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What's on in the Dale

Christmas Music

at St Catherine's, Tugford
on Saturday 3rd December
at 7.00pm

Carols, readings, and seasonal music
featuring 'Stream of Sound'.

Donations in aid of Corvedale churches

Corvedale Folk Club

at The Sun Inn, Corfton
on Monday 19th December
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

Kim Lowings and the Greenwood

will be performing at

Diddlebury Village Hall

on

Saturday 28th January 2023

With support from Nancy & Andy Ketchen and Sam Davies

Doors and Bar open 7.00pm

Kim Lowings and the Greenwood bring a distinctive upbeat approach to traditional and self-penned songs which has established them as highly popular performers at Clubs, Festivals and other venues across the country. They also have a link with Diddlebury Village Hall, having played at the 'Ale in the Dale' festivals to help raise funds for the refurbishment of the Hall. To get a flavour of their music look them up on YouTube.

Nancy and Andy are very well regarded local performers from Hyssington, who have played more widely at Folk Clubs and Festivals, whilst Sam a very accomplished guitarist and singer, will be known to many in Corvedale as he has lived with wife Kate in Corfton for the past several years and performed regularly at The Sun.

This will be an evening not to be missed for those who enjoy top class music. Tickets are limited to 100 and on sale now through We Got Tickets. The link is <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/559998> or via www.kimlowings.com/tour.

Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!!

Contact: ianfotheringham@btinternet.com or 01584 841331



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



TREE PLANTING
Sunday December 11th
10am - 2pm
Free refreshments,
Mince pies and Mulled wine.
All are welcome to help us plant
for the future.
Parking at Westhope College
SY79JL



What's on in the Dale

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Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday
All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm
Start 7:30pm

£3 to include half time refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
SY7 9JL

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CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO

Saturday 17th December

Westhope Village Hall
SY7 9JL



DOORS OPEN 7PM
EYES DOWN 7:30PM

BOOKS £1 EACH

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE

ALL WELCOME



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE MESSAGE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
OR CALL
07486 414 742
07860 447 397

Family Christmas Party

Friday 23rd December
3:00pm ~ 6:00pm

£10 per family
To include nibbles, children's drinks & a visit to Father Christmas with a gift 📺

Bar open
Disco
Games
Fun for all

Westhope Village hall
Westhope Craven arms
SY7 9JL



To book please message our Facebook page or call
07486 414 742
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"Come & Sing"
Handel's

MESSIAH

Sarah Westwood ~ Soprano
Samantha Lewis ~ Alto
William Smith ~ Tenor
Paul Henley ~ Bass

James Ross ~ Conductor

The Jarualda Quartet
Wendy Jones ~ Trumpet
Richard Silk ~ Harpsichord

St. Michael's Church, Munslow, SY7 9BP
Monday 2nd January 2023 ~ 3.00 pm

Tickets: Cash on door £10 inc. refreshments
In Aid of Team Cleo (paediatric brain tumour research) & Church Funds

(Score Hire £10 refundable on return)
Further information 07745 825700

Culmington Village Hall Activities & Events - December

- 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 AM **Chair Yoga For All Abilities** Contact: Liz Curtis, 07734 358 001, lizcurtisyoga@gmail.com
- Every Wed **Baby & Toddler Playgroup**, 10:30am - 11.30am
Sensory playgroup for babies and toddlers up to 5 years.
Contact: Cally Marsh, 07854 004 556, callymarsh09@hotmail.co.uk
- Fri 2nd* **Christmas Fayre**, 6:00pm onwards.
Christmas stalls, Father Christmas, refreshments and mulled wine. Carols from Tenbury Town Band.
If you would like a stall, contact Jo Mear on 07872 109 936
- Sat 3rd* **Can-Do-Crafts - Wreath/Christmas Rag Swag**, 10:00am - 12:30pm.
Refreshments. All materials supplied. Contact: Rosemary Jones, 01584 861 823 or 07837 609 229
- Thurs 8th* **Christmas Lunch Club**, 12:30pm for 1:00pm lunch. Contact: Gwyn Edwards, 01584 861 666
£10 for turkey with all the trimmings plus pudding and mince pies.
NB: second Thursday not third Thursday
- Tues 13th* **RSPB Meeting** Contact: Carol Wood, carolwood772@outlook.com
- Sat 31st* **New Year's Eve Party** Contact: Jo Mear, 07872 109 936
Disco and bar. Come along to celebrate the start of 2023!

Abdon Village Hall Events**UFO (Un-Finished Objects) Craft Morning - Learn how to make Christmas decorations!***Saturday 10th December 10.00am - 12.00pm*

We will teach you how to make Christmas decorations at our festive UFO craft morning. Materials will be supplied at the cost of £1 per decoration. If you are interested, please let Penny Unitt know as we need to know numbers for the materials. Contact: artypenny2017@gmail.com or 07484 677 870. Hope to see you there!

Coming to Abdon Village Hall in January 2023: Tai-Chi classes. Watch this space for more details!

Abdon Village Hall Bookings

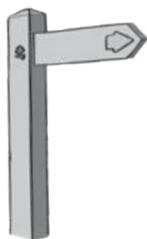
Contact Helen Audin: 01746 712 365 or abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

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

RSPB Walks & Talks 2022 *More information can be found on the RSPB local group website.*

Saturday 17th December 10.30am - Powkesmore

Tuesday 13th December - Feathers Quiz

**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:

NO WORKING PARTIES IN DECEMBER**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

Westhope Village Hall



October and November have been busy months. Our ongoing repairs are progressing well, thanks to everyone's efforts to support our village hall.

The harvest supper was a successful evening with a three-course meal enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to all the helpers on the night, who did us proud. Definitely a team effort. We were entertained by Sam Davies, a brilliant local musician.

Our inclusion in the Clee skittles league is a popular social event. In our second game we were 'slaughtered' but we did manage to win our third game by a narrow margin. Thank you to our guests from High Leys and Culmington, we all enjoyed welcoming you to our village hall. We are looking forward to the rest of the skittles programme in the New Year.

Our Monday whist drives are proving extremely popular, with new players of all abilities being welcomed. Come along and be entertained, we are not old school, most weeks have us in tears of laughter! Our **Christmas Whist Drive** is on **Monday 12th December**. Players will be welcomed with mulled wine, mince pies, and seasonal prizes.

Saturday 10th December we are presenting the ever-popular sing duo Johnny and Hywel for our **Christmas Party And Dance**, 7.30pm till late. This promises to be a great evening. Licensed bar and refreshments will be available. Pay on the door £7.50.

The Wreath making workshop on Sunday 11th December is

now fully subscribed.

Saturday 17th December, we have our **Christmas Prize Bingo**. Eyes down 7.30pm. Free entry. Books £1 each. The bar will be open and refreshments available.

Friday 23rd December sees a new venture this year. We will be hosting a **Family Christmas Party** (see the poster elsewhere in the magazine). Father Christmas will be arriving with his sack full of presents for the children. Please book your places to avoid disappointment.

January is always a difficult month, but we are continuing with our weekly Monday whist drives and our monthly bingo on the last Friday of the month.

Corvedale Tots and Toddlers will resume every Monday 10.00am - 12noon after the Christmas break.

The Clover Club will start again in the spring.

On the back of our very enjoyable line dancing event in October we have arranged another **Line Dancing Evening** on **Saturday 21st January** at 7.30pm. Pay on the door £6.00. As always, our licensed bar and refreshments will be available.

It has been a particularly challenging but successful year and it's great to see our village hall thriving. We would like to thank our small but very industrious committee for all their commitment and hard work in making this happen.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Betty Manley



CORVEDALE TOTS
Paused for the Christmas break.



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



MONTHLY BINGO
Bingo night is **Friday 27th January**.
Doors open at 7.00pm with eyes down at 7.30pm. Refreshments and licensed bar.



WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB
Will continue in the spring.
All enquiries to Kath, 01584 841 254.



CREATIVE & CRAFT GROUP
Every Monday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm.
Bring along whatever craft you choose.
Contact Tina: 07787 554 996.
£8.00 per session. Tea and biscuits included.



WHIST DRIVES
Every Monday at 7.30pm. All welcome.



COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE
Saturday 10th December. 7.30pm - late.
With Johnny and Hywel. Admission £7.50.
Licensed bar and refreshments.



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING
Sunday 11th December. 10.00am - 4.00pm
Tina 07787 554 996. Fully Booked.



CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE
Monday 12th December



CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO
Saturday 17th December. Eyes down 7.30pm
£1.00 entrance. Licensed bar & refreshments.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY
Friday 23rd December. 3.00pm - 6.00pm
£10 per family. Food, games & disco. A visit to Father Christmas with a gift. Bar open.



LINE DANCING EVENING
Saturday 21st January. 7.30pm - late.
Admission £6. Licensed bar and refreshments.

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.

Diddlebury Village Hallwww.diddleburyvillagehall.org

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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

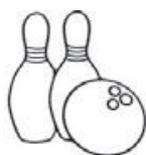
Doors & Bar Open: 7.15 pm

Tickets: £5 (Card machine)

**The Outfit***Electrifying Thriller**Starring: Mark Rylance***7.45 Thursday 15th
December***Comedy Drama**Starring: Lesley Manville***7.45 Thursday 19th
January****Saturday 28th January 2023, 7.00pm**

Top class folk music from Kim Lowings and the Greenwood (with support from Nancy and Andy Ketchen and Sam Davies)

Tickets: <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/559998>
or ianfotheringham@btinternet.com / 01584 841331

**Saturday 11th February 2023, 7.00pm**

Skittles evening: a fund-raising event for the Autumn Show

CLASSES AND GROUP MEETINGS**Tai Chi**

Classes: Thursdays, 10.00-11.00am

Please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014498/enidgill21@hotmail.com.**Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates**Classes: Fridays, 9.15-10.15am. Please contact Beverley on: 07967 814412/ beverleychumber@sky.com.**Book Group**Second Thursday of each month, 7.30pm. Please contact Cath Burley on: cathburley@hotmail.com.**Corvedale Choir**

Mondays, 7.30pm

Blue Hills Choir

Tuesdays, 10.00am

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

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

Please note that the deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 16th January 2023.

Every Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10am - 11.30am
Every Mon	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
Every Mon	Craft Group	Westhope Village Hall	2pm - 4pm
Every Mon	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Corvedale Artists	Beambridge Club Room	10am
Every Tues	Chair Yoga	Culmington Village Hall	
Every Wed	Working at Home Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 2pm
Every Thur	Tai Chi	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Fri	Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

December 2022

1st Thu	Clover Club Christmas Lunch	The Swan, Aston Munslow	12.00 noon
1st Thu	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Beambridge Clubroom	7.30pm
2nd Fri	Christmas Fayre	Culmington Village Hall	From 6pm
3rd Sat	Can-Do-Crafts - Wreath / Rag Swag	Culmington Village Hall	10am - 12.30pm
3rd Sat	Christmas Music	St Catherine's, Tugford	7pm
8th Thu	Christmas Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
8th Thu	Hayton & District WI - Christmas Dinner	The Three Horseshoes	TBC
8th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10am
10th Sat	Christmas Party and Dance	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Sat	Christmas Concert	William Brookes School, Much Wenlock	TBC
11th Sun	Wreath Making Course - Full	Westhope Village Hall	10am
11th Sun	Tree Planting	Westhope Village Hall	10am
12th Mon	Christmas Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Tue	Corvedale School Carol Service	St Peter's, Diddlebury	6.30pm
13th Tue	RSPB Talk - Feathers Quiz	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Wed	Warm Welcome Hub	Beambridge Clubroom	10.30am
14th Wed	Corvedale School Christmas Musical	Corvedale Primary School	2pm & 6pm
14th Wed	Munslow WI AGM	Beambridge Clubroom	2pm
14th Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI - Christmas Party	The Swan, Aston Munslow	7.30pm
15th Thu	Flicks in the Sticks - The Outfit	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
17th Sat	RSPB Walk	Powkesmore, Brown Clee	10.30am
17th Sat	Christmas Prize Bingo	Westhope Village Hall	7pm
19th Mon	Christmas Tree Festival	St Peter's, Diddlebury	4pm - 6pm
19th Mon	Corvedale Folk Club	The Sun Inn, Corfton	7.30pm
20th Tue	Christmas Tree Festival & Hamper Draw	St Peter's, Diddlebury	4pm - 6pm
23rd Fri	Family Christmas Party	Westhope Village Hall	3pm
31st Sat	New Year's Eve Party	Culmington Village Hall	TBC

January 2023

3rd Tue	Come and Sing: Handel's Messiah	St Michael's, Munslow	3pm
3rd Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
10th Tue	Much Wenlock Choir - taster event	William Brookes School, Much Wenlock	7.30pm
12th Thu	Warm Welcome Hub	Beambridge Clubroom	10.30am
12th Thu	Hayton & District WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
12th Thu	Abdon & Heath Parish Council Meeting	Abdon Village Hall	7.30pm
19th Thu	Mrs Harris Goes to Paris	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
21st Sat	Line Dancing Evening	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
23rd Mon	Corvedale Folk Club	The Sun Inn, Corfton	7.30pm
25th Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
28th Sat	Kim Lowings and the Greenwood	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm

ACTIVITIES & CLASSES:

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Culmington Village Hall - 4

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Westhope Village Hall - 5

Church News



Letter from the Rectory

Advent will probably have started by the time you read this as Advent Sunday falls on 27th November. It is perhaps one of the most overlooked seasons of the church year as most of us spend almost all of it focussing on Christmas and all that it brings. Even so, it can be good to slow down and use Advent as a time in which to think about all that we are really preparing to celebrate. So we will once again be having services of Compline at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings. They last about half an hour and you are welcome to join us when you can.

After the complications of Christmas and gatherings over the past two years, it will be good to be able to celebrate in a way that feels more like normal, although we do so while fully aware that it is probable that the war in Ukraine will still be going on. One of the titles we give to Jesus is 'Prince of Peace' although we can't deny that wars have been fought in the name of Christianity. If, however, we actually looked at what Christianity is about and tried to put it into practice the world would be a more peaceful and fairer place. We also call Jesus 'Emmanuel', a word which means 'God with us' and Christmas reminds us that in Jesus God is with us, not only as a person who lived in first century Palestine but also alongside us through all that life brings today - the ups and the downs. There will be services in all of the churches over the Christmas period and we hope that you will accept the invitation to join us as we gather to celebrate, in word and in song, the birth of Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace.

I wish you, when it comes, a very happy Christmas.

Rev'd John Beesley

St Catherine's, Tugford

Just time to remind you of our **Christmas Music at Tugford on Saturday 3rd December at 7.00pm**. As well as a welcome return by Stream of Sound, we are delighted that our own Ros Crouch will also be singing for us as well as the now well-established carols and readings. We have traditionally played to a packed house and tickets have been going well as usual. But you don't really need one, just turn up on the night and enjoy an evening of festive music. Donations will be shared with all the Corvedale churches.

*Colin Porter 01584 841 627
Maggie Teague 01584 841 616*



Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



December 2022

4th Mrs Worthington*
11th Mrs Clinton*
18th Christmas Decorations
25th Christmas Decorations
*Brasses only

January 2023

1st Christmas Decorations
8th Mrs Jones
15th Mrs Jones
22nd Mrs Jones
29th Mrs Jones

St Peter's, Diddlebury

Retirement - after over twenty years co-ordinating fund-raising in Diddlebury, Megan has decided that after Christmas she will be taking a well-earned retirement from fund-raising activities. She will, however, continue to run the annual plant sale for the foreseeable future. I am sure that our readers will wish her a long and happy retirement.

Martin Speight



Christmas Tree Festival

After the success of last year's Christmas Tree Festival, we will be holding another one this year at Diddlebury Church on **Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December**. We will be decorating Christmas Trees and will have a variety of Christmas cribs on display. You are invited to come and enjoy the decorated church at any time between 4pm and 9pm on Monday or Tuesday. Seasonal refreshments will be available and at 8pm on **Tuesday 20th** we will have the draw for this year's **Corvedale Parishes Hamper Draw**. Admission is free but we will have a plate out and any donations received will be shared between the parishes.

If you would like to decorate a tree to go in the church, or if you can lend us a Christmas crib (you can have it back afterwards ready to enjoy it at home over Christmas) please get in touch.

Used Stamps

Somewhere near the back of all the Corvedale churches you will find a reddish box, in which we are collecting used stamps for The Leprosy Mission. They use the stamps to raise funds towards the treatment of leprosy, a disease which affects about 3 million people around the world, with about 200,000 more cases being diagnosed each year. Any stamps are suitable: British and foreign, unusual and ordinary. We collect the stamps throughout the year but in the coming weeks we will all receive many more stamps than normal as cards are sent and received. Please tear off the stamps from the envelopes, leaving a small margin of paper around the stamp, and place them in the boxes in church - an easy but effective way of helping others. Thank you.

Corvedale Parishes Christmas Hamper Draw 2022

Once again, the Corvedale Group of Churches is holding a Christmas draw with luxury hampers and other prizes. Last year's draw made £1,606 which was shared between the churches. The hamper draw makes a real difference and we are very grateful to all who contribute in any way.

Please support us by donating a luxury item for a hamper (please leave them at The Rectory or in one of the churches), selling tickets and, even most importantly, buying tickets, which only cost £1 each. Why not come and join us at Diddlebury Church on **Tuesday 20th December** to enjoy the Christmas trees and see if you have won a prize..?

Many thanks, as always, for your help and support.

Rev'd John Beesley

Church News

Shop Online and Help Our Local Churches

The Corvedale churches are part of the ‘Easy Fundraising’ scheme, which raises a small donation each time you shop online, if you register with the site. There are over 3,300 retailers involved selling books and music, groceries, clothes, travel and more. It won’t cost you anything extra - but it will help us. This is a time of year when many of us will shop online and, whilst each donation may be only a few pence, so far the scheme has raised £55 for the parishes in the past year: it’s amazing how it all adds up if

enough people are involved! To find out more and to sign up please look at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thecorvparish/

Rev’d John Beesley

From the Registers



Baptism

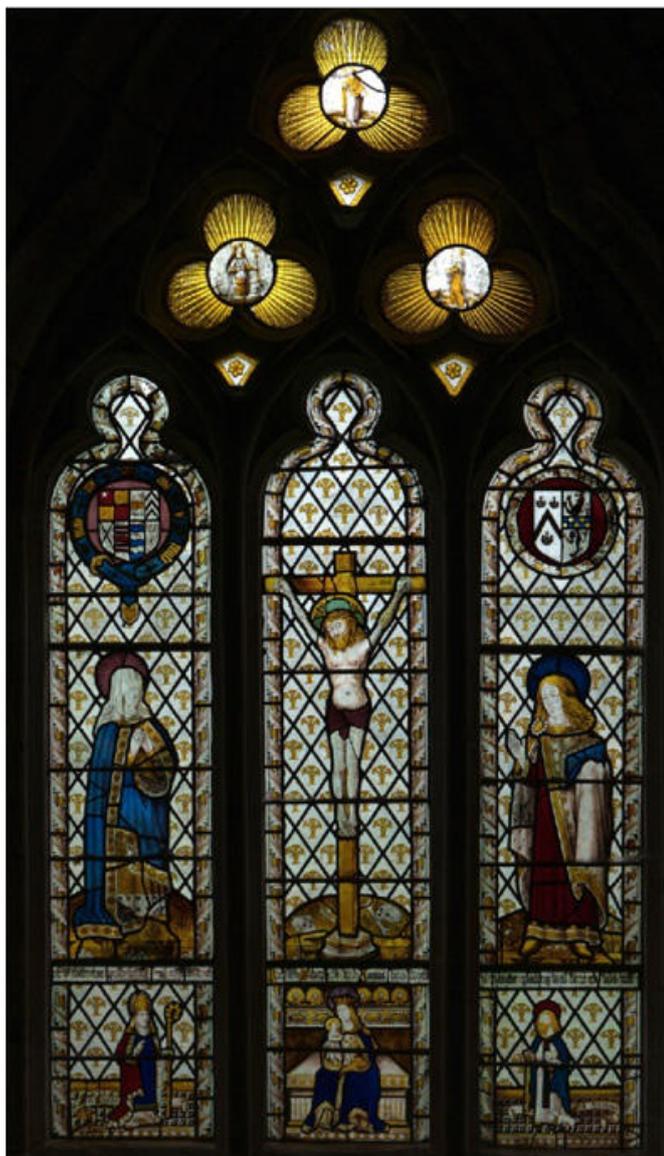
30th October Dulcie Beau Dean Munslow

Munslow Church Stained-Glass

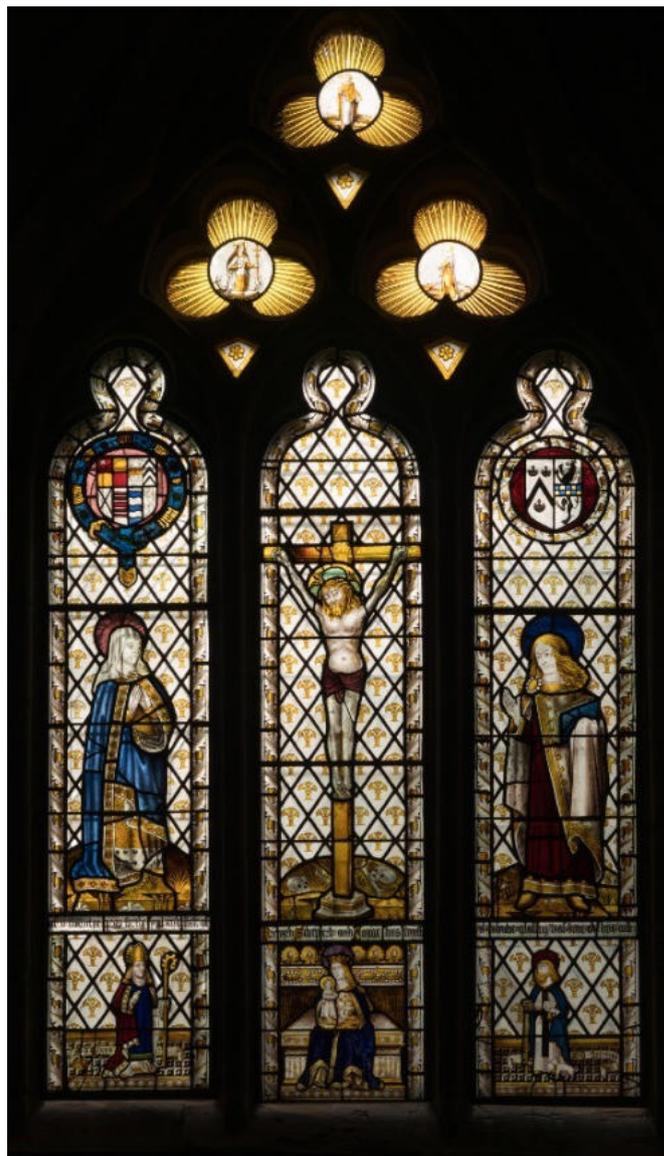
Munslow Church has some wonderful medieval stained-glass windows. Two of these have been fully restored and conserved for generations to come. The main work was cleaning and paint restoration resulting in much brighter, more vivid images. While the before and after photos indicate this you should visit for yourselves to get the full effect.

There are two further medieval windows that should be restored and conserved. We have the detailed report indicating the work required and a faculty (Church permission) that allows the work to be conducted. What is missing is the money and someone to drive the project forward. Please contact Rev John Beesley if you are interested in assisting.

Anson Crouch



Before cleaning and restoration



After cleaning and restoration

Corvedale Book Group



Still Life by Sarah Winman

This was a new author to most of us and the book itself had been found by chance last year in Waterstones (other bookshops are available!) on display as their fiction book of the month. It was a hot, sunny day and a combination of the setting, Italy, and the effusive reviews prompted the purchase. It proved to be a good one.

Still Life is a story of interconnectedness which starts in 1944 in the Tuscan hills and ends in the late 1970s. It introduces us to a wealth of lively and vivid characters whom we come to love and care about. It is a story of love, friendship, family, and art. It is a beautifully crafted story which, despite its humour and humanity, doesn't let us forget the realities of war, loss, and devastation. It is full of witty conversation which bring the characters fully to life, glowing descriptions of the art of Florence and very realistic portrayals of disaster, in particular the floods of Florence in 1966. It takes us through four decades of social change, fashion, and music.

There are several stories with the main characters at their heart. These stories are skillfully woven together and kept us compelled and engaged throughout the book. We meet Evelyn Skinner in war torn Italy in 1944. She is an art historian described as a spinster but who has had deeply significant relationships during her life. She also has a deep affection for Florence, a place she first visited as an eighteen-year-old and where she encountered a young E M Forster gaining inspiration (we presume) for his book *'A Room with a View'*. She also experienced love for the first time.

In 1944 Evelyn meets Ulysses Temper, a young British soldier, and together they accidentally discover a repository of hidden artworks. The experience is to weld them together for life, though they don't yet know this.

Each survives the war and returns to England, Evelyn to her teaching post and Ulysses to his two old friends,

Col, and Cressy, who run a pub in London's East End. He also returns to Peg, his wife, who now has a child, Alys, from an affair with an American soldier. They divorce but maintain a love and attraction that never really goes away. Ulysses becomes a father figure to Alys and Peg leaves her in his care, feeling unable to offer the child the love she deserves. The relationships between these friends and the community are, we thought, the most well drawn in the book. Their loyalty to one another is very moving.

Ulysses participates in a chance rescue while in Florence at the end of the war and saves the life of a recluse, Arturo. Ulysses becomes a hero never to be forgotten by the people living in the little square, Santo Spirito. Arturo later leaves Ulysses his home in Florence. Ulysses decides to move there taking with him Alys, old Cressy, and Claude the parrot. Here they swap their old community in London for the people of Florence. Some of them find love and all of them find a home where art fires their imagination and a new family of loyal friends is created.

All the characters and the people they encounter are beautifully drawn; funny, idiosyncratic, and come together to build a compelling story of love, friendship, family, and loyalty. The book reminds us how chance encounters with people can have lasting influence. It is a story about ordinary lives surrounded by extraordinary art and a chronicle of the intertwining of those lives. It is a celebration of beauty; a story of what Evelyn describes as *'Continuity. Memory. Family'*.

A thoroughly enjoyable read, highly recommended.

The book we will be discussing on Thursday 8th December is ***Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart** which won the Booker prize in 2020 and which The Observer described as a *'a novel of rare and lasting beauty'*.

Elaine Gardner

Mobile Library Update

The mobile library service will be off the road for Christmas from Friday 23rd December to Monday 2nd January inclusive. Each route's last visit before Christmas and first visit after Christmas are listed in the table.

You can check your local stop's route number, day and time here: www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/

Ellen Powell

Route	Route 2	Route 3	Route 4	Route 5	Route 8	Route 9	Route 10	Route 11	Route 12
Final 2022 Visit	Tuesday 13th December	Wednesday 14th December	Thursday 15th December	Friday 16th December	Monday 19th December	Tuesday 20th December	Wednesday 21st December	Thursday 22nd December	Friday 9th December
First 2023 Visit	Tuesday 10th January	Wednesday 11th January	Thursday 12th January	Friday 13th January	Monday 16th January	Tuesday 3rd January	Wednesday 4th January	Thursday 5th January	Friday 6th January

Caring for God's Acre



Winter In The Churchyard

The Churchyard Task Team works until the first week in December. The following week we enjoy a Christmas lunch at a local pub and then we take a break. We return in the second week of January... and each time we do, it always feels different.

While we have been away, the winter will have stripped even more leaves from the trees: nothing has grown, the hibernators will still be asleep, and all is very still. It is a chance, too, for you to take a closer (or do I mean clearer?) look at the area that is the church and churchyard.

The gravestones stand out more starkly in the winter light. Have a look at the wall. If it has been there for a long time, it will be a dry-stone wall, one that has been built by careful selection of stones, and no mortar or cement to hold it together. It is, after all this time, as solid as the rocks that make it. A wall built a couple of centuries or so later may have a lime-based mixture holding the stones in place. This made it easier for the builder as the selected stones could be stuck together, and he could use a wider collection of shapes and sizes too.

Many churches are built on mounds and, if round, are likely to be places of earlier pre-Christian origin. Historical evidence shows us that as far back as Bronze Age times (5,000BC - 800BC) burial places, or barrows as they are called, served not just as burial sites but for combined communal, secular, and religious/spiritual purposes too. When Christianity arrived in Britain the then Pope, Gregory I, instructed his missionaries very carefully, telling them to be sympathetic to previous religious practices and to build on, not destroy them. And so, our present-day church buildings in Shropshire and surrounding counties, most of which are around 1,000 years old, are built on older spiritual sites. If your parish church is mentioned in

the Doomsday Book (1086AD) you can almost guarantee your site is older than Christianity.

While you ponder what you see before you, remember that despite the peace, an awful lot is still going on. Those



choosing to hibernate (dormice, hedgehogs, and bats, which might all be found in your churchyard) spend winter in deep sub-consciousness but also moments of light activity. It is a survival technique. Other small mammals, like shrews, slow down, hunt less and sleep more. Badgers do something similar, but they are not small! Some insects, butterflies, ladybirds, and some bees, overwinter in a state of torpor but can occasionally be roused on bright, warm(ish) winter days. Frogs, toads, and newts all change their behaviour as soon as the frosts start. They look for secluded spots to shelter from the elements. Compost heaps are extremely popular with slow worms! So, lots of life is there, but it's just not obvious.

Come the New Year and change will start creeping in. But in the meantime, have a very happy Christmas.

*Anni Holden Calver, Churchyard Team Member
and trustee of Caring for God's Acre*

Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir

After outstanding service over the last eleven years, our accompanist David Fisher has decided to reduce his commitments and stand down from the post. David, who originally trained at Trinity College, London, is a first-class practitioner who has not only supported us musically but has built many valued friendships among us and will be greatly missed.

An opportunity, therefore, has arisen for someone to take over the role, which is a paid position, for our regular Tuesday evening practices and occasional weekend concerts. If having read this, you, or someone you may know, would like to find out more about this opportunity, please contact me through my email or phone (details below).

At this time of year, we always enjoy our sing under the Corn Exchange at the Christmas Fayre. Please come and listen and watch us as we sport our new posh jackets and trousers!

As a thank you to our families, friends, and supporters we will be holding our **FREE Christmas Concert** which

includes seasonal refreshments in William Brookes school on **Saturday 10th December**. A limited number of tickets are available at Penny Farthing in The Square. Please come along to join in our Christmas celebrations.

Into January, and the new year brings new resolutions and opportunities. We are aware that singing is an extremely healthy activity and singing together even more so with the attendant benefits being in a friendship group can bring. The choir are a friendly bunch and wish to invite potential new choristers to our **'Come and try it'** event on **Tuesday 10th January at 7.20pm** at William Brookes school. No previous singing experience is necessary, just a willingness to give it a go. Our latest recruit, who joined in September had never sung before but is already fully integrated into our number and is really enjoying it. Please consider joining him and us, you may never regret it!

*Dick Langford,
01952 728 758, chairmanmwmvc@gmail.com*

Diddlebury Flood Action Group



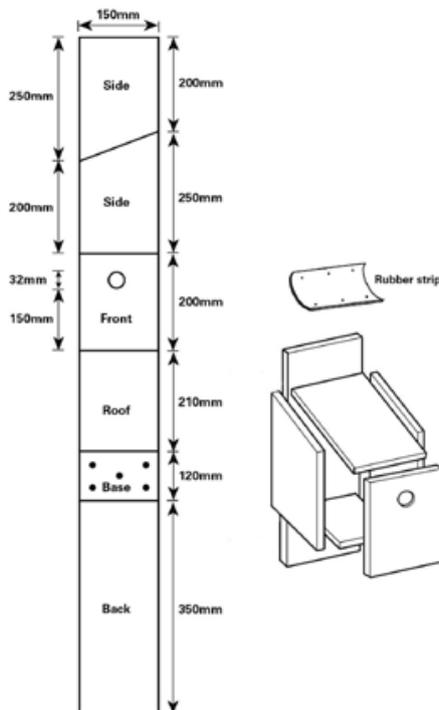
Autumn Thoughts

Autumn has come to an end and our gardens should now be tidied up and ready for the winter - a season which seems to start later each year.

The gutters need to be cleaned of leaves to lessen the chance of water overflowing gutters and running down the walls. The debris of leaves and small twigs should be removed from drain gullies and any streams bounding our properties to avoid flooding from water not flowing away quickly enough.

At this time of year the bird feeders come out to supplement the birds' food pickings after the autumn berries have disappeared, but have you thought about making a bird box to protect the wild birds from a harsh winter?

Bird boxes are simple to make using a single piece of wood - 150mm x 1400mm x 15mm thick.



The 32mm hole in this diagram is ideal for sparrows but by differing its size and placement different birds can be attracted to your garden.

Once the bird box has been made, find a bird-friendly spot under the house eaves or high up on a wall. The box needs to be at least three metres from the ground and it should face between north and east to stop it getting too hot or too wet.

The rubber strip in the diagram could be made from a piece old bicycle tube but roofing felt, or damp-proof membrane would work too. If you don't want to build a bird box, why not buy a ready-made box, and paint it yourself? Children would enjoy the painting.

Materials needed: plank of wood, saw, pencil, tape measure, nails or screws, drill, rubber strip, and water-based paints.

Clive Martyn

Corvedale Garden Group

The 2023 programme is being finalised. As usual the February and November meetings will be at Diddlebury Village Hall. For our meeting on 11th February Debbie Vivers will be asking us how bee-friendly our gardens are and giving us a host of suggestions about how we can extend the food available for bees in 2023. The other meetings will be at a garden in Shropshire or other counties close to our borders.

2023 Dates For Your Diary (all the second Saturday of the month)

February 11th, March 11th, April 15th, May 13th, June 10th, July 15th, August 12th, September 16th, October 14th, November 11th

Cath Burley, cathburley@hotmail.com

Munslow Village Hall (aka Beambridge Clubroom)

Join us in Munslow at our 'Warm Welcome' hub

Munslow Village Hall is the venue where you can join friends and neighbours to enjoy a hot drink and a chat. It all started in November. However, on **Wednesday 14th December** between 10.30am and 12.00 noon, there will be another opportunity to meet friends during the winter months. Everybody is welcome and there will be the added temptation of mince pies and cake!

Some more dates to put on your calendar for 2023, all on a Thursday: January 12th, January 26th, February 9th, and February 23rd.

We are hoping to continue the Warm Welcome hub coffee mornings through the winter, more will be advertised in the February edition of Corvedale News.

Hoping to meet you there!

Anne Donnelly

Westhope Clover Club

Kath welcomed sixteen members to the November meeting. It was lovely to have Mary back after her recent stay in hospital. Kath then introduced Mr Roy Jones, a retired Thatcher. Roy showed us the tools of his trade and how he used them. He then had us all in fits of laughter with his hilarious stories.

Our next meeting is at The Swan, Aston Munslow, on **Thursday 1st December** at 12.00 noon, for our Christmas lunch.

We now close for two months, meeting at Westhope on Thursday 2nd March 2023. Wishing all our members health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year.

Kath Woodhouse

Christmas Message

The Corvedale News team would like to wish all our distributors, readers, and contributors a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Next issue: February 2023

*The Corvedale News Quiz of the Year 2022*

January - Can you name the former ambassador of the Bahamas to Japan who died this month? He was also an Oscar winning actor.

July - The Lionesses beat Germany 2-1 in the Euro final at Wembley. Who captained the winning side?

February - How many gold medals did Great Britain win at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing?

August - BBC Breakfast presenter Bill Turnbull died at the end of August. Bill once wrote a book about which of his hobbies?

March - On 1st March 2022, which town became the UK's newest city?

September - Liz Truss was appointed as the UK's Prime Minister. How many days was she in office?

April - From April 1st, which product can no longer be sold or used in the UK as it poses an unacceptable risk to mammals, birds, and dogs?

October - Jeremy Hunt was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer, but can you name his three predecessors in 2022?

May - The UK finished second in the Eurovision Song Contest in Italy, but who represented the UK with the song 'Space Man'?

November - Matt Hancock went into the jungle, but for what sport occupation did he train as in 2012?

June - Mid-June saw events to mark the 40th Anniversary of what?

December - Hanukka is the Jewish festival commemorating the re-dedication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, but on what date in December does the festival start?

Corvedale School

Our nursery opened in 2021 following extensive refurbishment. A wonderful outside space was added last summer, and we have a beautiful facility to offer young children. Our staff are very experienced in providing early years foundation stage education through play and exploration. Currently we have seven children attending during the week, but we have space for a few more. We would love them to attend our nursery so please spread the word. If you have a child of preschool age and would like to see the nursery in action, we hold a baby and toddlers' group on Tuesday mornings. Mums and Dads can bring along their little ones and have a coffee, cake, and chat while they play.

Typing this article, I can hear the children practicing Christmas songs in the hall in preparation for the **Carol Service at St Peter's Church Diddlebury 6:30pm, Tuesday 13th December**. Please join us if you can.

Class 1 & 2 with Nursery will be performing their **Christmas Musical on Wednesday 14th December**, two performances at 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

There has been plenty happening this month too. The children received their flu vaccinations: a nasal application which is a lot less painful than my jab in the arm!

We were entertained by a woodwind quartet from Shropshire Music Service as part of their Live Music week. The quartet were impressed with the children's knowledge of the musical instruments. We heard, played, and sang along to a variety of musical pieces from classical to modern pop and film scores.

We were once again pleased to attend the Remembrance Service at St Peter's Church in Diddlebury on Armistice Day. Children from Class 2 and 3 marked their respects with the 2 minutes silence and led prayers with Father John. Class 1 marked the occasion back at school.

The after-school activities are popular. Currently we have football practice and running club on Mondays, netball practice on Tuesdays and indoor rowing every Friday. We also have our Breakfast and After-school clubs running daily to provide wrap-around care.

For more information about our school visit the website www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk It is packed full of useful information. On the Home page you will see links to our weekly newsletters and future events for your diary.

The children and staff at Corvedale C of E Primary School would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jonathan Brough, Headteacher

Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund, 2023-24 is OPEN for Applications



Grants of up to **£2,000** available for projects helping to **conserve and raise awareness** of the **Shropshire Hills landscape**, its diverse wildlife and rich heritage.

Please get in touch if you have a project in mind: email stephanie.hayes@shropshire.gov.uk, telephone 01743 254746

submit your project ideas by **20th February 2023**



For more information & how to apply see www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk

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Women's Institute**Hayton & District WI**

It was great that Phyllis was well enough to welcome us to the AGM. Dot read the minutes of the October meeting which were duly signed as correct - special thanks to Ria for her excellent talk on Alzheimer's disease particularly as she had only that day returned from Indonesia. Notices of forthcoming events were given - the group dinner at The Swan on November 17th, our 75th anniversary year tea party on November 20th, lunch at Origins on 29th November and our Christmas dinner at the Three Horseshoes on 8th December. The diets will start after Christmas! The newsletter and correspondence were quickly dealt with before the AGM proper started.

Amanda gave the treasurer's report on behalf of Joyce who is recovering from a long-awaited operation. Dot gave her annual report, reminding us of all the activities we had taken part in over the previous year. All the officers and committee members were thanked for their efforts in completing another enjoyable year for our Institute. A Facebook page has been set up so we can all keep up to date with WI events. Two members of the committee were standing down. Louise bravely offered to join the committee and is liaising with Rose, our programme secretary. Phyllis agreed to continue as President.

A supper with a choice of three delicious homemade soups was served by the committee and time ticked by with eating and chatting, so no further entertainment was needed!

The next meeting, a social evening, will be on **Thursday 12th January 2023**, weather permitting. Until then, have a happy Christmas and safe and healthy New Year.

For more information, please ring Phyllis Steventon on 01584 823 436.

Barbara Wright

Diddlebury & Westhope WI

I'm not sure where this year has gone! It's just sped past again. Our November meeting was held in our usual venue of Culmington Village Hall and a sizable number of our members turned out for the evening. Rosemary Jones came along and gave a great talk about how she got into upholstery and furniture restoration. She also showed examples of her work and the various materials and tools needed. And just to get our brains ticking, she also brought along a competition where we had to look at ten photos of work she had done and order them in date from oldest to newest. We all had a go with varying degrees of success, but it was great fun trying!

Next month will be our **Christmas Party** taking place at **The Swan, Aston Munslow** on **Wednesday 14th December** at **7.30pm**. We don't have a meeting in the darkest depths of January, so our next meeting at Culmington will be on **Wednesday 8th February** at 7.30pm, when we will be holding our AGM. We are looking for more members as always and want to get more people involved with the running of the committee, so please come along, and join in. However, as I've said many times before, you don't have to commit to being a permanent member: just come on an ad hoc basis 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

Munslow WI

Members and guests met on the 9th of November to enjoy a delightful talk about Fabergé eggs. Mrs. Anne Fox of Tenbury Wells outlined the history of the famous Russian jeweller. From his upbringing in his father's jewellery firm in St. Petersburg, Fabergé has been the most revered name in jewellery ever since Peter Carl Fabergé became official goldsmith to the Russian Imperial Court. The house created exquisite jewels and objects, including the legendary series of lavish and ingenious Imperial Easter eggs.

Enlightening and informative as this was, members thoroughly enjoyed hearing how Mrs. Fox attended the WI's Denman College many years ago to study the art of egg decoration. She developed her skills in blowing eggs from various birds, pigeon, hen, goose, and ostrich and just recently a swan's egg (a generous donation from a friend). From blowing to sterilising the egg she then builds up a decoration and in keeping with Fabergé's ethos that each egg should hold a surprise; she cuts out little doors to show another scene inside. Mrs. Fox had brought with her a selection of her favourite eggs, from her first attempt depicting Tenbury Wells, with blossom leaves and apples on the exterior and scenes of Tenbury's Pump Room and Market Hall on the interior. Everyone gasped at the intricate scenes that lay hidden within each egg, for example, the Queen Mother's 100 years celebration where there was a drawer with a silver horse and a fly-fishing rod. The centre piece was a collection of family photographs of her husband, mother-in-law Queen Mary and her two daughters. Another egg that Anne had made was a Scottish heather with two flaps that opened to show a golfer one side and the green and putting hole the other.

Anne did a brisk sale of beautifully decorated eggs and miniature Christmas eggs. The proceeds together with her fee, will be donated to Ovarian Cancer Action - a charity beloved by Anne after losing her sister-in-law to the disease two years ago.

Sheila thanked Anne for her wonderful talk and display, congratulating her on her artistry, skill, and imagination. Everyone then enjoyed tea and cakes.

President Loraine gave notice that the AGM would now be held on **Wednesday 14th December** at 2.00pm when everyone is invited to bring and share a plate and to enjoy their favourite pieces of music. Please let Ros Crouch (01584 841 053) have your choice and the reason this means something to you.

Munslow WI welcomes anyone interested in attending any of our talks/events. There is no commitment to join, just come along to Beambridge Clubroom on the 2nd Wednesday of each month as a guest. For further information contact Jenny Rose on 01584 841 251.

Val Hardwick

Letter from Westminster

Although it is still early in November as I write this, I am looking forward to Christmas.

A warming climate has been high on the agenda this past year, not least at the UN conference COP27 which has yet to conclude as I write, but after the UK has handed over the Presidency to Egypt. It is clear that 2022 will go down as the warmest year on record with drought conditions and record temperatures over 40 degrees leading to some of our rivers running dry in their upper reaches.

We've had the warmest and driest autumn since records began and as I write, have not yet had the first frost. Of course, I cannot predict what will happen for the rest of the year nor whether we will enjoy a white Christmas - I will leave that to the papers - but I have no doubt that our climate is changing around us.

It is reassuring that our changing climate and the contribution we have made to our planet's warming is now near-universally recognised by global leaders, 110 of whom attended the COP27 Climate Conference in Egypt in December, including our new Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

In November, I had the opportunity to ask the Prime Minister, now that we no longer have the COP Presidency as our forcing mechanism, how his Government will secure the necessary cross-departmental working to ensure our national net zero ambitions are achieved. He gave me a resolute response with a personal commitment to ensuring all government departments work towards decarbonising our economy.

Ahead of the COP27 Conference, our new King, HM Charles III hosted world leaders, business figures, environmentalists, and NGOs at Buckingham Palace. King Charles has been a leading figure in the environmental movement for half a century, long before many others had awoken to the developing crisis. We are fortunate to have both a Prime Minister and a Monarch fully committed

to a sustainable future and the protection and preservation of our natural environment.

As Christmas approaches, like me, many people will be looking forward to spending time with loved ones, watching younger family members open their presents from Father Christmas and catching up over the Christmas Turkey.

But Avian Influenza, more commonly known as bird flu, may put our Christmas dinner at risk. At the time of writing, there had been 220 outbreaks since October 2021, 88 of which were during October this year.

Bird flu is a very virulent disease with turkeys particularly susceptible. The poultry industry is taking what steps they can to protect their flocks. I have joined colleagues in calling on the Government to harness our best scientists and virologists to develop a vaccine with the same urgency as we saw during the Covid pandemic.

Poultry farmers are not always highlighted for praise, but avian flu can completely devastate their business. The sector provides over 50% of the meat that we eat. Not to mention how critical they are to our traditional Christmas meal which dates back to Henry VIII who is thought to be the first person to eat turkey on Christmas day.

I hope that our poultry growers can provide the 10 million turkeys thought to be eaten each year at Christmas so that we can all enjoy the festive period and our Christmas Dinner to the full! Have a wonderful Christmas.

*Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP
Member of Parliament for Ludlow*

*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.

There are currently 220 members in the Group. To join, simply email me at martinggen@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.

Martin Jones



The Corvedale Kitchen

Scrummy Squash Soup - Sara Thompson

Ingredients (Serves 4-6)

- 50g butter
- 1 medium onion finely chopped
- 1-2 tsp cumin seeds, to taste
- 1 butternut squash or pumpkin, (about 750g, peeled and diced)

- 200g potato, peeled and diced
- 900ml vegetable stock
- salt & pepper
- single cream, to serve



Method

1. Melt the butter in a large saucepan and cook the onion until soft.
2. Add the cumin seeds and cook for one minute.
3. Add the squash/pumpkin and potato. Cook for a further minute, stirring all the time.
4. Add the stock and season to taste.
5. Cover and simmer for about 25 minutes or until the vegetables are soft.
6. Blend the soup until smooth, then return to the pan and heat gently.
7. For a touch of luxury serve with a swirl of single cream.

Corvedale News Subscriptions 2023

We are sorry to have to inform you that subscriptions for 2023 will increase to **£8.00 per annum**.

The reason for this is simple: printing costs have increased sharply during the past year and the magazine would not be financially viable at the present level of £7.00.

At the risk of sounding overly pessimistic, nothing is built into this figure for the inflation which we all expect to occur in the coming months. So, we will have to review the position again towards the end of 2023. We regret having to do this but there really is no alternative.

Subscriptions for electronic copies will remain unchanged at **£5.00 per annum**.

We note that quite a large number of subscribers have not yet paid their subscriptions for 2022. Please let your distributor have your subscription as soon as possible, and certainly no later than the

end of the calendar year, if you wish to continue receiving your Corvedale News.

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Corvedale News Advertising Rates 2023

It has also been agreed that we will need to increase our advertising rates by around 10% with effect from January 2023.

The Corvedale News Team

UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Buy one or more of these local books for your loved ones this Christmas

- The Bouldon Iron Furnace
- Nordy Bank: Iron Age hillfort, Clee St Margaret
- Air Crashes on the Clee Hills
- The Peaton Shadow Factory
- Deserted Medieval Settlements of the Clee Hills
- The Royal Naval Armaments Depot at Ditton Priors
- Bouldon in the News

They can be purchased from www.lulu.com/spotlight/coprolite

ANSWERS
The Corvedale News Quiz of the Year 2022

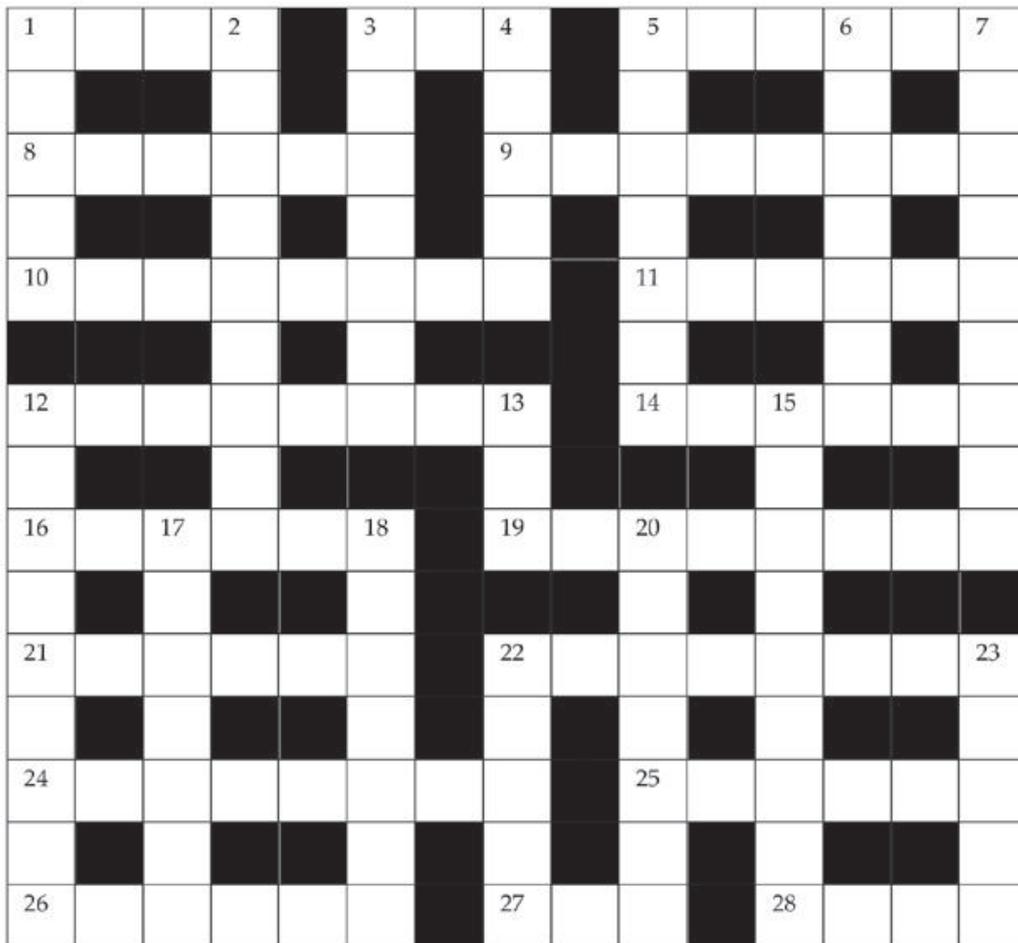
- January - Sidney Porter
- February - One (curling)
- March - Southend-on-Sea
- April - Sling pellets
- May - Sam Ryder
- June - The Falklands War
- July - Leah Williamson
- August - Beekeeping
- September - 44 days
- October - Kwasi
- Kwarteng, Nadhim
- Zahawi, Rishi Sunak
- November - Jockey
- December - 18th December

Christmas Wordsearch



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| WREATH | SNOWMAN |
| SANTA CLAUS | ORNAMENTS |
| HOLLY | WINTER |
| JINGLE BELLS | JACK FROST |
| MISTLETOE | SNOW |
| REINDEER | CANDLE |
| PRESENTS | STAR |
| CHRISTMAS TREE | |

December Crossword - by Artemonas



ACROSS

- 1) Do a right turn here (4)
- 3) Low back in the room (3)
- 5) Graduate doctor ducks plant (6)
- 8) Dylan's start is useful for walking (6)
- 9) Can't settle, like a cuckoo clock (2,3,3)
- 10) Sick gnat piling up (8)
- 11) Get rig round Pooh's friend (6)
- 12) I'm together with water and drink for the fish (8)
- 14) Maybe rob its restaurant (6)
- 16) Reported to be Plymouth's knitting pattern (6)
- 19) Wants doc to come as feeling low (8)
- 21) A French road in the end went green (6)
- 22) Parts of old polemics? (8)
- 24) Read rant out loud? (8)
- 25) Get off the train with a lamp (6)
- 26) Snuggle up to the chocolate maker (6)
- 27) Does Andrew drown the first parent? (3)
- 28) Satellite with a bare bottom? (4)

DOWN

- 1) Clears away completely most of the fads (5)
- 2) Darcy, come round to political system (9)
- 3) He and I have a drink (7)
- 4) In debt, but could go and win (5)
- 5) Could burn bat in lucky dip (4,3)
- 6) Old railway company should have carried (7)
- 7) Ute motors to the very edge (9)
- 12) Mong – a name for a mythical Greek King (9)
- 13) Stupid round the centre (3)
- 15) Party for example is Marx's creed (9)
- 17) Tory MP leads the navy South and rules (7)
- 18) Let date go out with this tomboy (7)
- 20) Lad went round the marshy area (7)
- 22) Hung, missing first three, and finished (5)
- 23) Is a tiny bit of rich cloth (5)

ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER'S CROSSWORD:

- ACROSS:** 5) Wring, 8) Circuits, 9) Ascot, 10) Beguiled, 11) Aught, 14) End, 16) Salver, 17) Ignite, 18) Rum, 20) Usual, 24) Pastoral, 25) Acrid, 26) Autonomy, 27) Henna
- DOWN:** 1) Scuba, 2) Dregs, 3) Audit, 4) Strewn, 6) Rescuing, 7) Neophyte, 12) Massacre, 13) Aviation, 14) Err, 15) Dim, 19) Uranus, 22) Arson, 23) Plays

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Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1st November 2022

Attendance: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mr I Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Ms J Mear, Mr J Turley and Ms J Watts; Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mrs M Holland and Mr M Seabrook.

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: none.

Public Involvement Session: No members of the public were present.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising: The Clerk read out a response from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding parking at the Laundry Works. The Clerk will approach Shropshire Council as suggested.

Community Governance and Boundary Review: The Clerk had not had a response from the Diddlebury Councillor working on the joint letter regarding boundaries at Seifton. It was agreed to send a similar letter to Stanton Lacy Parish Council for consideration at their next meeting regarding properties on the boundary in Vernolds Common.

Correspondence: Jack Nuttall (Asquith Developments) had emailed requesting information on the flooding on the land opposite the village hall. The Clerk will refer the matter to the Flood Action Group.

Flooding Update: The Clerk had received a response from John Bellis (SC Flood Risk Manager) saying that Shropshire Council had no intention of carrying out work on the bridge on Mr Turley's land. Nevertheless, the Clerk will write to Mr Bellis reiterating the Parish Council's support for an overflow pipe at the bridge.

Reports from Members: Shropshire Council - Cllr Motley reported that the Local Government Boundary Review Committee wanted divisions to be composed of populations of 3,500 +/- 10%. The present number for Corvedale division is 3,100 so there may be some changes to boundaries. The six-practice health hub being proposed in Shrewsbury has not been well received.

Village Hall - Cllr Mear reported that planning permission for the

storage room had been granted. The recent Italian night raised £700. The Tractor Run was very successful, and the police were impressed by the organisation of the event. £2,000 was raised for Multiple Sclerosis and the Village Hall. The local scouts had helped a great deal. It may become an annual event. A Christmas Fayre was being planned. The Clerk reported that the forms to change the contact address for the Land Registry had been sent off.

Flood Committee - Cllr Byng reported there had not been a recent meeting.

South Shropshire Area Committee - Cllr Steele reported that the Shropshire Council Emergency Team had been in attendance. He had raised the issue of emergency planning and flooding in Culmington and suggested they meet with the Flood Action Group.

Finance: The Finance Report, Bank Reconciliation and Budget were reviewed. The bank account held £9,767.66 as at 27th September 2022. The Environmental Maintenance Fund has spent £1,648 this financial year. The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation were accepted. A further £200 match funding had been received from Shropshire Council for the Environmental Maintenance Fund.

Payments were authorised to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £89.25 and H Coonick (Salary Oct-Dec) £690.95 to be paid in December.

Funding a second VAS would increase the proposed precept to an unacceptable level for 2023-2024, therefore it was resolved that the Clerk would apply for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for a Vehicle Activated Sign and adjust the draft budget accordingly. The budget will be adopted, and the precept set at the next meeting in January.

Health and Safety, Discipline, Grievance and Equal Opportunities Policies: These will be adopted.

Next Meeting: Items will include adoption of the budget and setting the precept, Community Governance and Boundary Review, and the Vehicle Activated Sign.

Next meeting: Thursday 3rd January 2023 at Culmington Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Munslow Parish Council on Thursday 3rd November 2022

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Ed Povey, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, David Marston, Chris Meeson and Graham Williams. In attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Cecilia Motley.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from those minutes that are not covered on the agenda: A trial run of a coffee morning will be held to establish interest. A donation for heating costs will be discussed at the next meeting.

Urgent Items for discussion at the discretion of the Chair: None.

Planning: 22/03851/FUL - Installation of 2 air heat pumps, The Old Laundry, Munslow, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9HA. Members resolved to support this with no comments.

Reports: Chair's Report - Cllr Archer reported that she had attended a South Shropshire Area Committee Meeting on 17th October. The

speakers had been the Emergency Planning Team for Shropshire Council. She would lay a wreath at the war memorial on 11th November. She encouraged support for the Extraordinary AGM for the Beambridge Club Room Committee.

Shropshire Council - Cllr Motley was unable to attend but provided a report: The Local Government Boundary Review Committee wanted divisions to be composed of populations of 3,500 +/- 10%. The present number for the Corvedale division is 3,100, so there may be some changes to boundaries. They would give their reaction to Shropshire Council's initial proposals for going up to 76 members on 8th November. The six-practice health hub proposed in Shrewsbury had not been well received. She had attended a workshop organised by Cornovii Developments, the Council's housing company, at which they had discussed the problems of getting the right sort of housing into rural areas in the right quantities (ie not large housing estates). She would take this up with the Assistant Director for Communities as she thought we really needed to try to do something positive about this – otherwise we would have endless large estates clustered round the market towns which would pull in rural people who couldn't afford housing in the rural areas – and our chances

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of building a healthy rural economy would be severely damaged.

Beambridge Village Hall - Cllr Dobson reported that both the Chair and Treasurer of the Committee had resigned, and an extraordinary meeting had been called to try to fill the vacancies on the Committee.

Correspondence: Munslow Footpath 32: Noted.

Update on the Defibrillators: It has not been possible to move the telephone box to house the defibrillator. Cllr Williams will investigate other ways of moving the telephone box and the Clerk will look at alternative sites.

Update on Environmental Maintenance and New Tasks: The Clerk reported on tasks undertaken since the last meeting, including Rowe Lane and Church Road Munslow. Further work was identified.

Update on Beambridge Club Room and Renewal of Lease: The Parish Council has not received a copy of the new lease. The Clerk will write to Millichope Estate to request a copy.

Highways: The quote for the replacement sign at eastern end of Aston

Munslow had expired. A second quote had been obtained. A site meeting would be arranged with the SC Traffic Engineer to discuss potential second VAS sites and obtain a quote after the site meeting. There would be an application to the Police and Crime Commissioner Safer Roads Community Fund.

The Clerk had heard from Shropshire Council Traffic Engineer about the Joint Parishes Highway Proposals but the report on the survey had not yet been released.

Finance: As at 28th October 2022 the bank account held £20,501.18. The bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr Povey. There had been small overspends on insurance, SALC subscription and administration. It was resolved to approve the accounts, report, bank reconciliation and budget. Payments were made to D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £119 and Westcotec Vehicle Activated Sign - £4,400. No invoice had been received as yet for the defibrillator. The budget for 2023/2024 was considered and will be adopted and precept set at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 1st December, 2022 at Beambridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at Diddlebury Village Hall

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

In Attendance: The Clerk, Unitary Cllr Cecilia Motley and eight members of the public.

Declarations Of Interest were made by Cllr O'Boyle and Cllr Watson.

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2022 were approved by councillors and two matters arising were dealt with.

Request for an Asset of Community Value registration relating to the Sun Inn, Corfton: This issue was raised at the September meeting. Subsequent research indicated if The Sun is a pub, an ACV can be applied for from SC, but there is some question whether it is currently a pub. The matter was deferred by the Chairman to the November meeting for further research to be conducted.

Reports: Chairman - the Chairman reported that the white line marking works on the resurfaced car park/play area at the school and DVH had been agreed, together with some additional works. They had been carried out at a cost of £2,150 plus VAT. Some small necessary remedial works would be carried out. He had discussed with residents of Bache Mill the parking and access problems which they had been having due to the development works. He had discussed the matter with Jack Wrigley. He had thanked Eddie West and Steve Smith of SC for the CIL payment of £11,713 which had now been received.

Unitary Cllr Motley said her Cabinet role had changed from Culture and Tourism to Communities, a wide-ranging brief which encompassed rural issues. She had stood down as Chairman of Rural Services Network after an eight year tenure but remains an executive member. SC is looking to go into the New Year with a £35 million budget deficit: cost savings are being sought in case there is no extra funding forthcoming from government. She would discuss DPC's Highways issues with Derek Buchannan, the recently appointed Traffic Engineer, whose brief covered the whole of Shropshire's highways.

Flood Action Group: Cllr Martyn reported that the Flood Forum Meeting scheduled for 8th September (which had been cancelled) would now take place on 31st October. The recent clean-up of the Diddlebrook in Mill Lane had been successful and he thanked all who had helped.

Planning Applications: 22/04074/FUL - Application for change of use of land and erection of a timber cabin as an annexe to Boscage Lodge,

Corfton, SY7 9JZ for craft/leisure pursuits. DPC supported this application.

22/04411/FUL - Application for demolition of existing garage, to be replaced by a two-storey side extension and garages at 16 The Moors, Diddlebury, SY7 9JZ. DPC supported this application.

22/03784/FUL & 22/03785/LBC - Application for internal improvement works to Grade II listed Glebe Farmhouse and conversion of three outbuildings to form three holiday letting units, plus listed building consent for the works proposed. DPC supported both applications.

22/04566/FUL - Application for the erection of an agricultural shed for the storage of sheep, at Pinstones Farm, Corfton SY7 9LB. DPC supported this application.

Highways/Environmental Issues: Corfton residents' concerns about speeding on the B4368 raised at the September meeting were further considered and debated. It was agreed that Cllr Rattu would draft an application to Shropshire Council for a Community Led Concerns request identifying five areas of highways related concern. It was also agreed that DPC would purchase a second mobile speed indicator device.

Communications And Correspondence: 12 items were considered and debated.

Application from Westhope Village Hall Committee for a grant towards its refurbishment works: The WVH's financial situation was investigated and the refurbishments works it had funded were considered. It was agreed to provide financial support towards the cost of replacement exterior doors and a ramp. A grant of £5,000 was agreed, to be ring-fenced and applied to capital/refurbishments works only. The grant will be paid from DPC's Neighbourhood Fund.

Finance Report for October 2022: Cheques totalling £5,305.20 (which included the WVH grant) were approved for payment. DPC held a balance of £26,486.22 following payment of the approved cheques. Cllr O'Boyle approved the Clerk's reconciliation between HSBC bank statements and DPC's cash book.

Any Other Business: It was agreed not to proceed with changing the website host from Web Orchard to Hugo Fox as the cost benefit no longer exists. DVH committee is being asked to provide the Clerk with key. Cllr R Povall is continuing to negotiate with Culmington PC re the boundaries review.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday 23rd November 2022, 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.

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Contact Numbers for Local Services

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	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	

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	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 Peter Turner	841654	pturner767@msn.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 DECEMBER 2022

	4th December Advent 2	11th December Advent 3	18th December Advent 4	Sat 24th December Christmas Eve	25th December Christmas Day
Abdon		9:45 HC	6pm Carol Service for the parishes of Abdon & Tugford	9pm Christmas Communion	
Broadstone			9.00 HC		
Culmington	11:15 HC		11am Carol Service for the parishes of Culmington and Diddlebury with the Corvedale Choir at Culmington		10.00 Christmas Communion
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP		3pm Crib & Christingle Service 11:30pm Midnight Communion	11:30 - FS Children are invited to bring an unwrapped present to show us <i>(avoid things with small parts!)</i>
Holdgate	8:30 HC		3pm Carol Service for the parishes of Munslow & Holdgate at Munslow		9am Christmas Communion
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC			10:15 Christmas Communion
Tugford					10:15 Christmas Communion

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

Sunday 11th December - Carol service at Westhope 3pm

Wednesday Evenings - Compline for Advent 7:30pm
7th December at Abdon, 14th at Culmington, 21st at Tugford.

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2023

	1st January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	8th January Baptism of Christ	15th January Epiphany 2	22nd January Epiphany 3	29th January Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Abdon	10am Group Service of Holy Communion at Munslow	9:45 HC		6pm EP	10am Group Service of Holy Communion at Munslow
Broadstone			8:30 HC		
Culmington			6pm EP	8:30 HC	
Diddlebury		6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS for ATC Sunday with 333 Squadron Ludlow Air Cadets	
Holdgate					
Munslow		11:15 HC		9:45 HC	
Tugford			9:45 HC		

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Friday 6th January - Holy Communion for Epiphany 7:30pm Holdgate