As far as the land was concerned there was a technical legal term for all this clearing of wasteland and woodland - **assarting**. This all might seem quite obscure today but in fact the remnants are still with us. Medieval woodland often occurred on the tops of hills, steeper slopes, or parish margins and even today such boundaries are irregular, indicating that the clearing was piecemeal. The most natural way of clearing would be to hollow out adjacent wood leaving a semi-circular 'bite,' rather like a child and

a biscuit. Sometimes this shape seems never to have been squared off - like here on the hill just east of Stanton Lacy.

Those people who can get access to and read medieval manorial documents tell us that the process of assarting was common. You might think, then, that the name would persist to modern times. It does occur but it takes some finding. I only know one example where it crops up as a village name today, and it just happens to be within a mile or two of where one of our sons lives. It's a small community in Oxfordshire called Field Assarts.



What about the names of assarted fields, surely, they are commoner? Yes, but again they are not easy to find. Occasionally 'assart' or just 'sart' comes up, but I don't know any examples in Shropshire. There are other names, too, of course, which are associated with the process. One is rather ominous 'brake,' and this gives some idea of the massive effort involved in cutting down trees and grubbing out roots without power tools. Other names indicating previous assarting, are 'royd,' 'redding,' 'stocks' and 'stubbings.' I don't know any local examples of these, so please let me know if you do!

I do have my own idea as to why these names, which should be common, just don't appear. I wonder if the process was just so universal in the years up to 1300, that people got used to it and simply used the common field name of 'close', meaning any old, enclosed field.

Unfortunately, that bad summer of 1315 wasn't the end of the story. It was just the beginning, what with cattle disease, civil and European war, animal plague and then the Black Death. It took us hundreds of years to recover.

In hindsight it might seem obvious that resources and land were being massively overstretched by the 1300s, in part to support the population and ways of life that just weren't, as we say these days, 'sustainable'. You may see some parallels with 2022; I of course could not possibly comment!

*Peter Cornah
petercornah@gmail.com
01584 823858.*

Geoff Neden

Many of you will know that Geoff Neden, sadly, died on 4th August after being ill for a little while.

A civil engineer by profession, Geoff and Beth came to Diddlebury in 2012 after having spent much of their lives working abroad. He soon became heavily involved with this magazine. Having been a distributor in and around Diddlebury village for a number of years he joined the Corvedale News team in 2018 and became the Distribution Manager. The magazine had, since its foundation back in the 1970s, been successfully run on a very informal basis but he set up the systems so that membership and subscriptions could be coordinated in a much more professional and twenty-first century manner. His contributions to the team meetings were always thoughtful and practical.



Geoff did not limit his community activities to the Corvedale News. He founded the Diddlebury Flood Action Group, sold poppies for the Royal British Legion and, in 2021, was elected to the Parish Council. He was instrumental in setting up the current parish website and has been a regular contributor to articles, photographs, and ideas. The Google Group was Geoff's brainchild and has grown from just a handful of members to a significant online asset. Geoff has been extremely diligent in all that he has done and has given very generously of his time to the local community and he and Beth supported pretty much every village event.

Our thoughts are with Beth, Graham and Alison and other members of his family.

The Corvedale News Team

Like many others it was with deep regret that Diddlebury Parish Council learnt of the death of Geoff. As we said when Geoff resigned from the council due to ill health, he was leaving a big hole to fill and would be a hard act to follow. His work in developing the Flood Action Group and the Google Group was really impressive and has provided solid foundations for both groups to build on.

Within the parish council Geoff always gave balanced contributions and as Chair I valued the support and advice, he gave me personally. He was never shy about promoting

community issues and scrutinised every planning application carefully to ensure that drainage was properly dealt with.

Geoff gave a lot of his time and energy to our community and hopefully others will step up to carry on his work.

Our thoughts go out to Beth and his family who, hopefully, will be comforted by the fact that he was so well thought of and respected by everyone who knew him.

David Hedgley

Chair, Diddlebury Parish Council

Corvedale Garden Group

Shepherd's Barn

Shepherd's Barn was the venue for the Corvedale Garden Group visit on 20th August and provided inspiration for the twenty seven people who visited. Sam and Kate have been in residence for just 7 years but have transformed the two acres into a working small holding, intent on being as sustainable and self-sufficient as possible. The fact that they have not bought fruit or vegetables from a shop for 20 years is testament to their commitment which predates the barn!

Sam and Kate's home, originally a sheep shed but whose name inaccurately became Shepherd's Barn, does have a 'traditional' garden. This has been developed into an elemental garden with interesting, planted beds representing earth, wind, fire and water. Close by the house, a shepherd's hut (with compost loo - where men need to sit down!) overlooks the pond and from this central point we needed a map to fully appreciate the different areas and to make sure we didn't miss anything.

An interesting risk assessment was delivered before we

were free to wander; beware the deep water, the bees, the geese with attitude and goats which nibble; before we got to the typical watch the steps and uneven ground.

Low maintenance is so important here: from the choice of plants (no time for deadheading) to wood chip, carpet and membrane on beds; from grass paths which are one or two mower strips wide to edging of beds for once yearly strimming; from hard landscaping with rocks to a fire pit (no need to weed or mow). In addition, the further away from the house, the wilder the appearance. Around the house is the Japanese garden, the shady seating area, the fernery; then comes the semi-wild areas like the top orchard and the hazel coppice; and then you reach the really wild areas.

What of watering you ask. No use of tap water here! 10,000 litres of rainwater can be collected and stored with a network of hoses, pipes and buckets to deliver it to where it is needed. How much potting compost do they buy? None, because they make their own.

Corvedale Garden Group Continued...



The land uses are also interconnected in terms of sustainability. From the goat paddock and goats comes the milk, cheese and manure. The really wild area, with its brambles and nettles, is beneficial to the insects. The hazel coppice is attractive to wildlife, it produces nuts and is coppiced for firewood. Meanwhile, the deep pond supports a colony of great crested newts and a pair of breeding moorhens. The areas are so very wildlife friendly. Birds, bees and butterflies with a variety of other insects take advantage of the orchards and wild areas with their wildflowers: cowslips, cow parsley, fox and cubs, mallow, red campion, bluebells and daffodils.

The vegetable area consists of raised beds - and you do need quite a lot if you are to live on what you produce. The onions were laid out to dry and then there is the rest: squashes, beans, broccoli, cauliflower, leeks, carrots,

calabrese, cabbage, swedes, celeriac (to name a few). From the greenhouses come tomatoes, aubergines, chillies, cucumbers and peppers.

Food for thought and everyone came away with plenty of ideas, from big to small - and admiration of Sam and Kate's undertaking.

The next Garden Group visit will be completely different: a private tour of Broadward Hall near Clungunford, a Victorian Gothic remodeling of an 18th century house set on a medieval plot with a visible motte. This SSSI holds the national collection of Hemerocallis in the walled garden, as well as a collection of phormium, an early 19th century archery walk lined with giant sequoia and a restored Victorian pump house.

Val Fotheringham

Caring for God's Acre

In need of some gentle but useful exercise, then why don't you join the happy and sociable band of volunteers in Munslow on **Tuesday, 13th September**, from 10.00am until 3.00pm.

We will be having our annual end of summer clearance and tidy-up in Munslow Churchyard and the Burial Ground.

Every year we benefit from the practical and inspiring support of the God's Acre task team, but we do like the company of local willing helpers, as well.

Do bring a packed lunch and your own tools (if you prefer) but Alex, the team leader, always brings plenty of gear with him. No doubt the scythers will be active and more than willing to give the novices among us some useful tips.

The time that you give will help us all, be it just an hour or two or the full session. For more information, please contact Anne Donnelly at anne7donnelly@gmail.com



Anne Donnelly

The Corvedale Kitchen



Deep South Apple Pie - Martin Jones

'Motherhood and apple pie' are supposed to represent basic US values. Which is slightly odd, as apple pie is not, of course, limited to America (nor, for that matter, is motherhood).

This recipe is clearly an Anglicised version because it contains marmalade, which, so far as I know, is not found on the other side of the Atlantic save in a few niche shops in large cities specialising in British foods. But it's an interesting change from the traditional British version.

Ingredients

Pastry

You could substitute for bought shortcrust pastry.

- 2 oz vegetable fat
- 2 oz butter
- 8 oz plain flour
- a little cold water

Filling

- 1½ lb cooking apples
- 3-4 oz sugar (white or brown)
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tbs marmalade
- ½ oz butter

Method

1. Rub the fats into the flour. Add just sufficient cold water to bind the pastry. Chill in the fridge for at least 30 minutes.
2. Peel, core and slice the apples. Put in a saucepan and cook slowly with the sugar and cinnamon to a pulp, adding just enough water to prevent sticking. Add the marmalade and butter and beat well. Cool.
3. Divide the pastry into two. Roll out into two circles: with one line a pie plate. Pour in the apple mix and cover with the second circle. Seal the edges.
4. Bake in an oven preheated to 200°C for around 30 minutes.
5. Serve hot or cold, well dusted with icing sugar, and with cream.

Seedpips



Seedpips

New Community Larder at Diddlebury Village Hall car park

Donation-led sales of Corvedale Primary School garden produce at a new community larder.

Tasty, fresh fruit and vegetables, cut flowers, locally donated eggs, and preserves.

All the children’s hard work in the Seedpips Corvedale Primary School gardening club really started to come to fruition at the end of summer term. To avoid the polytunnel and garden produce going to waste, we decided that a community honesty stall may be a solution. We were offered some help by a couple of volunteers - Tracey and Steve Wood and Russell Simm who now assist me, (Jo Williams) and Colin Jones to care for the school garden over the summer holiday period.



A stall was quickly constructed out of a recycled shelving unit and pallet timber (by Steve) and positioned next to the Diddlebury village hall car park, opposite the church to provide a community larder.

Fresh produce is now collected regularly from the productive school garden and placed for sale (donations) on the stall.

All monies raised by the stall will be used 100% to keep the volunteer led Corvedale Primary School gardening club running.

It’s intended that the stall will continue to provide for our community beyond the school summer holiday and into future seasons too. So, if you have surplus home-grown fruit or vegetables, you don’t know what to do with and don’t want to waste, we would be very grateful

for donations of your produce to the stall! Please do join in to help our school gardening club and community by donating to the stall for others to buy and enjoy.

A note on the Seedpips Garden Club and Produce Project Community Interest Company (CIC).



Despite its known benefits, gardening in schools is difficult to instigate and sustain though lack of resources including funds and volunteers. Since starting the gardening club at the Corvedale Primary School, Jo Williams has become a passionate advocate of the wellbeing effect on all participants and has now also founded the Seedpips Garden

Club and Produce Project Community Interest Company with co-director Jenna Caine.

The Seedpips Garden Club and Produce Project Community Interest Company is seeking to facilitate and support volunteer led gardening club sessions and schemes in schools and other settings across our locality so that these can be sustained into the future without schools/settings having to fund and resource it significantly themselves.

For more information or if you or your school would like to get involved, please contact: jo_seedpips@outlook.com

Jo Williams

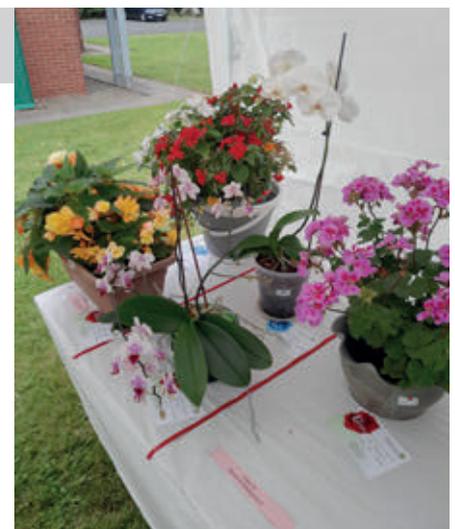
Culmington and District Flower and Produce Show

After a two-year break, due to Covid, the Culmington and District Flower and Produce Show was back again this year. It was great to see the regular entrants joined by new people from the area. This year the addition of a marquee meant more space for the exhibits and for the visitors to the show.

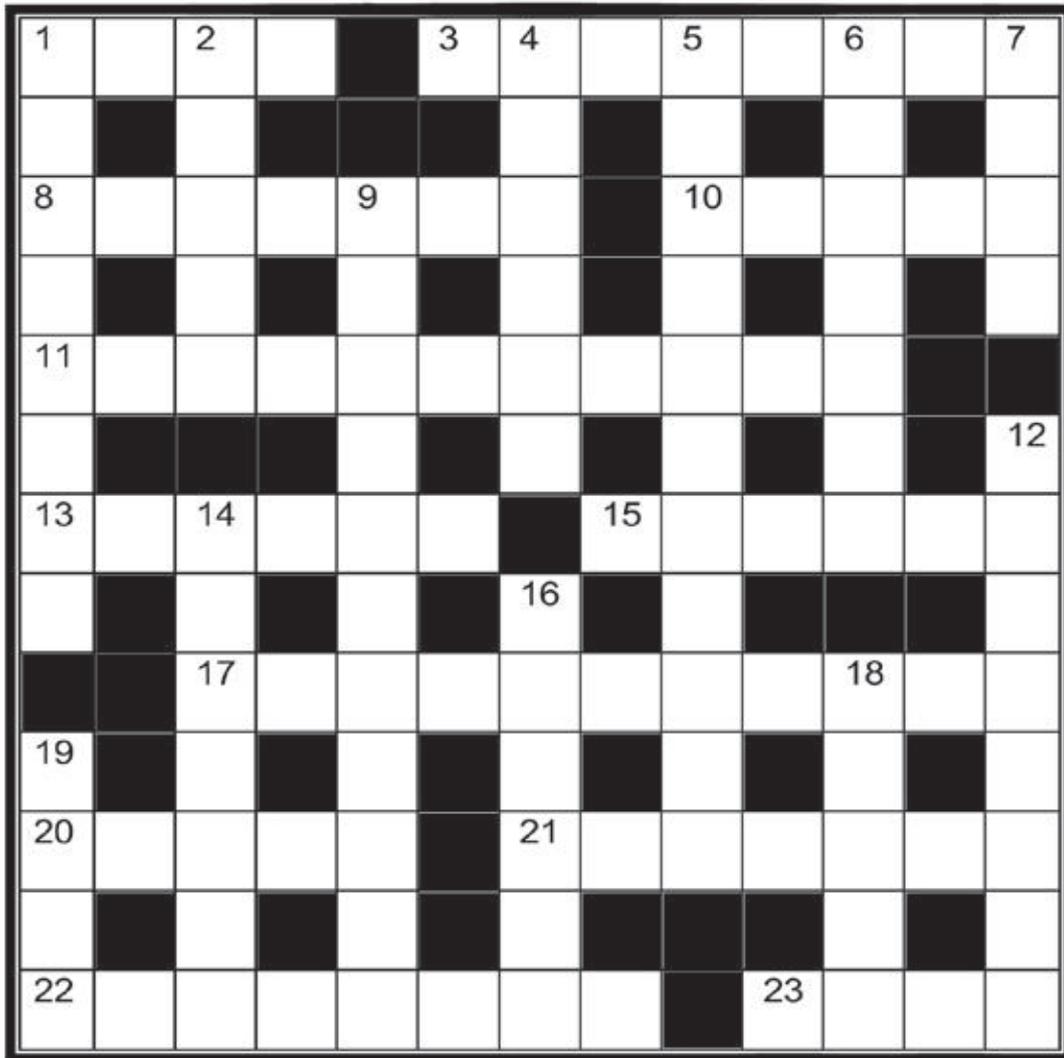
For this, the 70th Jubilee year, there was a special class of who could grow the tallest sunflower which is the national flower of the Ukraine. There were refreshments and a raffle of items donated by local businesses.

Now that we are back to normal, we can look forward to many more successful Flower Shows in the future.

Janet Stuart



September Crossword - by Artemonas



ACROSS

- 1) Torn clothing preceding the graces (4)
- 3) Needed to get into pubs?
No just to pay for the drinks (3,5)
- 8) Drank with a very loud Englishman in the square (8)
- 10) Touch the qaueen to provide the light (5)
- 11) Goat terrine perhaps? I ask the questions (11)
- 13) Be certain there are four points round the old city (6)
- 15) Stick to the commercial in this place (6)
- 17) Arrives at the opening when it happens (5,2,4)
- 20) Picture the Post Office which is warm inside (5)
- 21) Little boy taken from Oz gets to another place (7)
- 22) Len meets parts of things (8)
- 23) Sort of ariel perhaps? (4)

DOWN

- 1) Had a broken bounder round a sheaf of paper (8)
- 2) Respond to play's second performance? (5)
- 4) Start an unusual dirge in our sort of sounds (6)
- 5) Animals fall in heavy rain? (4,3,4)
- 6) Pete led away to reduce number (7)
- 7) Lively look into Tom's prying (4)
- 9) Frome farm he discovered a long way off (3,4,4)
- 12) Pear used to influence others? (8)
- 14) Makes courses for sweetener (7)
- 16) Gina's lantern is a little on the slope (6)
- 18) Sounds like a sunbeam is displayed (5)
- 19) Lapsed part of church recess (4)

ANSWERS TO AUGUST'S CROSSWORD:

ACROSS: 1) Handcart; 5) Lard; 9) Retired; 10) Flair; 11) Alto; 12) Springs; 14) Doling; 16) Editor; 19) Empties'
21) Back; 24) Idiot; 25) Retreat; 26) Eggs; 27) Eyes down;

DOWN: 1) Hare; 2) Natal; 3) Cardoon; 4) Radish; 6) Against; 7) Derisory; 8) Afar; 13) Adhesive; 15) Lapwing;
17) Debates; 18) Astray; 20) Iota; 22) Credo; 23) Stun

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Invites expression of interest from any local person who is a self-employed handyman and has transport and public liability insurance, to quote for the following works:

1. To rub-down and apply two coats of metal or masonry paint as applicable to the railings and bridge along the Diddlebrook in Mill Lane, Diddlebury.
2. To thoroughly clean out the bus shelters in Corfton, Mill Lane and Peaton, to include cutting back overgrown vegetation, plus to apply a coat of wood preserver to each bus shelter.

Please contact the Chairman, Cllr. David Hedgley, on 01584 841068 or by email at dhedgley@hotmail.co.uk for further details or to submit responses.

Munslow Village Hall (aka Beambridge Clubroom)

Annual General Meeting - September 20th at 7.30pm

In the UK, the number of us more than 80 years old is growing, both absolutely and relatively. We may have an advantage as far as experience is concerned, but there comes a time when younger minds (with more energy) need to take the lead. At the moment, there are too many octogenarians on the Village Hall Committee, so resignations are coming to the fore. At the Annual General Meeting on 20th September, there will be the opportunity for new leadership with initiative, to step forward.

Beambridge Clubroom gets its name from the time when it was used as a club facility for estate workers, in the earlier part of the 20th century. Over fifty years or more, the hall has been transformed from an agricultural building by local volunteers, to become the 'home' of Munslow Parish Council, Corvedale Arts Club and Munslow's WI, as well as being the Polling Station for our Electoral Parish. The hall is also the home to The Mappa Munslow, created to celebrate the Millennium and made by the children and ladies of the Parish.

Recently, Corvedale Tots, have enjoyed our facilities but there are more opportunities for wider use of the building, by the community. The scope for a new administrative

body to develop and expand this unique, historic asset in the Parish of Munslow, is evident to the existing committee but requires new energy to make it a reality. It is not an onerous responsibility, the committee, currently meets about four times a year.

In 2023, the 21-year lease for Beambridge Clubroom is due for renewal. As a Village Hall, it is already a registered charity, but it is planned that it will be transferred from the ownership of Millichope Park to the Millichope Foundation, a charitable body that supports the arts in Shropshire. The heating and lighting in the Hall are currently being upgraded, together with the recent installation of Wi-Fi, this will make it more user friendly in the present climate of fuel economy and developing technology.

If you are a resident in the Parish of Munslow, please do consider coming forward to serve on the Village Hall Committee. Bring your ideas and energy with you so that we octogenarians can step down gracefully. It has been a rewarding commitment, but it is time to move on.

For more information, contact Anne Donnelly at anne7donnelly@gmail.com

Anne Donnelly

Corvedale News - Subscriptions for 2022

For 2022 the Corvedale News Team is offering you the opportunity to receive a **digital only** version of the Corvedale News at the reduced subscription price of **£5.00 per annum**.

If you wish to continue receiving a **paper** copy of the Corvedale News you do not need to do anything. The cost of a paper version is **£7.00 per annum for 2022**.

If you would like to receive a digital only copy of The Corvedale News for 2022 please email onlinesubscriptions@corvedalenews.co.uk expressing your interest. Subscriptions for the digital version would need to be paid via online banking at the start of 2022, upon receipt your details will be added to the mailing list,

and you will then receive your copy of The Corvedale News by email each month.

Our bank account details are:

Account name: Corvedale News

Sort Code: 30-90-49

Account Number: 54132260

Cheques can be posted to the Treasurer: Mr Martin Jones, Yew Tree Cottage, Corfton Bache SY7 9LE

When paying your subscription in either of the above ways, please add in your name and perhaps your location (e.g., JONES, CORFTON) so that the Treasurer can identify the person sending in the money. **This is vitally important.**

The Corvedale News Team

*Parish Councils***ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL****Draft minutes of an Open meeting held on Thursday 28th July 2022 at 7.30pm at Abdon Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Peter Hartley, Michael Whalley, Chris Yarwood; Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council), W Richards (Clerk) and four members of the public.

Open Session: Five items were raised.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Trim and R Price.

Minutes: The Clerk read the minutes from meeting 9th June 2022 which were unanimously agreed as correct.

Finance: The balance on 4th July 2022 was £6,680.14. There was Marquee hire income from three hires: outgoings of cheques were requested for: Clerk's wages £157.23; Shropshire Council elections £416.87.

Planning Application: 22/02928/FUL - (validated: 24th June 2022) Address: Brown Clee, Abdon, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9HX. Proposal: Erection of a two storey extension, roof re-modelling, cladding/facade alterations, fenestration alterations and internal layout alterations. Applicants: Mr & Mrs Gardner, Brown Clee, Abdon, SY7 9HX. A site meeting had been held in advance. The extensions would

be required to make it a more useful property and suitable for a family, which will be beneficial to the community. A member of the public was concerned that the materials were not in keeping, but the stone cottage is to remain and the cladding on the new area would weather down and blend more. It was agreed this would be essential as it would be visible from the hill, although the current appearance was not in keeping with the area anyway. Cllr Whalley proposed support, seconded by Cllr Hartley. Unanimously agreed.

Correspondence: The HAF summer programme is on the website. Electronic charging points in the area were discussed: the Clerk will forward this to the Village Hall.

AOB: Village Hall Mirror: Cllr Whalley to forward this to the Parish Council.

Items for consideration for the next meeting: Potholes, Village Hall mirror.

Date of next meeting: It was agreed to cancel the August meeting so next one will be on Thursday 13th October 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:28

For full version of minutes please see the website or contact Clerk.

Wendy Richards - Parish Clerk: abdonandheathclerk1@outlook.com Tel: 07813 271 274 www.abdon.org.uk

MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL**Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2022 at Beambridge Club Room**

Present: Cllrs Edward Povey (Chair), Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, Chris Meeson. In Attendance: Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council), Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Barbara Archer and David Marston.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2022 were approved.

Matters Arising From Those Minutes That Are Not Covered On The Agenda: None.

Urgent Items For Discussion At The Discretion Of The Chair: The Chair and Treasurer of the Beambridge Club Room Committee will be resigning in September. Replacements are urgently needed to ensure that the Club Room can remain open. The Clerk will place posters on notice boards, Facebook page and Google Group.

Planning Matters: None.

Reports: Shropshire Council - Cllr Motley reported that Shropshire Council is beginning to discuss next year's budget as there is a potential deficit. The Government has agreed to give a two-year rollover budget. The Local Government Association has reviewed the Council's financial systems and the result is positive. They have also been asked to complete a Communications Review. The Local Plan is at the Public Examination stage. The Boundary Review needs to make any proposals for changes to the divisions by October 2023. An inspection process has been set up to check the accommodation being offered to Ukrainian Refugees. At the request of the Parish Council, she has written to Nick Newton to establish the date of publication of the highways report on the B4368.

Beambridge Village Hall - Cllr Dobson reported that the electrician is due to do the work on the hall on 25th July. The cost of running the hall will need to be clarified so groups using it can be charged an appropriate fee. See above.

Finance: The bank reconciliation and budget were approved.

Review the Accounts, Bank Reconciliation and Budget: Approved. As of 22nd June 2022 the bank account holds £18,857.02.

Quotations for the insurance renewal have not been received yet. Cllr

Meeson agreed to assist the Clerk to ensure the cover is appropriate. As cover is required before the next meeting the Council agreed to expenditure of up to £400 on insurance.

Payments - Insurance up to £400, Recovery of costs for the May 2021 local elections £100, Microsoft 365 (shared with Culmington and Stanton Lacy PC's) £26.66, HMRC for Clerks Salary April-June £117.20 were authorised.

Neighbourhood Fund Annual Monitoring Form was agreed.

Highways: The Clerk reported that TWM will refund the cost of the VAS sign upon return. It was agreed to request that TWM remove the sign rather than the Council.

Cllr Dobson is in the process of requesting support for the funding of the VAS proposal from Shropshire Council. Various sign option and sites were discussed. A number-plate recognition sign is available, and Cllr Dobson is in discussion with West Mercia Police about whether this would be appropriate. This matter has been deferred to the next meeting.

Joint Parishes Highways Proposals and Communication with other Parishes: At the request of the Parish Council Cllr Motley has written to Nick Newton to establish the date of publication of the highways report on the B4368. A letter updating the other parishes involved has been sent.

Environmental Maintenance Contractor: Only one application has been received by the Clerk. A rate of £17 per hour was accepted and the Clerk will draw up a contract, obtain a copy of their Public Liability Insurance and introduce him to the work required in the parish.

Update on the Defibrillator: Cllr Dobson will ask for the telephone box outside The Crown to be turned so it is more easily accessible. Cllr Dobson will then purchase the defibrillator and cabinet. A second defibrillator for the parish may be available via a charity but its site needs to be discussed further.

Update on Queen's Jubilee Oak: A replacement tree will be available from Shropshire Council in the Autumn.

Items for the Next Meeting: *A.* Vehicle Activated Sign *B.* Second Defibrillator *C.* Environmental Maintenance Update *D.* Defibrillator Training.

*Parish Councils Continued...***CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Meeting on 5th July 2022 at 7.30pm at Culmington Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr I Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Mr J Turley, Mrs J Watts; Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs A Pike, M Holland and J Mear.

Declarations Of Interest Relating To This Meeting: None.

Public Involvement Session: No members of the public were in attendance, but parishioners had asked councillors to consider two issues: a) a further defibrillator for the parish. As the Parish Council has only a very small amount of reserve (which has been ring-fenced for a further Vehicle Activated Sign) it was decided to ensure the public knows about the 'Ring Round' system for the defibrillator at the village hall. b) A hedge on Corve View to be trimmed as it was causing a problem for road users. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the householder concerned.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th June 2022 were approved.

Matters Arising: **A)** The Clerk has written to Shropshire Council requesting a sign at Burley and for earlier verge mowing. **B)** Cllr Turley would like to thank Mr Lewis, the Environmental Maintenance Contractor, for his work on Seifton Lane.

Community Governance and Boundary Review: The Clerk has had no response from the owner of The Pheasantry yet. A letter will be sent to the households affected by potential boundary changes in Vernolds Common, Seifton Batch and Sparchford. The Clerk will contact Vicky Turner (Place Plan Officer) to discuss the issue of the inclusion of Seifton in the Diddlebury Cluster.

Reports: **Cllr Motley** reported that the Local Government Association Team review of finances had had a positive outcome. They will now do a Communications Review. The Government has decided to give Shropshire Council a two-year rollover funding which will make budget planning slightly easier. The Children's Services has been rated 'good' by Ofsted. There are 609 children in the care of Shropshire Council. The Local Transport Working Group is looking at how to improve bus services and will resubmit a bid to Government with the backing of Philip Dunne MP. They are also bidding for Levelling Up funding. The Local Plan is now being examined at the local stage.

Village Hall - Cllr Mear sent a report which the Clerk read out. The AGM is on 7th July. Lots of activities have been organised for the coming months including a tractor pull on the 16th October raising funds for MS and the Village Hall.

*Heather Coonick, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Hopton Gate Cottage, Haytons Bent, Ludlow, SY8 2BE
07817 607 355 • culmingtonpc@gmail.com • www.culmington.org*

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL**Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 27th July 2022 at Diddlebury Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs D Hedgley - Chairman, A Watson, R Povall, S Povall, T O'Boyle, T Pardoe, A Rattu, C Martyn

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Morgan.

In Attendance: The Clerk and Unitary Cllr Cecilia Motley.

Cllr Clive Martyn, of Bache Mill, having been elected to the Parish Council, was welcomed by the Chairman. He completed the DPI and Acceptance of Office forms.

Declarations of Interest: None were made.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd June 2022 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: It was confirmed that responses from SC planning relating to the developments at Bache Mill and the old poultry sheds

Flood Committee - Cllr Byng reported that an open Google Group is being set up for Culmington FAG. The River Severn Partnership is discussing 'Slow the Flow', leaky dams and holding water back in Wales. John Bellis is being reminded of the need to desilt Seifton Pool. The 'Fix my Street' website should be used to report blocked drains alongside other issues Shropshire Council is responsible for. The group will contact Andy Keyland (Shropshire Council) regarding the 3 days of jetting that has occurred and what the maintenance schedule is for drain clearance.

Planning: 22/02632/FUL - Installation of 2no replacement oil tanks with new banded polyethylene tanks each on a hardstanding base together with 1.8m fencing and gate, Elsich Manor, Seifton. The Council unanimously resolved to support the application.

Finance: The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation were reviewed. As of the 27th June 2022 the bank account holds £11,946.69.

Payments To: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £196 for Invoices 116, 124, 137 and 164. Election 2021 Recharge £100. HMRC Clerk's Tax £85.

Update on Desilting Seifton Brook: The contractor has quoted £713 and the Ecologist £192 for the desilting on Seifton Lane. The costs were accepted. The work will be carried out on 19th August.

Update on Funding for a Vehicle Activated Sign: The costs of signs have increased considerably since last year. Not all quotes for a VAS have been received so this matter has been deferred until the September meeting. The request to extend the speed limit to Clay Lane will be made to Shropshire Council and West Mercia Police.

Update on Laundry Works: Despite the Clerk contacting both the Environment Agency regarding fire safety and West Mercia Police regarding lorry parking there has been no response from either organisation.

Parish Council Website and Planning: The Clerk has transferred most of the information from the old website to a free service provided by Hugo Fox. Cllr Byng will proofread before it goes live at the end of July. The domain name of *culmington.org* will remain the same. Mr Jeff Williams will no longer be responsible for updating the website and the Council thanked him for his voluntary work on the website over the years.

Items for the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 6th September 2022: **A)** Pipe in Cllr Turley's field on Seifton Lane **B)** Update on Desilting of Seifton Brook, **C)** Vehicle Activated Sign and Speed Limit

in Corfton had been received but further clarification is being sought. Public objections and DPC's response to application **22/02425/FUL** are on the Planning Portal.

Reports: **The Chairman** reported that he had carried out numerous maintenance jobs on DPC assets in Bouldon. He had responded to a request from Culmington PC about a planning application in the contested Seifton area. Much time had been spent trying to progress the resurfacing of the car park at the school and Diddlebury Village Hall which has been an ongoing saga since 2019. Action from SC and payment of the CIL £11,717 is as elusive as ever. Given the dangerous state of the car park, the Chairman proposed that Corvedale School, Diddlebury Village Hall Committee, the church and DPC appoint their own contractor to resurface the school car park/playground and the whole area around the village hall, ideally commencing in August 2022.

Parish Councils Continued...

Further quotes and updated quotations from those received in 2020 and 2021 are currently being obtained and procurement legalities are being dealt with. It was resolved that DPC will send a letter to Mr Eddie West at SC saying if DPC has no positive response in 14 days, the contractor will be instructed to commence work.

Unitary Cllr Motley reported that Mr West has been very busy dealing with the new Shropshire Local Plan. Many parish councils are concerned at non-payment of their CIL entitlements, but some 67 have been approved recently: a lack of manpower is seemingly causing the delay. She also spoke about a proposed new Health Hub to envelop several GP's surgeries in the Shrewsbury area to provide a wider range of treatments than GPs normally deliver. The proposal is to build it by the football ground in Meole Brace.

Westhope Village Hall: Cllr Watson reported that work replacing the roof of Westhope Village Hall is almost complete. Some group activities at WVH have been disrupted or cancelled due to the road closures on the B4368 preventing users from reaching Westhope.

Diddlebury Village Hall: Cllr Rattu had no report about DVH but has had a communication from BDUK about possible Broadband provision in areas of Diddlebury with a poor signal: he will report fully once he has familiarised himself with the proposals.

Community & Governance Review: Cllr R Povall reported that Culmington PC has indicated it wants to lodge an application for a number of properties in Diddlebury Parish to be moved into Culmington Parish. DPC believes this is premature and more negotiations are needed with the affected residents and between the two parish councils.

Planning: 22/02632/FUL - application for the installation of 2

Next meeting: Wednesday 28th September 2022, 7.30pm at Westhope Village Hall

Agendas and full copies of the Minutes can be viewed by visiting the Diddlebury Parish Council website at:

www.diddleburyparish.co.uk or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs J de Russett

No 12, Brampton Bryan, Nr Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0DH email diddleburypc@gmail.com

replacement oil tanks with hardstanding bases and 1.8m fencing and gate, at Elsich Manor, Seifton. Councillors considered and supported the application.

Highways/Environmental Issues: Various maintenance works are needed around the parish and there is currently no EMO: the last four appointments have not been successful. It was agreed to place an advertisement in the Corvedale News and via the Google Group listing the current works required and inviting expressions of interest from suitably qualified and insured applicants. A report prepared by Cllr Watson on the chaotic effects the works on the B4368 has had on local residents, businesses and the traveling public was considered. It was agreed Steve Smith of Highways and a representative from the contractors be asked to attend the next parish council meeting. The speeding and safety issues on the B4368, especially through Corfton, could also be discussed.

Communications and correspondence: 17 items were considered, and responses agreed as necessary.

Finance Report for July 2022. Cheques totalling £1,659.83 were approved for payment, leaving a total fund of £38,564.79. The cash book/statement reconciliation was approved.

Any Other Business (for dissemination of information only). The Clerk is moving on 7th August 2022 to 12, *Brampton Bryan, nr Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0DH*. The telephone and broadband are not being connected until 15th August. The new telephone number is not yet known so any urgent matters should be referred to the Chairman - 01584 841 068 - in the interim.

Are you a member of the Corvedale Google Group?

The Corvedale Google Group was set up some years ago as a means of disseminating information of interest to those living in the Corvedale. Its area corresponds roughly with the distribution of the Corvedale News i.e., primarily the parishes of Abdon & Heath, Culmington, Diddlebury and Munslow, although you don't have to live in one of these parishes to join. I send out information about road closures, flood warnings and other local news items. Additionally I try to include information about forthcoming events and send out reminders shortly before they actually take place.

In recent years this Group was run, very successfully, by Geoff Neden. Geoff, sadly, died on 4th August. A few months earlier, when he became unwell, he withdrew from the many community activities in which he was involved, and I took over the Google Group. A hard act to follow!

There are currently 220 members in the Group. To join, simply email me at martinggcn@gmail.com and you will start receiving messages; on average, perhaps, about one a day. It's absolutely free and there is no advertising!

At the same time, if you think there is something which would be of general interest please email me and I will consider sending it out, even if you are not a member of the Group.

Three caveats: the Google Group is not a forum for discussion: it is for disseminating information only. Secondly it does not publicise purely commercial events. And finally, the situation regarding closures on the B4368 at the moment is so chaotic that I've stopped sending anything out as what we are told is so unreliable!

Martin Jones

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED**Get featured on the front cover of the Corvedale News.**

Don't forget that we still need photos for the cover page. Send us your photos, from landscapes to local goings-on. We're looking for pictures that capture the essence of living in the Corvedale and surrounding community.

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

Animal		Children's Schools & Activities	
Animal Behaviour Business	27	Brockton Primary School	29
Bullseye Pest Control	27	Brockton Pre-School	29
Happy Dogs Dog Grooming	27	Corvedale Brownies	29
Millwood Poultry	27	Corvedale Primary School	29
		Little Acorns of Rushbury	29
Builders, Plumbers, Painters & Carpenters		Electrical Work	
P.G Butcher / H.M Smith	26	R.A.I.T. Electrical	26
AJ Hoskins & Sons Ltd	26	Stephen Morgan	27
Ludlow Salvage	22	Gardening & Tree Services	
Gary Paris - Plumber & Builder	26	Arboretum Tree Services	23
Dave Stratton - Carpenter, Joiner, Building Maintenance	26	The Humble-Bee Gardeners	22/23
Alan Williams - Painter	26	Miller Tree Services	22
		Shropshire Lawn Company	22

Stoves, Chimney Sweeps & Firewood		Miscellaneous	
Eaton Woodlands	25	The Buzzard	31
JT Brisbane	25	Computer Medicine	28
Ludlow Firewood	25	DDA Architects	27
Ludlow Stoves & Renewables	24	Just Mortgages	25
Millichope Enterprises	25	Massage / Reiki / Meditation	28
Stanton Sweeps	25	Mike's Auto Care	30
		Old Downton Lodge	24
		Samuel Wood	28
		SevernTech Safety Systems	29
		Stonemasons of Church Stretton	30
		Working Solutions	28



The Humble-Bee Gardeners Ltd.

- General Garden Maintenance
- Horticultural Consultation
- Garden Management
- Turf & Hedge Management
- Soil Improvement
- Planting & Pruning
- Plant Sourcing
- Garden Design

Skilled and qualified gardeners local to your area. Between us we carry qualifications in Horticulture from Master's Degree level to RHS & National Trust certificates.
A friendly, reliable team with a passion for plants, available now.

Let us put the joy back into your garden!

Email: team@humblebeegardeners.co.uk
Tel: 07534148428 / 01584 891463

the shropshire lawn company

The affordable way to get a lovely lawn

- Seasonal treatments
- Moss control
- Scarification and aeration
- Lawn advice

Call for your free lawn analysis
01694 771452 / 07745 510482
www.shropshirelawncompany.co.uk

MILLER TREE SERVICES



- Tree surgery, felling and removal
- Strimming / Hedge cutting
- NPTC Qualified / Fully insured with N.F.U.
- Reliable and courteous hard worker - Tom Miller

TEL: 07795 385 451

FIREWOOD FOR SALE, NATURALLY SEASONED HARD WOOD LOGS

LUDLOW SALVAGE
~ Est 2017 ~

Supplying reclaimed materials for your homes and projects.



T 07805 312168 f /ludlowsalvage

Plot 1, Station Yard, Station Road,
Woofferton, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 4AW
www.ludlowsalvage.co.uk



ARBORETUM

TREE SERVICES LTD

TREE SURGERY SPECIALISTS
Domestic | Commercial | Utilities Contractors

Oli Francis

T: 01584 856 987 | M: 07890 395 120

E: oli@arboretumtreeservices.co.uk

W: www.arboretumtreeservices.co.uk




The Humble-Bee Landscaping & Construction Ltd.

- Landscape & Garden Design
- Soft & Hard Landscaping
- Wooden Buildings & Structures
- Water & Stone Features
- Bespoke Woodworking
- Patios, Paving and Walling
- Fencing

Large or small projects undertaken and completed to a high standard. Making the impossible, possible! We enjoy a challenge so give us a call to discuss your garden projects.

Let us put the joy back into your garden!

Email: build@humblebeegardeners.co.uk

Tel: 07534148428 / 01584 891463

OLD DOWNTON LODGE

Restaurant with Rooms



Dinner Mon to Sun 18:00 till 20:30

Lunch bookings for 8 or more please call us with your enquiry

Afternoon Tea Mon – Sun 15:00 to 17:00

Booking Only Call 01568 - 771 826

Email: bookings@olddowntonlodge.com Web: www.olddowntonlodge.com

Old Downton Lodge, Downton on the Rock, SY8 2HU

LUDLOW STOVES & RENEWABLES

FULLY INSURED

HETAS, MCS & RECC REGISTERED

PLEASE ASK FOR DETAILS OF OUR
SCRAPPAGE SCHEME

**85 GRAVEL HILL, LUDLOW,
SHROPSHIRE, SY8 1QU**

TEL: 01584 878552

WWW.LUDLOWSTOVES.CO.UK



BIOMASS

STOVES & FIREPLACES

**BOILERS & WOODBURNING
COOKERS**

GAS & ELECTRIC STOVES

OVER 50 STOVES ON DISPLAY

**FULL INSTALLATION
& BUILDING WORKS**

IN HOUSE TEAMS

**Millichope
Enterprises**

**Please call to order your
Log Deliveries**

**Seasoned Hardwood Logs
Delivered to Your Door**

Estate Office 01584 841200
Email: estateoffice@millichope.co.uk

Chimney Sweep

Local and Reliable Service
(from £50 per Sweep)
Free Smoke Tests
Certificates issued
Contact: 07805 643422 or
www.StantonSweeps.com



EATON WOODLANDS

Ring (01584) 861643
for your
**SEASONED HARDWOOD
FIRE LOGS**

Cut to your size

Ideal for Log Burners and Open Fires


**LUDLOW
FIREWOOD**
~ Est 2019 ~

Suppliers of Premium Grade Ready
to Burn Firewood, Beautifully Crated
and Delivered to Your Door



Please call: 07949 318014
 /ludlowfirewood

Plot 1, Station Yard, Station Road,
Woofferton, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 4AW
www.ludlowfirewood.com

JTB
J.T. Brisbane

SOLID FUEL INSTALLATIONS, SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

- Installations of solid and multi fuel stoves and appliances, flexible metal flue and liners external and internal system chimneys/twin wall
- Chimney Sweeping
- Service and maintenance
- Remedial works and chimney repairs including chimney pot and cowl fitting
- Plastering and patios
- General building and property maintenance

Contact James on: 07855 717 902 / 01584 841 005
Brisbanej@hotmail.com
Meadow Cottage, Diddlebury, Nr Craven Arms



**Just
Mortgages**

Neil Anscomb-Gates
Mortgage & Protection Adviser

M 07932 813994
neil.anscombgates@justmortgages.co.uk

**P.G Butcher / H.M Smith
Chippie Chap Carpentry
Carpenter / Joiner**

Commercial Farm or Home
Barns • Stores • Lean to • Sheds • Doors
Skirting • Floors • Locks • Boxing in pipes
Storage • Shelves • Kitchens
Batoning out • Worktop • Play houses
Fencing • Gates • Decking • Second fix
Specialise in sash window repairs

*Anything wood related.
24hr Emergency call out*

07981 811 037 / 01584 841 017
www.chippiechapcarpentry.co.uk

**R.A.I.T.
ELECTRICAL**

Rewires & new build
Alterations, Additions, Fault Finding
Inspection & Testing
Security Alarms, C.C.T.V.
Door Entry Systems

Tel Jason on:
01584 856 268 / 07740 356 578
E-mail: raitelectrical@btinternet.com



AJ Hoskins & Sons Ltd

We make and fit doors, windows, stairs but also fit standard kitchens, bedroom units etc.

Timber framing, fencing, decking, roofing, brickwork, plastering, painting and all types of property maintenance.

Carpentry, joinery and general builder.
Free Estimates - Local references available
NO VAT

Tel: 01584 890 298 Mob: 07977 844 863

ALAN WILLIAMS

Interior & Exterior
Painter & Decorator



Telephone: 01588 672 390
Mobile: 07951 578 923

Dave Stratton

Carpenter Joiner

General Building Maintenance



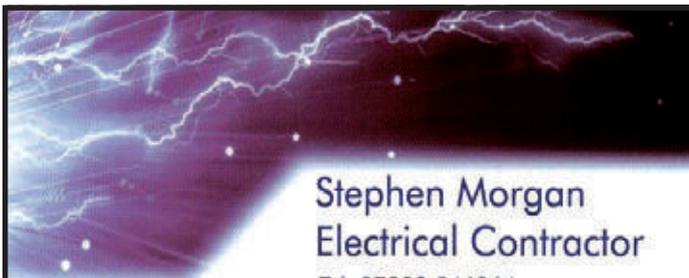
Phone: 07803 083931

Email: Davestratton@btinternet.com

Corfton, Craven Arms, Shropshire

**Locally based
PLUMBER & GENERAL
MAINTENANCE**

25+ years' experience
Saniflo Engineer
(separate rates apply)
No job too small
£25.00 first hour/part
£20.00 per hour thereafter
Can price by job if over 1 day
Call GARY PARIS
01584 861844



Stephen Morgan
Electrical Contractor
 Tel: 07989 546964
 Tel: 01584 322123
 Email: business@smorgan.net



Domestic - Agricultural - Commercial - PAT Testing
 CCTV - Smart Home Networks - AV/Data Distribution



HAPPYDOGS
DOG GROOMING
 AT CRAVEN ARMS
 bathing
 clipping
 hand stripping
 fully insured
 15 years experience
 phone
 Tina:07974839071

MILLWOOD POULTRY
 RARE AND TRADITIONAL BREEDS OF POULTRY AND HATCHING EGGS
WWW.MILLWOODPOULTRY.CO.UK

FIND US ON FACEBOOK
MILLWOODPOULTRY1@GMAIL.COM

HILLEND, WESTHOPE, CRAVEN ARMS,
 SHROPSHIRE. SY7 9LH



MARTIN 07773 494272
 NICK 07909 228845



The Animal Behaviour Business
Solving Behaviour Problems Positively

- 🐾 Dog and Cat Behaviour Problem Resolution
- 🐾 'Grumps and Growlers' courses for dogs that bark and growl at other dogs and people
- 🐾 Puppy Classes (20 weeks and under)
- 🐾 Older puppy Classes (20 weeks to 18 months)
- 🐾 Recall Courses—Ensure your dog comes back - every time
- 🐾 Board and Train—Your dog comes to stay to be trained

07778 435116
valerie@animalbehaviourbusiness.com
www.animalbehaviourbusiness.com



ARCHITECTS

The Friendly
 Professional Service
 For All Your Architectural Needs

David Dickinson
 Dip Arch (Hons) DA (Manc) RIBA

Corffon Bache | Craven Arms
 Ludlow | Shropshire | SY7 9LE

Office 01584 861 468
 Mobile 07753 824 855
 Email contact@dda-architects.co.uk
 Web www.dda-architects.co.uk



The local solution to your pest problems

Domestic* Agricultural* Commercial

Professional pest control for the South Shropshire area. Most pests treated incl. rats, mice, moles, flies, wasps, fleas, etc.

Contact Wayne Jones
07779 461 397 or 01588 638 746
www.bullseyepestcontrol.co.uk



SAMUEL WOOD

We're ready when you are

Award-winning estate and lettings agents

Craven Arms	01588 672728
Ludlow	01584 875207
Lettings	01743 272720
Church Stretton	01694 722723
Shrewsbury	01743 272710

www.samuelwood.co.uk
cravenarms@samuelwood.co.uk

naea | propertymark

~A Space To Be~
Be Still...Let Go...Awaken

Your Therapist...Helene...

Indian Head Massage / Reiki / Meditation

We offer Indian head massage which consists of upper back, arms, shoulders, neck, face & head massage.

Relaxing and aids restful sleep.

Releases stress, completely relaxes you.

Reiki is also a part of the treatment process.

Appointments take one hour.

Including consultation price £25.00 a session

Phone to book your appointment...07981811037



**WORKING
SOLUTIONS**
Recruitment Specialists

We recruit at all levels in all sectors for temporary and permanent vacancies in Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Powys.

Accounts - Administration - IT - Technical - Industrial

For vacancies and to register online:
www.workingsolutions.co.uk

54 Broad Street, Ludlow, SY8 1NH

Professional - Friendly - Local

admin@workingsolutions.co.uk

Call Guy, Rachel or Julia on 01584 877677 to register



The computer people who come to you

Computer Problems?

- 1) Turn it off and on again
- 2) Call Computer Medicine
- 3) No more problems!

We are local computer experts who can help to solve your IT issues. Just some of our services include:

- Virus & spyware removal
- Supplying new PCs and all things tech
- Bombproof backup & cloud solutions
- Gearing your IT for home working
- Home & business support
- Staying safe online
- Remote support

We come to you so there's no need to take your PC to a repair centre.

NEW for 2022

We now also offer one-to-one training for those wanting to gain confidence using technology.

Please contact us to discuss your requirement - we can help.

Tel: 01584 856 774

info@computermedicine.co.uk

www.computermedicine.co.uk

Established in 2003

SevernTech Safety Systems

'Protecting You and Your Property'

- CCTV •
- Intruder Alarm •
- Door Access •
- Fire Alarm •
- Disabled Call Systems •

Call Alex, for advice and a free no obligation quotation
Supply, installation, commissioning & maintenance

T: 01584 841 335 M: 07710 843 005

E: alex.southall@severntech.co.uk



explore.
discover.
inspire.

"Pupils are enthusiastic learners. They work well together and help each other."

- OFSTED, June 2022

Places available, visits welcome

Nursery places for 2-4 year olds available now

Brockton, Much Wenlock, TF13 6JR

01746 785671

admin.brockton@taw.org.uk

Corvedale C of E Primary School & Nursery

"Love learning, Love life"



Diddlebury SY7 9DH

Tel: 01584 841630

email: admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk

www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk

Serving the Corvedale by providing an education of the highest quality rooted in Christian faith and practice, within a caring, stimulating and trusting environment.

Headteacher: Mr. J. Brough

School Office Manager: Mrs. K. Pote



Shipton Village Hall TF13 6JZ

and

Brockton C of E School TF13 6JR

'Stimulating indoor and outdoor play in a warm and nurturing pre-school setting.'

For our prospectus or further information please contact:

Kate Castle tel: 01746 785 018 / 01746 785 671

email: brocktonpreschool@gmail.com



Little Acorns of Rushbury Pre-School

Morning, afternoon and all day sessions available five days a week for children aged 2 years to school entry.

Contact Elaine on (01694) 771677.

www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk.

We are very proud of our outstanding Ofsted report and our high adult/child ratio.



Corvedale Brownies have joined Craven Arms Brownies and meet on one Saturday a month at the Discovery Centre, 10.30am until 1pm.

Please see:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter'



Lower Bank Farm,
Aston Munslow, SY7 9EP



DELIVERING QUALITY, ALWAYS

www.mikesautocare.co.uk
01584 817 094

Mike's Auto Care is a family business based in Aston Munslow, which offers full bespoke detailing services to suit all vehicles and budgets, and designed to help protect your vehicle against common cosmetic damage and problems that can build up over time. This will help get your vehicle back to near showroom quality. We offer a wide range of services ranging from a sympathetic hand wash, including dry, protect and shine, valeting services, to full bespoke detailing.

Mike has over **10 years** detailing experience and wants to make sure you drive away with a new-found love of your vehicle.

Buried in the beautiful Shropshire countryside, Mike's Auto Care is your first stop if you need a wash, valet or a detail.

Wheeluv Installation Accredited
Lanoguard Protective Lubricants Accredited
Matrix 4D Ceramic Coating Accredited.



STONEMASONS
of CHURCH STRETTON

MEMORIALS

Headstones
Cremation tablets
Traditional and modern
Additional inscriptions

HOME

Kitchen worktops
Fireplaces and hearths
Bathroom and wet room
Signs and general masonry

01694 724 448 www.strettonstonemasons.co.uk

The Buzzard

Corvedale Community Minibus



The
Buzzard

A Friendly door to door accessible bus service for people living in the Corvedale

- * affordable
- * accessible
- * friendly, personal service
- * collecting from the Corvedale Villages and going to: Bridgnorth on Mondays
Craven Arms on Thursdays
Ludlow on Fridays
- * Monthly trips to Shrewsbury

£2.50 Per trip
(£5 Return)

£10 Annual
Membership

Give us a ring today to find out more:
01584 700 907

Email: ludlowtraveller@shrewsburydialaride.org.uk
www.shrewsbury-dialaride.co.uk/corvedale-buzzard

Shrewsbury Community Transport Initiative Ltd is registered in England & Wales No 3274618

Contact Numbers for Local Services

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

	Contact	Phone	Email
<i>Local Services and Emergencies</i>			
Electricity Problems/Power Cuts	Western Power	0800 6783 105	
Water Supply Problems	Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444	
County Flood Management	Shropshire Council	0345 678 9006	flood@shropshire.gov.uk
Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group	Clive Martyn	841346	happy4clive@gmail.com
Ludlow Minor Injuries Unit (out of hours 111)	Community Hospital	874297	
Shropdoc (out of hours service)	Doctors Co-operative	111	
Ludlow's Doctors' Surgeries	Station Drive Portcullis	872461 872939	
Craven Arms Medical Practice		01588 672309	
Police (non-emergency)	PC 2693 Grant	07773054602	stephen.grant@westmerci.pnn.police.uk
Voluntary Car Scheme (9.00am to 12 noon weekdays)	Craven Arms Good Neighbours	01588 673732	
<i>Clubs and Societies</i>			
Abdon Wildlife Group	Miles Leach	07810 810400	milesleach712@gmail.com
Blue Hills Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Artists	Juliet Hole Ann Hankinson	01299 832603 01584 841460	
Corvedale Book Group	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
Corvedale Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Community Environmental Group	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
Corvedale & District Autumn Show	John Woodhouse	07980 207253	
Corvedale Folk Club	Ian Fotheringham	841331	
Corvedale Garden Group	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group	Jenny Vine	841596	jvcedarwood@hotmail.co.uk
Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
Diddlebury Dancing Group	Sally Woodhouse	841265/ 07813 019010	sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday Badminton	Val Fotheringham	841331	
Westhope Clover Club	Kath Woodhouse	841254	

Continued...

Contact Numbers for Local Services

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

	Contact	Phone	Email
<i>Parish Clerks and Websites</i>			
Abdon & Heath Parish Council Clerk	Wendy Richards	07813 271274	abdonandheathclerk1@outlook.com
Culmington Parish Council Clerk	Heather Coonick	07817 607355	culmingtonpc@googlemail.com
Diddlebury Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Jean de Rusett	01547 519282	diddleburypc@gmail.com
Munslow Parish Council Clerk	Heather Coonick	07817 607355	munslowpc@gmail.com
Diddlebury Parish Website:	www.diddleburyparish.co.uk		
Corvedale Google Group:	This is a free service and issues purely local information such as road closures, flood warnings and so on to its members on an occasional basis. It also alerts members to new items appearing on the DPC website. If you would like to join this service, send an email to: Martin Jones - martingcn@gmail.com		

Village Hall/Club Room Bookings

Abdon Village Hall	Helen Audin	01746 712365	abdon.villagehall@gmail.com
Abdon Village Hall website:	www.abdonandheathparish.org		
Beambridge Club Room	Frances Sutton Anne Donnelly	841654	anne7donnelly@gmail.com
Culmington Village Hall	Jeff Williams	01584 861849	culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall	Sally Woodhouse	01584 841265	sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk
Diddlebury Village Hall website:	www.diddleburyvillagehall.org		
Diddlebury Church Room	Jan Kennedy	841372	jan_kennedy@icloud.com
Westhope Village Hall	Betty Manley	07860 447397	mbm3049@icloud.com

Children's and Youth Organisations

Corvedale Brownies	www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter'		
Corvedale School, Playgroup and Nursery	Jonathan Brough	841630	admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk

Women's Institutes

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

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



The Corvedale Group of Parishes

ABDON - BROADSTONE - CULMINGTON - DIDDLEBURY - HOLDGATE - MUNSLOW - TUGFORD

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

	4th September Trinity 12	11th September Trinity 13	18th September Trinity 14	25th September Trinity 15
Abdon		9:45 HC		6pm EP
Broadstone			8:30 HC	
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm EP	8:30 HC
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 Corvedale Festival Service	11:15 FC
Holdgate	8:30 HC			
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC
Tugford			9:45 HC	

Key: HC = Holy Communion, EP = Evensong, FC = Family Communion.