

# THE CORVEDALE NEWS

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(Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm)

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## SUPPORT & RESOURCES

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*More useful contacts can be found on page 31*

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

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More useful contacts can be found on page 31

# LOCAL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

 **Mini Moos**   
Baby and toddler group

Every Monday  
10-12 term time  
£2.50 per family

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

 **Diddlebury Village Hall** 

Find us on Facebook  
Mini Moos baby and toddler group

  
**Weekly Whist Drives**



Every Monday  
All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm  
Start 7:15pm

£3 to include half time refreshments

Westhope Village Hall  
SY7 9JL



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

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

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

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

**INTERESTED?** For further information contact Avril Lines [avril.fossilsinshropshire@gmail.com](mailto:avril.fossilsinshropshire@gmail.com) Or 01584 861 339

Or join us any Monday evening for a taster.

**CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP**

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

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

Please contact [cathburley@hotmail.com](mailto:cathburley@hotmail.com) if you would like to join us.

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

**Next Meeting: Thursday 11th July**



**CORVEDALE ARTISTS**

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

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

**£8.00 per session**

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

For further information  
telephone 01299 832 603



**CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP** 

Working parties are usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month and the following Friday and Sunday, beginning at 9.30am.

Please contact Katharine Wale on 07866 408 897 or [katharinewale59@gmail.com](mailto:katharinewale59@gmail.com) to confirm work location.

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

**Wednesday 23rd July  
Friday 25th July  
Sunday 27th July**



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

**WALKS**  
**Saturday 19th July, 10.15am**  
Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

**Saturday 9th August**  
Puill Penarth – details to be confirmed

**TALKS** will resume in the autumn on the first Wednesday of each month at our new venue of Wistanstow village hall. The first meeting will be on **Wednesday 3rd September.**

**Culmington Lunch Club**

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

**All for just £12**



**Bar** **Raffle**

Every third Thursday  
of the month  
12.30pm for 1pm

**Culmington Village Hall**

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

**ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?**

Contact the editor to include your poster in the next edition:  
[corvedaleneeditor@gmail.com](mailto:corvedaleneeditor@gmail.com)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## JULY 2025

1st Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
2nd Wed	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
5th Sat	Diddlebury Church Fete & Dog Show	Diddlebury Village Hall	2pm
7th Mon	Corvedale Choir Summer Concert	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
8th Tue	Skittles and Social Night	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Thu	Munslow WI Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Thu	Hayton & District WI Meeting	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
12th Sat	Westhope College Open Day	Westhope College	10am-4pm
12th Sat	Corvedale Garden Group	Ivycroft, Nr Leominster	10am-4pm
12th Sat	Beerfest	Ditton Priors Recreation Ground	TBC
12th Sat	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	St Chad's, Pattingham	TBC
14th Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
14th Mon	Munslow Fete Planning Meeting	The Rectory, Munslow	7.30pm
17th Thu	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
19th Sat	RSPB Walk	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre	10.15am
19th Sat	Blue Hills Choir Summer Concert	St Mary the Virgin Church, Bromfield	3pm
19th Sat	Kington Operatic Society Concert	Munslow Church	7.30pm
23rd Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
23rd Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
25th Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
27th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am

### ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?

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[corvedaleneeditor@gmail.com](mailto:corvedaleneeditor@gmail.com)

## AUGUST 2025

9th Sat	RSPB Walk	Puill Penarth	TBC
9th Sat	Mid-summer Race Night	Westhope Village Hall	TBC
14th Thu	Messy Church	St Peter's, Diddlebury	
14th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Thu	Abdon & Heath Parish Council Meeting	Abdon Village Hall	7.30pm
17th Sun	Culmington Flower and Produce Show	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
18th Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
19th Tue	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Rehearsal	William Brookes School	7.15pm
20th Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
22nd Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
24th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am

## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

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The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 14th July

# WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE



## Westhope College

Centre for arts and Crafts in beautiful South Shropshire.

### Open Day

Saturday, 12th July 2025  
10am to 4pm

- Demonstrations of Craft •
- Meet the tutor •
- City & Guilds courses showcase •
- Sale in aid of bursary fund •
- Wildflower meadow and gardens •

Refreshments • Free Admission • All welcome

Westhope SY7 9JL    01584 861293  
Westhope.org.uk



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the **CATWALK COLLECTIVE FASHION SHOW**  
returns to...  
**St Laurence's Church**  
Ludlow. Proceeds to the church

SAVE THE DATE  
**19.09.25**

## Diddlebury Church Fete and Dog Show

Bring your dogs for fun and games on the school playground



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Competitions open to all with plenty of prizes and guaranteed surprises!

Dog fun starts at 2.30pm

**SATURDAY 5TH JULY**  
**DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL**

## Blue Hills Choir Summer Concert

Saturday 19th July 2025, 3pm

**St Mary the Virgin Church**  
**Bromfield SY8 2JP**

Following on from last year's very successful concert, come and hear the Blue Hills Choir provide another entertaining programme of Classical Choral pieces.

Tickets are £10 per head, to include a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage and snacks served after the concert.  
Free entry to children under 16.

All monies raised are in aid of St Mary the Virgin Church.

Tickets available at the door or from  
[gordon\\_grant1951@hotmail.com](mailto:gordon_grant1951@hotmail.com)

# WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

## Corvedale Choir Summer Concert Celebrating Life through the Ages



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Culmington Village Hall

Come and enjoy an evening which celebrates **childhood, teenage years, middle age and beyond** with the Corvedale Choir, who meet each Monday night in term-time to share their love of music and the joy of singing out loud, together.



The evening will be an eclectic mix of songs they have shared in 2024/25 and much more!

There will be a bar open and some nibbles so you can be sure you will leave with a smile and an uplifted heart!



**Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start**

Free entry with donations + proceeds from a raffle raising funds for a local charity.

## MILLICHOPE DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
at 7.30pm  
at St Peter's Church,  
Diddlebury

Admission £12.50  
to include a glass of wine.

John Brentnall will be interviewing Lindsay Bury in the style of Radio 4's Desert Island Discs to find out about his life and times.

## Bounce along to the Diddlebury Church Fete and Dog Show



2pm - 4pm  
Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>  
in the Village Hall  
and on the School Field

## Culmington and District Flower and Produce Show

in Culmington Village Hall



SY8 2DA



Sunday  
17<sup>th</sup> August

Fruit & vegetables	Flowers & plants
Cookery & drink	Floral art
Arts & crafts	Children's classes
Eggs & herbs	Family class

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Superb prizes in our sponsors' raffle!

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Refreshments

# ABDON VILLAGE HALL

## JULY EVENTS

### Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

Saturday 12th July, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

On the second Saturday of every month at Abdon Village Hall. Bring your 'crafty projects' - learn from each other and enjoy the chat as you, crochet, knit, sew, patchwork or do anything crafty! And of course, coffee and cake too! A warm welcome for everyone!

### Coffee Morning

Saturday 26th July, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

On the last Saturday of each month - everyone is welcome to our warm and friendly get togethers - lively chat, coffee and, of course, cake!

### Abdon Village Hall Bookings

Contact Margaret Buckingham: 01746 712 296

or [abdon.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:abdon.villagehall@gmail.com)

Or visit our website for the booking form and details:

[www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk](http://www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk)

# WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

We had a lovely community lunch in June, enjoyed by over 40 guests. We already have a number of enquiries for the menu for our next lunch on 3rd September. Thanks to everyone who supported this event and a big thank you to all the volunteers who help to make this event be so successful.

Our very aged curtains have been replaced with Roman blinds which look wonderful. Ongoing work is now being scheduled after our successful National Lottery grant. Hopefully, we will not need to close the hall so the following events will go ahead as usual.

**28th June - Prize/Cash Bingo**, eyes down 7.30pm.  
Free admission. Refreshments and cash bar available.

**8th July - Skittles and Social Night** - 7.30pm.  
£1 admission. Refreshments & cash bar. Everyone welcome.

**Weekly Monday Whist Drives.**

**Yoga Thursday Morning** - 9.45-10.45am

**Saturday 9th August - Mid-summer Race Night**

**Saturday 4th October - Rummage Sale**  
(Please note date change from 6th September)

**Saturday 18th October - Harvest Supper.** Three-course meal with tea/coffee. Only £15 per head. Entertainment with professional pianist and vocalist Karen Frances Dyke. We are so lucky to have the pleasure of welcoming her to our small community. An event not to be missed.

Details of more events for the Autumn in next month's news. Thank you to all our loyal supporters.

All enquiries Betty 07860 447 397 or Moira 01584 861 663 or 07542 947 440.

# CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Coffee Morning

Every Monday, 10am - 11.30am

Come along for a cuppa (coffee or tea) for just £1. Good company, free refills and biscuits!

### Bridge Club

Every Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm

Contact Richard Smith [richard.smith404@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.smith404@btinternet.com)

### Yoga

Every Wednesday, 6pm - 7.15pm

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

## JULY EVENTS

### Corvedale Choir Summer Concert

Monday 7th July, 7.30pm

Celebrating life through the ages from childhood, through teenage years, college and university to middle age and beyond. Free entry - donations for a local charity. Bar open, plus interval snacks. Raffle.

### Lunch Club

Thursday 17th July

Contact Gwyn Edwards to book 01584 861 66

## FUTURE EVENTS

### Culmington Flower and Produce Show

Sunday 17th August

Full range of horticultural, cookery and craft categories for all ages to enter. Plus holiday events for children to make their entries - details to follow.

### Lunch Club

Please note no lunch club in August or September.

# DITTON PRIORS HALL EVENTS

Our next event is **Saturday 12th July** which will see the return of our 'Beerfest' at Ditton Priors Recreation Ground.

Louise Tyson

# WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



The Clover Club met at Westhope in June where we enjoyed another delicious community lunch. It was lovely to see everyone looking so happy and well. No meetings now until **Wednesday 3rd September**, when we meet at Westhope to celebrate our anniversary.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

# MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

The hall committee and friends arranged a wildlife walk on 14th June, which was, happily a bright and dry afternoon. About a dozen of us led by Jen and Rob Brown of Munslow set off to walk through the wildflower meadows at Wenlock Edge. We spent a couple of hours walking in the meadows appreciating the abundance of orchids and other wildflowers, butterflies, moths and bird life. We returned to the village hall at around 4pm, perfectly timed for afternoon tea. We would like to thank all those who provided sandwiches, sausage rolls and a variety of cakes which were enjoyed by all. Thanks also to all of you who joined us and helped us raise £70 for village hall funds.

Our next event will be a cream tea at the Crown Country Inn on **Sunday 29th June**. Full details the June edition of the Corvedale News. If you would like to attend please contact Lesley on 07714 458 933, as it may not be too late to book.

Lesley Dobson

## CORVEDALE KITCHEN

### BLACKBERRY, LIMONCELLO AND MASCARPONE TRIFLE – Sara Thompson

An easy, summery trifle.

#### INGREDIENTS

100g caster sugar  
2 lemons, zested  
250g lemon drizzle or Madeira cake  
4 tbsp limoncello  
300g blackberries  
250g mascarpone  
200ml fromage frais  
142ml double cream  
150g lemon curd

#### METHOD

1. Dissolve the sugar in 100ml of water over a low heat.
2. Add lemon zest and increase the heat until the mixture boils.
3. Simmer for 1 minute until the zest looks translucent, then set aside to cool.
4. Cut the cake into large cubes and put it in the bottom of a dish.
5. Drizzle with limoncello and top with blackberries.
6. Whisk mascarpone, fromage frais and double cream together until light and smooth then partially fold in the lemon curd to create a rippled effect. Spoon over the blackberries.
7. Remove the lemon zest from the syrup and arrange on top of the trifle.



## THE TALLY HO INN BOULDON



### JOIN US FOR OUR EVENTS

**NORTH AFRICAN NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**NATIONAL WINE & CHEESE DAY**

**FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**FISH SPECIALS NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**THE CORVEDALE SUPPER CLUB**

**A SET 2 COURSE MEAL**

**ONCE A MONTH**

**£15.00 PER PERSON**

**SEND US YOUR DETAILS**

**TO BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST**

**NEXT DATES 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY & 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

#### FOOD TIMES

WED 6-8PM

THUR 12-2, 6-8PM

FRI & SAT 12-2, 6-8:30PM

SUNDAY 12-4PM

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# DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

## SAVE THE DATE

- Sept 24 **QUIZ Night**
- Oct 18 **Harvest Supper**
- Oct 29 **QUIZ Night**
- Nov 22 **Chilli & Live Music**
- Dec 10 **Christmas QUIZ**
- Dec 31 **Stefano's Hootenanny**

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



## FLICKS IN THE STICKS

**New season starts  
 Wednesday  
 10<sup>th</sup> October**

	<b>The Corvedale Book Club</b> Meet to discuss the latest book choice. Contact <a href="mailto:Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com">Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com</a>	<b>Thursday            10<sup>th</sup> July            19:00</b>
	<b>Our 1st QUIZ of the 2025 Winter/Spring season – don't miss out!</b> Teams of 4 - £10 per team Booking essential 07396 730 342 or <a href="mailto:diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com">diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com</a>	<b>Wednesday            24th September            19:00 for 19:30</b>
<b>Chilli &amp;            Live Music            Night</b>	Chilli, jacket potatoes, all the trimmings, barrel of beer, full bar & the return of <b>JON &amp; Mick the fantastic guitarists!!!</b> Veggie chilli available or beans 'n cheese for non chilli fans	<b>Saturday 22nd            November</b>
	<b>Mini Moos Baby &amp; Toddler Group – term time only</b> £2.50 per Family	<b>Mondays            10.00 - 12.00</b>
	<b>The Corvedale Choir.</b> Contact Ros Crouch: <a href="mailto:ros.crouch@gmail.com">ros.crouch@gmail.com</a> for more information	<b>Mondays            19.30 - 21.30</b>
	<b>The Blue Hills Choir</b> Contact Ros Crouch: <a href="mailto:ros.crouch@gmail.com">ros.crouch@gmail.com</a> for more information	<b>Tuesdays            10.00 - 12.00</b>
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# CHURCH NEWS

## LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

I'm writing this in the middle of June and on the day before I will be walking with some of the older children in Corvedale School from Diddlebury to Wilderhope Manor, as part of their residential trip this year. We will walk a route of six miles(ish) that is almost entirely on public footpaths, taking our time as we go. En route we'll look at some mapwork skills as well as looking at what surrounds us. Fortunately, the weather forecast currently looks dry.

This, coupled with the thought that summer is a time when many people go on holiday, prompts me to think about journeys. I spend a lot of my time travelling through the Corvedale, but all too often I'm driving, and my focus is on the road. Walking brings the chance to really appreciate all that surrounds us and to see it from a different viewpoint to normal.

There is a tendency to see a journey as a necessary evil, something to be got through as fast as possible so that we can reach our destination. If you've had to commute to work you will know the feeling well, no matter how nice the route might be. At other times, though, we should be looking at the journey as a more important part of the overall experience; as something to be enjoyed, not endured. As we travel, we have time to appreciate where we are and the people we are with – both those with whom we are travelling and those we meet briefly on the way.

The Bible is full of stories about journeys: if you read the gospels with a map handy you realise how much time Jesus and his disciples must have spent travelling from place to place. As they walked they would have had time to become a group, to chat, to share ideas and to learn. Travelling together will have played a big part in making the disciples who they were.

We often describe life as a journey. It's a journey we only make once. Let's try to make it a journey we enjoy and appreciate in all its fullness, sharing its joys with all those who travel alongside us.

Rev'd John Beesley

## REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS

25th May	Alfie Robert Sapiecha Radmore	Diddlebury
8th June	Oliver Edward Evans	Westhope

### WEDDINGS

24th May	Lucia Ruck Keene & Jack Wrigley	Diddlebury
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### FUNERALS

30th May	Jenny Norton	Culmington
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### BURIAL OF ASHES

4th June	Rhona Pearce	Munslow
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## FLOWERS & BRASSES

### JULY 2025

6th	Johanna Woodhouse	13th	Liz Jones
19th	Pat Baynham	26th	Pat Baynham

## MUNSLOW CHURCH

On **Saturday 19th July** at 7:30pm we welcome Kington Operatic Society back to Munslow for an evening of music. They'll be singing songs from the shows and some Gilbert and Sullivan. Tickets will be £10 in aid of the group of churches and will be available on the door – we hope to see you there.

Another date to remember – **Saturday 16th August** will bring **Munslow Church Fete**. We hope to have all the usual stalls, activities and refreshments. If you might be able to help with a stall or an activity we would be delighted to hear from you – or if you can help by providing plants, cakes / produce or items for sale. Whilst the proceeds from most of the stalls will go to the costs of running and maintaining Munslow Church, we would be very happy if you wanted to run a stall for another cause. Please let us know if you can help run a stall or help to set up / clear away on the day. There will be a planning meeting at the Rectory on **Monday 14th July** at 7:30pm – we'd love to see you if you'd like to join us.

Rev'd John Beesley

## DIDDLEBURY CHURCH

The next Diddlebury church fundraising event will be the Summer Fête and Dog Show on **Saturday 5th July**, starting at 2pm in Diddlebury Village Hall and on the school field. As well as all the usual stalls there will be a bouncy castle and other activities for children.

If you could help by donating bottles, cakes, tombola prizes, bric-a-brac or plants please leave them at the back of Diddlebury church or with Liz at Yew Tree Cottage, Corfton Bache (01584 861 238).

Many thanks. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Diddlebury Church Fundraising Team

## FROM THE MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church will take a different form to normal – weather permitting we hope to have a BBQ and games from 11am to 1pm on **Thursday 14th August** in and around Diddlebury Church. If it rains (as it did last year) we'll come up with a backup plan, but at the same time. We'll hope to see you there.

## ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?

Contact the editor to include your poster in the next edition:

[corvedaleneeditor@gmail.com](mailto:corvedaleneeditor@gmail.com)

# SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

We now have a new addition to the Corvedale family in the form of Cardington and its nearby hamlets. Since the Boundary Commission recommendations in 2024 some local authority areas have been altered to create a more equal number of residents. As a result, Cardington is now represented by the Corvedale Division Councillor. The new geography stretches from Clee Stanton on the side of Titterstone Clee to the old Roman Road near Leebotwood and from the edge of Ludlow Racecourse (literally a few yards from the track!) to the edge of Church Preen and includes a total eleven Parish Councils.

As the new Councillor for the Corvedale, one of my main roles will be to act as a two-way route for information from Shropshire Council to our Parish Councils and residents and to listen to and represent the views and concerns of residents back to the Council. I will also be attending as many Parish Council meetings across the area as I can possibly manage and have also been given a seat on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee which can look into any aspect of health service provision and make recommendations based on evidence to the Council.

There has been a lot of change in our local authority since the local elections on 6th May with over 50% of the Council consisting of new Council Members, so lots of fresh faces, lots of new ideas but much less experience. Thankfully, we have a very strong team of Council Officers and Executives, and I have been impressed by their positive energy and commitment to serve our communities.

The new administration have set out some ambitions for the future including more work on potholes (acknowledged to be a national problem) and has also warned that they are working within tight financial constraints.

A couple of questions have been raised by local residents about the Shrewsbury Northwest Relief Road and as you will have seen in the press this is on hold at present pending discussions between the new Council Leader and Government. I have also been asked about the situation with Shropdoc and received an update. At the time of writing a report into possible options is awaited but hasn't been published yet. The update was at pains to emphasise that this was not about cost cutting but about providing the best possible service for out-of-hours care.

Please do get in touch if you think I can help. Colin Stanford  
[colin.stanford@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:colin.stanford@shropshire.gov.uk), 07966 459 412.

Shropshire Councillor for The Corvedale including:

Cardington  
Abdon and Heath  
Acton Scott  
Clee St Margaret  
Culmington  
Diddlebury  
Eaton and Hope Bowdler  
Munslow  
Rushbury  
Stanton Lacy  
and Stoke St Milborough,

If you would like more information about Shropshire Council services, please visit our website or sign up for email updates.

Colin Stanford



## DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

# VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

At the elections on 1st May 2025 only eight candidates put themselves forward for election to the parish council, which leaves us with one vacancy to fill. We therefore invite one resident of our parish to put themselves forward to be co-opted as a councillor. As the hamlets of Westhope, Sutton, Middlehope and Peaton are not represented on the Council, we would especially welcome applicants from those areas. Set out below are the criteria for eligibility to serve as a candidate.

If you are a British or Commonwealth citizen, citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a European Union citizen who has attained the age of 18 years and either:-

- You are registered as a local government elector for the Parish of Diddlebury, or for at least 12 months have occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the parish, or
- Your main occupation has been in the Parish for the last 12 months, or
- You have resided in the Parish or within three miles of its boundaries for at least 12 months and are not disqualified from holding office by reason of any disqualification set out in the Local Government Act 1972, which include

bankruptcy, county court orders, non-payment of council taxes, being found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices in election law, then you would be eligible to stand as a co-opted Councillor Diddlebury Parish Council.

We hold generally 10 meetings each year which alternate between Diddlebury and Westhope Village Halls.

For further details or to submit an application please contact the Clerk to the Council:

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12, Church Road,  
Brampton Bryan,  
Bucknell,  
SY7 0DH

Tel: 01547 519 282

Email: [diddleburypc@outlook.com](mailto:diddleburypc@outlook.com)

Copies of our Minutes, accounts, agendas can be viewed on our website – [www.diddleburyparish.co.uk](http://www.diddleburyparish.co.uk)

Applications should be made by letter or email, setting out your reasons for wanting to be a Parish councillor and ideally including a CV. Please provide your full address, telephone number and email address.

# CRAVEN ARMS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

## WHO ARE WE?

Craven Arms Good Neighbours Scheme in South Shropshire incorporates the Voluntary Car Scheme, which covers the Wistanstow, Aston-on-Clun areas and the Corvedale as far as Munslow. The scheme was first set up in 2003. We are a voluntary, non-funded, not-for-profit group.

We are a team of local volunteers who give their time freely to help others.

We undertake tasks for people who have difficulty accessing public transport.

Although usually offering help on weekdays we may be able to help at weekends should a volunteer be available.

We are members of the Shropshire Community Car Scheme and the county wide group 'Community Resource.'



## WHAT DO WE DO?

We can offer help with:

- transport to appointments (hospital, doctor or hairdresser)
- going shopping (or collecting it)
- collecting prescriptions
- changing library books

In fact, whatever your short-term need if you are stuck, give us a call. Please give us as much notice as possible and inform us of any mobility issues. Even if we can't help we might know someone who can.

Our volunteers carry ID cards and where appropriate have been DBS checked by Shropshire Council.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

There is a fixed charge of £2.50 for help within Craven Arms. For longer trips we charge per mile; our drivers will calculate the cost.

For example: if you live in Craven Arms currently the cost to Ludlow is under £5, to Church Stretton is under £6 and to Shrewsbury is £14. Some slight variations may occur due to driver starting points.

Any additional donations are always gratefully received. These help to offset the costs of providing the service. We provide receipts for all monies received at the point of payment.

If you need some assistance and live within 6 miles of Craven Arms please call 01588 673 732. Our telephone line is open weekdays between 9am and 12noon. Where possible please call at least 48 hours before help is required, especially for transport. A volunteer will take your request and, if required, give an estimate of the likely charge. They will then seek a suitable volunteer who will contact you to confirm details.

We cannot guarantee to fulfil every request for help but will try our utmost to do so.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteering for Good Neighbours will give you immense satisfaction and helps our clients maintain their independence and enables us to thrive. Everyone involved with Craven Arms Good Neighbours is a volunteer. We urgently need, will welcome and support new helpers, particularly drivers. Each new volunteer helps to reduce the load on those involved in providing this valued service.

## DO YOU DRIVE AND HAVE YOUR OWN CAR?

Most of our clients are unable to access public transport and may even need assistance getting into a car or into a venue. Would you consider taking people to medical appointments or to shops and other services? You can decide whether you wish to do long or short journeys, whatever you prefer and whenever you can. This position requires a DBS check which we will arrange and pay for. We will pay you 50p per mile to cover your mileage cost.

## DO YOU HAVE A TELEPHONE?

Could you be a telephone co-ordinator manning a 3 hour shift twice a month, taking requests and finding volunteers to fill them. Even one shift a month would make a huge difference. All necessary training and support (including insurance) is provided.

If you would like to have an informal chat about volunteering with us please ring 01588 673 732 on any weekday morning and ask to have a committee member contact you.



# CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP



Saturday 14th June saw fourteen members of the garden club go to Aulden Farm near Leominster and what a delight it was: for more information see [www.auldenfarm.co.uk](http://www.auldenfarm.co.uk). The rain kept away while we meandered around the paths



of the three-acre site which has been developed and planted by owners Alun and Jill since 1997 from a bare and windy site. The style of the garden is relaxed with a mixture of informal and formal and includes a national collection of over 150 cultivars of Iris. An array of hedges and trees have been planted to provide shelter and wildlife habitats and curving pathways, and this includes an Amelanchier circle and a grove of

silver birch plus an old ash which was there when they moved in. The garden is split into rooms in an L shape and is peppered with seating areas and artefacts so there is a surprise around every corner: two wire statues known as Mr. and Mrs. gazing at the view were great fun and, in my head, these were Alun and Jill just simply enjoying their view. The design incorporates

some of the original rustic buildings and the surprise of an art gallery in the pigsty is a delight. The planting is natural and flowing and includes a range of native species as well as those more unusual. The spectacular Hostas put my efforts to shame, and the many flowering shrubs and variegated plants added colour and interest all around the garden.



As usual we ended with coffee and cake and time to peruse the interesting and unusual plants for sale, and I think most of us came away with something to add to our own gardens and, in some cases, several somethings! The garden group is free to join and this year we have welcomed several new members including two on Saturday so if you are interested email [corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com](mailto:corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com). The next meeting is on **Saturday 12th July** at 10.00am at Ilycroft near Leominster and the cost is £9. Details will be sent to members nearer the time.

Alison Benbow

## QUIZ NIGHT @ DVH

The season finale of our popular quiz series was another sell-out and a huge success. The hall was packed with enthusiastic quizzers who joined in all the fun and laughter, including singing a lively rendition of 'Happy Birthday' to Val Francis. The atmosphere was truly buzzing. There was some very good quizzing too, and scoring was close, with three teams separated by just one point.

Topping the leaderboard, and not for the first time, were the 'Brough Diamonds' with 84 points, closely followed by 'The Pipe Dreams' with 83 points and 'Woolston Wanderers' on 82 points. As usual, our trademark 'rubbish' prizes were treasured by all the winners and the extra special rubbish prize presented to 'Don't Stand a Chance' for their continuing endeavours, went down a storm. The evening finished on a high note with people already booking themselves in for our September quiz.

Congratulations to Dee for winning the top prize of £20 in our squares draw and to her teammate Richard for winning the 2nd prize of a bottle of wine. A big 'thank you' to all our quizzers for attending our quizzes and providing financial support to DVH. Your enthusiastic participation contributes to the uniqueness of our quizzes and encourages us as volunteers to continue organising them.

And of course, huge thanks to everyone @ Team DVH, and our other helpers, for all the time and hard work spent putting on our quizzes this season; with a special thank you to Jean Drakes for her continued hard work compiling such varied and interesting quizzes.

If you haven't been to a DVH quiz before, then you won't yet know that not only are they very good quizzes, but we also have lots of fun throughout the evening ensuring everyone leaves with a smile on their face. We do get booked up



*The Dream Team -*

*Quiz master Kim Simm and question setter Jean Drakes.*

though so get in quickly and book a place and we'll see you on **24th September** when our new season starts.

The September quiz promises to be another wonderful evening filled with brain-teasing challenges, laughter, and camaraderie and our signature 'rubbish' prizes that never fail to amuse and delight. DVH quiz is the perfect opportunity to connect with your community and contribute to the continued support of DVH.

We look forward to seeing both familiar faces and new quizzers on 24th September. Let the countdown begin...

Kim Simm

# WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

## MUNSLOW WI

Munslow WI had the best of the week weather-wise for an outing to Wollerton Old Hall gardens. Thursday 12th June was a gorgeous summer's day, not too hot, not too windy, lots of sunshine and with just a few high 'fluffy' clouds in the sky. On arrival the head gardener, Clare Tatler, gave us a brief overview of the history of the garden developed by Wollerton Old Hall owner Lesley Jenkins, alerting us to some of its many themes. I, for one, found a particular pleasure in the very close matching of colours of dissimilar plants as I moved through the different areas.

A Latin inscription, discretely placed on the wall of the summer house and which translates as *'it is sweet to lose oneself in a place'*, seemed very apt, as one wandered from garden to garden, some formal, some deceptively natural, all peaceful.



ended with tea and delicious cakes in the tea-room and a visit to the shop to buy plants before we travelled home, some by car and the rest expertly driven by our president in the Corvedale Buzzard.

The next meeting of Munslow WI will take place at 7.30pm on **Thursday 10th July** in Munslow village hall and promises to be very interesting - Bernard O'Connor will give a talk on *Training Women to be Secret Agents in World War II*. The meeting is open to all who wish to come. Entrance is £5 for non-members. Please get in touch with our Secretary, Val Hardwick, on 01584 861 658 if you would like more information.

Wendy Brogden, [wendy@brogden.info](mailto:wendy@brogden.info)

## HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

Chris Eldon came along to talk to the branch at our June meeting with humorous and intriguing anecdotes from his fifty years in broadcasting. The meeting went well with fifteen in attendance. Chris was well received and at least half the members present remembered him from his work with Radio Shropshire - and they recognised a good few of the people he featured in his slides.

A number of members attended the SFWI AGM held on 15th May in Theatre Severn. An exceptionally good day was enjoyed by all, the highlight being a talk by the very entertaining and engaging speaker, Dr Mark Spencer. His talk 'Murder most



Florid' outlined his background, education and career up until he fell into his current role as a botanist working with the Police - and the dead - in the world of criminal forensics. All extremely interesting if not a little gruesome!

In June's article I wrote about our own member Ria Baxter's talk entitled *'Why Did They Leave My Dad Behind.'* I mentioned we were all intrigued by this title - what it meant, where and when Ria's father was 'left behind' and whether this story was going to have a happy or unhappy ending. Unfortunately, and with regret, however, I omitted to include the correct facts surrounding Ria's parents, how they met and some dates. I sincerely apologise for these mistakes and have now included the corrections Ria has given me herewith:

'Ria's Dad was Chinese, and her Mum was Dutch. At the end of 1939, her Dad managed to get passage on one of the ships out of Shanghai heading for England. He was only 17, but he forged his papers by changing the year of his birth from 1922 to 1920. He arrived in England and was part of the Allied war effort, alongside 20,000 Chinese seamen working in the shipping industry out of Liverpool. Working below deck in the engine rooms, these men died in their thousands on the perilous Atlantic runs under heavy attack from German U-boats. Despite this, Chinese seafarers often worked longer hours, were granted less shore leave and paid far lower wages than their European counterparts, usually about a third of the wage of a European of the same rank. They were not paid the war risk bonus either. In February 1942, a number of Chinese sailors went on strike to protest the iniquity. The strike continued until that April, at which point the sailors were awarded a pay increase of £2 a month and the standard £10 a month war risk bonus. The sailors had to work away from the places they had made their homes for often up to a year at a time, never knowing if they would return home, sometimes transporting soldiers overseas into extremely dangerous waters while keeping the military supplied too. Many of these seamen had met and married local women in the Liverpool area and established families. Despite this, after the war in 1946 the Liverpool Constabulary, acting on orders from the British government under a scheme known as 'Compulsory Repatriation of Undesirable Chinese Seamen', forcibly deported around 2000 Chinese sailors from Liverpool back to China in what was seen as a demobilisation effort. Ria doesn't know the reason her father wasn't repatriated. It could be because he was away at sea at the time, or because he had a lot of potential, as he quickly rose to number one and was in charge of the Chinese crew, or that he was never militant, so didn't join in the strike of 1942. He worked for the Blue Funnel Line until 1966, having gained British Citizenship for himself and Ria's Mum, who moved permanently to England in 1962 from Amsterdam.'

Next month's meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th July** at 7.30pm when we look forward to welcoming Mark Bardsley with his *'Shropshire Poems and Illustrations'*. All meetings, except for December and August this year and January 2026, are held at Stanton Lacy Village Hall, Hayton's Bent, SY8 2AT. Anyone interested in attending our WI branch meetings, for just a looksee, to listen to one of our speakers (£5 for non-members) or to join us as a member, please contact Phyllis Steventon, Branch President, on 01584 823 436 or Branch Secretary, Jennette Arnold OBE via email at [haytonanddistrictwi@wi-shropshire.co.uk](mailto:haytonanddistrictwi@wi-shropshire.co.uk) for further information.

Louise Gough

# MUSINGS ON LIFE...

## MORE STUFF

To witness the overwhelming intelligence of nature is unlike anything else. Even viewing starlings murmuring around the front in Aberystwyth is never to be forgotten. I finished twittering on last month about Clive Myrie and our television. Any jungle dweller spending his whole life unaware of the outside world would have no difficulty in believing Clive lived in that television... highly reasonable (he may, though, wonder why he only appears at 10pm!).

In May a few of us got together to talk about the structure of the head and brain. It was a free-wheeling discussion, though, so we touched on memory, consciousness and the like. Now, we are the 10th or maybe the 15th generation of those who believe that all mental activity originates inside our skull. This is the most miserable of beliefs: it means that the death of a person is an end. Let us take something we think we all understand; memory. Human babies, we believe, have about 60 billion brain cells. At birth they are technically demented, and as far as we know new-borns cannot retain memory.

That's ok we would think: they will develop if all goes well, and the nerve cells will start to make connections. Conventionally, we say they are now able to *lay down* memories (like a fine wine perhaps?). Yet there is no memory storage cabinet in the brain, only connections. If there are chemical traces representing memories, where are they? And why have they not been discovered despite decades of trying? I am saying that conventional science cannot in any way explain memory, consciousness or soul.

We are forced to consider *biological fields*; no surprise there. After all, we all believe in physical fields. Which one of us when we throw a ball in the air even bothers to think whether it will return to earth? We are unshakeable believers in gravity. Yet where is this gravity? Can you buy a pack of it? Does it come plastic wrapped in the supermarket? We believe it exists because of the effect it has.

Over one hundred years ago the philosopher Karl Jung postulated that human archetypes and myths arose because of a common unconscious link among human beings. Indigenous peoples would have no interest in such an idea; why bother to state something so obvious? They, and indeed many people in the non-modern western world thoroughly understand the connection between people, animals, plants,

throughout all wide nature on the earth. Many of us have experienced such connections for ourselves and they are at odds often with our 'education.' We cannot prove links exist extending beyond our brains; they are implicit, not explicit, maybe incomplete, hard to tie down, whimsical, or even paradoxical yet, in human context. A list of all the things that make life worth living? They are not data points. Yet, we believe in them through experience, just like gravity.

The trouble is that human beings are really good at making machines. We are mesmerised by the false belief that we ourselves are machine-like and we can be made whole by correcting a chemical process, unblocking an artery, replacing a joint or swallowing a pill.

So, is Myrie in the telly or are we tuning into something bigger? Is the whole world connected? While giving two stark choices is probably nonsensical, if there is something wonderfully bigger than our own inside-the-skull processes what is it?

One postulate is *biological fields*. When we face something we cannot understand, all we can do is speak in metaphor. It's like this...it has this effect...here is an analogy... Yet now there are those who are sparking increasing interest in biologic forces that shape and connect. We know that all matter resonates, is never still and a German physicist told us energy and matter were interchangeable. Dynamic resonant movement is common to our brains and the whole world, perhaps it is a matter of what we tune into? The vast majority of people have always understood belonging to a wider reality... it just seems many of us think we are walled-off, isolated. It *will* change; it has to!

Peter Cornah  
[villageadamandeve.uk](http://villageadamandeve.uk)

PS: If you would like to join our band of those studying the human body to see what it might teach us, please get in touch. Notes from our last two sessions are on the website above.

PPS: If the above interests, here is something to watch by 'The Master': *Panentheism: Is God in the World? Or Does God Transcend the World?* [St James Church, London]  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFM6Aak3eNM&t=2258s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFM6Aak3eNM&t=2258s)

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## CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

If you know of a problem or issue with a local footpath, especially if it is on the Corvedale Three Castles Walk or the Shropshire Way, please contact the Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group. We aim to keep our footpaths accessible to local and visiting walkers and generally have up to three working parties per month. We recruited two new members in June and more are always welcome, so if you would like to join us for a one-off or longer-term commitment please do get in touch.

Our next working parties are:

**Wednesday 23rd July, Friday 25th July and Sunday 27th July**

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



# BEE AWARE



Most of us know bees are important for pollinating crops and the flowers and produce in our gardens. However, often when people think of bees they only consider honeybees. These are the ones that live in hives, are kept by beekeepers and are often moved around the country by them as needed

to pollinate farmers' crops. However British honeybees are just a single species of social bee that we have effectively domesticated for this purpose, and this single species produces all the British honey we consume.

In addition to honeybees it is relatively easy to spot bumblebees as they have a low humming buzz and are generally big and fluffy compared to honeybees. In Britain we have 24 species of bumblebee all from the genus *Bombus*, down from 27 former species due to nationwide extinctions, and there are only about eight species that you are likely to see in your gardens.

Bumblebees live socially, like honeybees do, with a queen, her many daughters – called workers, and later in the season her few sons. If you watch the bumblebees in your garden you will see similar marked bees some of whom are very large – generally the queens and many smaller ones – the workers. Most bumblebees live in holes in the ground (often previous mouse or vole holes) or tufts of long grass, and feed on pollen from a wide variety of native plants, many we consider to be weeds.

You may be surprised to hear that, in Britain, there are around another 225 species of wild bee aside from these 2 commonly known groups. These are generally referred to as solitary bees, though a few do have a social structure, and some nest so close together they seem like a single colony; mostly they lay single eggs in a cell they fill with pollen. These can be found in holes in the ground, hollow stems, gaps in stonework and most other crevices which are left undisturbed. They come in a range of sizes from just a couple of millimetres long to

almost honeybee size and a variety of colourations. Often they look like wasps – from whom they have evolved. Some feed only on a single species of plant and so become critically endangered or locally extinct if that plant is eradicated from an area. All are subject to the vagaries of the weather and suffered a horrible wet Spring in 2024 – though a much better one this year, touch wood.

All these bees are critically important for pollination as well as for biodiversity. It is often difficult for bees to find the patches of weeds and wildflowers they need for food, and the scruffy grass, dead hollow stems or bare patches of ground that they use to make their homes. It is important then that we try to provide these habitats and food sources in our gardens, leave dead stems, don't tidy all the leaves and debris away – bees may be hibernating there. Grow a wide variety of flowers that bees can use (look for the bee symbol when you buy a plant) and allow some weedy areas where natural wildflowers like clover, trefoil, oxeye daisies and thistles can grow. The longer we can keep that vibrant buzz alive in our gardens the better off nature will be and so will we.



If you want to find out more about bees why not start with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust: [www.bumblebeeconservation.org](http://www.bumblebeeconservation.org) or join a BeeWalk to help monitor local bees (and improve your identification skills). Abdon Wildlife Group run a local BeeWalk on Brown Clee, contact me for more info: [cathy.beardes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cathy.beardes@hotmail.co.uk)

Cathy Beardes



## MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

At the time of writing the choir is looking forward to performing at the Wenlock Festival with our guests from Shrewsbury, *Of One Accord*. The mixture of voices and range of repertoire should provide for a really enjoyable evening.

Thanks to those of you who were able to support our recent coffee morning and plant sale at Holy Trinity Church. We raised over £350 for choir funds which will go to help pay for our rehearsal costs and the purchase of new music.

Our next and final concert of the summer will be on **Saturday 12th July** at St Chad's Church in Pattingham. There has been a church on this site since the 12th century and it was enlarged in Victorian times. We will be supporting their fundraising for the church itself, the Well Foodbank in Wolverhampton and the Ukrainian Refugee Centre in the city. Tickets are £15 to include a glass of Prosecco or non-alcoholic drink and can be

obtained by ringing 07757 688 518.

We break for the summer in early July with a return to practice on **Tuesday 19th August** which will lead us into a busy autumn term, to include a couple of concerts, a wedding and, of course, Christmas, aargh! We are now also taking bookings for 2026. If you feel that we can help you with your fundraising or event, please get in touch. Our costs are modest, covering our professionals' fees only, the rest of us come free!

Our quest for an accompanist continues. Although it could be a permanent position, we would be interested in having a conversation around some ad hoc support for the choir if that would be more suitable for someone. Again, we'd be happy to hear from you.

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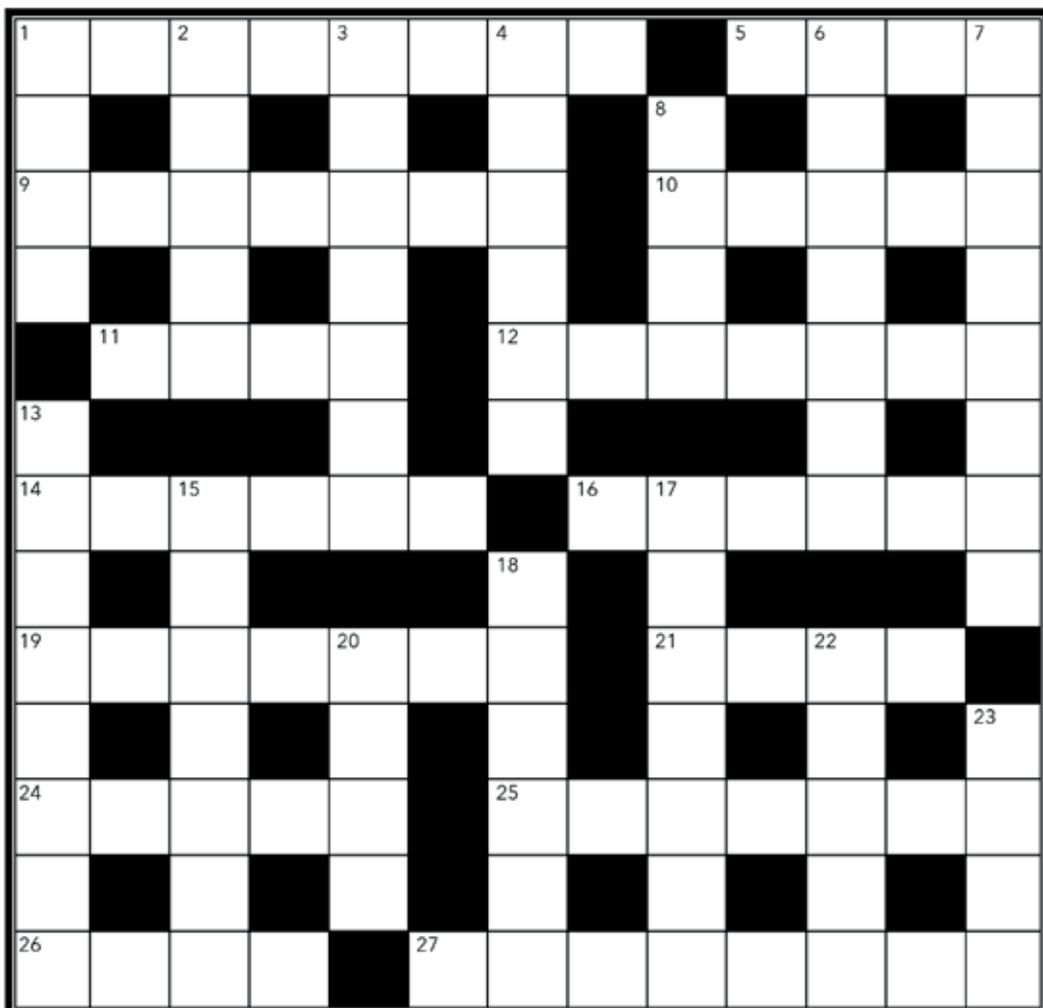
# JULY CROSSWORD

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Answers to this month's crossword can be found on page 21 in this edition of the magazine.

## ACROSS

- 1) Send pies out to give away (8)
- 5) Old school returns the weapon (4)
- 9) Bucket covering farmers' group will hurt (7)
- 10) Are North Americans at the centre of activity? (5)
- 11) Erode the Northern river (4)
- 12) Brings in the Northern weapons (7)
- 14) Ate with Elizabeth, perhaps? Certainly! (6)
- 16) Stick where the poster goes (6)



- 19) Small boy surrounds animal to show the way (7)
- 21) Truth of the loud performance (4)
- 24) Stupid former dictator on part of the Bible (5)
- 25) Looked round at broken CD angle (7)
- 26) Begin to try restoring elderly elm (4)
- 27) Massacres centaur in this part of the street (8)

## DOWN

- 1) Stupid drug! (4)
- 2) Fix together in Kent perhaps to give it backbone (5)
- 3) Impose a little English in favour of the church (7)
- 4) Listen! Confused as there's nothing to hear (6)
- 6) No enema needed for this flower! (7)
- 7) Hand over football's window? (8)
- 8) Reported that dad and I are a couple (4)
- 13) A tin prism? Surely that's not right (8)
- 15) Loathe spies around in the Department of Education (7)
- 17) Beats sedate Freddie first somehow (7)
- 18) One animal in another, but it can't choose! (6)
- 20) New Testament deeds (4)
- 22) I hear it's a money store (5)
- 23) Amend the diet? (4)

# ABDON & HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2025 AT ABDON VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllrs C Yarwood, R Price, O Uffold, P Hartley, B Lewis; W Richards (Clerk), four members of public, Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Cllr Lewis and Cllr Uffold were elected as Chair and vice Chair respectively.

**Apologies for Absence:** There were none.

**Minutes** of the 2024 AGM were read by the Chair and unanimously agreed.

**Finance; Including Audit, Appointment Of Signatories & Auditor:** The opening balance was £8,179, closing balance £7,953, income £1,450 and outgoings £1,676. The signatories will be Cllr Price, Cllr Yarwood and the Clerk. The Auditor had resigned in 2025: a new one will be confirmed.

**Appointment of Representatives, Local Area Committee and Defibrillator Checks:** Cllr Lewis will remain in these posts.

**Review of the Standing Orders:** It was agreed that these should remain the same.

**GDPR, Appointment Of Data Protection Officer:** the Clerk will remain in this role.

**Dates For The Year's Meetings:** Second Thursday of the month in August, November, January and May at Abdon Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:46.

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Public invited to speak on any issues:** Mr Cooper would have liked to speak about a planning application in February; however, the website showed no meeting until April. They had owned the barn since 2012, the original plan included a garage, but they were advised to remove it. They would like a garage for classic cars and machinery for the three acres. The planning officer proposed moving to a standalone storage shed. He said the Shropshire Hills design guide supported the application. The rooms above would utilise the roof space for independent living for the applicant's 96-year old father. They had zero interest in Airbnb. The reason for the appeal was due to frustration with Shropshire Council planning and conservation, who refused to attend site visits which would show the situation of the garage below the barn. The applicant was seeking a detailed response so he knew how to move forward. The Chair apologised that an additional meeting had been arranged, but the Clerk had invited the applicant via the planning application email contact. Cllr Price responded that drainage was already a big problem in the location so that needed to be rectified first. There had already been many developments within the immediate area. The original barn should be built out first. A member of the public was worried that many applicants would say comments re intentions and family were often unreliable at this stage.

**Declaration of interest:** Cllr Yarwood is the applicant for the planning application below.

# DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2025 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Present:** Cllr D Hedgley, Cllrs A Watson, C Martyn, R Povall, S Povall, A Rattu and R Morgan.

**Apologies:** Cllr T O'Boyle.

**In attendance:** The Clerk, and for part of the meeting former Shropshire Cllr Cecilia Motley and Cllr Colin Stanford, newly elected Corvedale Division Shropshire Councillor, and two members of the public.

Cllr Stanford introduced himself and gave a brief report: the Chairman thanked him for attending and welcomed him to the parish.

Annual Parish Meeting Reports were delivered by the Chairman, by former Cllr Cecilia Motley, by Cllr Clive Martyn for the Flood Action Group, by Cllr Martyn in his role as DPC's website manager, and by Cllr O'Boyle representing the Louisa Powell Almshouse Charity. All the reports are available to view on DPC's website. There being no further business to conduct the Chairman closed the APM at 8.10pm and proceeded with the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Election of Officers:** Cllr Hedgley was elected as Chairman for the 2025 - 2026 year and Cllr Robert Povall as Vice-Chairman. Both duly signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms.

Cllrs Watson, S Povall, Morgan, Rattu, and Martyn had all been re-elected unopposed in the May elections and signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms: Cllr O'Boyle would sign his at the next meeting. The new online format of the DPI forms was discussed. Tim Pardoe did not stand for re-election and so the one vacancy on the council had been advertised and it was hoped a ninth councillor would be co-opted in due course.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr S Povall declared an interest in the planning application 25/01367/REM and left the room whilst the application was discussed and voted on.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 23rd April 2025 were approved and five

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 27th February 2025 were read by the Chair and were unanimously agreed.

**Reports:** Cllr Colin Stanford introduced himself as the new Shropshire Council representative. He was keen for feedback. There had been large staffing cutbacks at Shropshire Council: from 20 to 12 in executive staff.

**Finance:** Cheques requested and receipts: The balance as at 2nd May 2025 was £8,103.51. Payments agreed were: Insurance £527.18, Clerk's wages £217.50. ICO £52.00 and SALC affiliation £169.76. The Clerk would seek advice from SALC re ICO requiring payment. Clerk's wages would remain the same £15/hr and 1 hour/week, plus expenses.

**Planning Application:** Reference: 25/00997/FUL (validated: 17/04/2025) Address: Nordy View, Abdon, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9HX. Proposal: Change of use of first floor of domestic outbuilding into holiday let (retrospective). Applicant: Mr Christopher Yarwood, 11 St Marys Place, Shrewsbury, SY1 1DZ. Cllr Yarwood explained the application: only for two people from September to May. Everything will remain the same to the building, as children and family stay in it sometimes now. Cllr Yarwood left the meeting. Two members of the public had no objection: however, they were disappointed that Cllr Yarwood didn't realise the restriction beforehand. Cllr Uffold proposed support: the building was already there, and it was only a change of use. He felt it a genuine error not realising it was restricted. Unanimously agreed support.

Cllr Lewis raised the issue of non-material amendments at Brown Clew. Why wasn't the PC consulted? The Clerk would raise with Shropshire Council and Shropshire Cllr Stanford.

**Phone Box Proposals:** Tugford phone box was on the removal list: an email objection had been received and circulated. There was evidence of no use: the majority had mobile phones. It was unanimously agreed not to object to removal of the phone and box.

**Highway Issues and Notice Board Repairs:** HMG 1 Brookhouse ditch from pleaching to bridge. 2 Bottom of Masseys Bank: outlet blocked: Cllr Lewis would liaise with the landowner. 3 Drain blocked by Earnstrey Hill House. 4 Abdon Church both sides. Cllrs would report back to Clerk of any other ditching needed by Friday. HM Grant discussed: £750 match funded like last time was proposed by Cllr Lewis and unanimously agreed. Cllr Uffold offered his services for future quotes. Notice boards were discussed and it was unanimously agreed to accept Mr A. Whitehead's quote. Cllr Uffold will action.

**Correspondence:** Appeal 25/00264/FUL and Armed Forces day. These would be added to website.

**Items for consideration at the next meeting (for dissemination of information only).** None.

**Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting would be on Thursday 14th August 2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:22.

**Wendy Richards – Parish Clerk:**

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matters arising were dealt with.

**Appointment of Representatives:** Cllr S Povall was nominated and voted to be Tree Warden; Cllr Martyn was nominated and voted as representative to the Flood Action Group and as the DPC Website Manager; Cllr Rattu would represent DPC on the DVH Committee when available; Cllr O'Boyle was nominated and voted as representative of the Louisa Powell Almshouse Charity; Mrs K Worthington will represent Westhope Village Hall.

**Planning Matters:** 25/01570/PMBPA – an application for prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural building to a single dwelling house at The Barracks, Westhope, did not require a decision from DPC as Shropshire Council had already refused permission for it.

**Application 25/01367/REM** for approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, appearance etc) of an agricultural worker's retirement dwelling of 120 sq metres at Corfton Farm was considered and supported by the councillors.

**Communications & Correspondence:** Ten items were considered and noted.

**Highways and Environmental Matters:** The proposed new pipework/borehole works at the Severn Trent pumping station were on hold awaiting a licence. A notice board for Bache Mill was discussed and Cllr Martyn was tasked with selecting a suitable metal framed one for around £400 and bringing details of it to a DPC meeting for approval. It was noted that Sutton also needed a new notice board, the current one being dilapidated.

**Finance Report for May 2025:** Cheques totalling £1,610.31 were approved for payment, after which DPC held funds of £10,757.18 including ring fenced and third party funds. Payment of the 2025-2026 Precept and the VAT reclaim are awaited.

**2024-2025 Audit:** DPC considered the two audit reports prepared by the internal auditor, Mrs J Griffiths: her comments about the low level of reserves being carried forward were noted and would be considered again in January when the 2026/2027 Precept would be set.

The Annual Governance return had been audited and approved by Mrs Griffiths. Sections 1 and 2 were duly approved and signed the Clerk and Chairman, and the Public Rights Notice would be posted on 1st June 2025.

**Dates for meeting from May 2025 to May 2026:** The list of dates was approved and would be posted on the website.

**Any Other Business:** The Chairman and his wife had enjoyed their visit to

Buckingham Palace for a garden party at which HM King Charles, Queen Camilla and several other members of the royal family had been present.

Cllr Rattu raised an issue about notices from other Corvedale parishes being removed from DPC notice boards. It was emphasised that the notice boards are primarily for DPC business and any additional space is for anyone in the Corvedale to utilise.

The Chairman briefly reported on the planning application at Green Farm being rejected by the planners, which he had been challenging. He had had discussions about a potential councillor to fill the current vacancy. He and Cllr Martyn had viewed and discussed a potential problem with the bank of

the stream at Peaton Strand.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 25th June 2025, commencing at 7.30pm at Westhope Village Hall.**

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## MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4TH JUNE 2025

**Present:** Cllrs Barbara Archer, Richard Arnold, Nigel Dobson, David Marston, Chris Meeson, Ed Povey and Graham Williams.

**In Attendance:** H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

**Chairperson:** Cllr Ed Povey was elected as temporary chair.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Val Fotheringham, Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Public Forum:** No members of the public were present.

**Minutes** of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings held on 14th May 2025 were approved and signed by the chair.

**Co-option to the Vacant Seat on the Council:** Councillors interviewed Mr Stuart Rowbotham about what skills and interests he could bring to the role of councillor. It was resolved to co-opt Mr Rowbotham to the council with immediate effect. Cllr Rowbotham joined the meeting.

**Nature Recovery Strategy:** Mike Kelly gave a presentation. Parish Councils were in a unique position to support the nature recovery process and had a hugely important role to play in bringing stakeholders together to develop plans for managing existing and creating new natural assets. He suggested that the Parish Council might be interested in a starting a group which could develop a parish nature recovery plan which would set out how the parish wanted to protect, manage and improve nature within the parish. He presented maps of the parish showing natural assets which would be a starting point for a plan. This will be an item on the next meeting agenda.

**Reports:** *Shropshire Council* – Cllr Stanford had sent apologies.

*Munslow Village Hall* – Cllr Dobson reported there would be a nature walk on 14th June and teas at the hall afterwards. The Crown Inn would be hosting a cream tea at 3pm on 29th June.

**Finance:** Review the Internal Auditor's Report: Mr Adams reported that the controls in place were sufficient for the Council's purposes during 2024-25. He suggested that the council consider whether the reserves were appropriate and sufficient for future needs. The report was noted.

**Annual Governance Statement:** There was a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements and the chair signed the statement.

**Annual Accounting Statement:** It was confirmed that the statement was correct and the chair signed the statement.

## CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 3RD JUNE 2025

**Present:** Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mr Ian Alderson, Mrs J Disley, Mr Adrian Lewis, Mrs J Mear, Ms J Watts and Mrs J Williams.

**In Attendance:** H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Mrs C Byng, Cllr C Stanford (Shropshire Council).

**Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** Cllr Disley (item 8).

**Public Involvement Session:** No members of the public were in attendance.

**Minutes** of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings held on 13th May 2025 were approved as being correct and were signed by the Chair.

**Reports from Members:**

*Shropshire Council* - Cllr Colin Stanford had sent apologies.

*Village Hall Committee* - Cllr Mear reported that the AGM had been held on 20th May and they had a strong committee. They were planning events for all ages. The Beefy Boys had been a very well attended event. They were struggling to get grants. The number of bookings had increased.

*Flood Action Group* - Cllr Byng had sent apologies. Cllr Disley reported that the FAG had a joint meeting with the Ludlow Flood Action Group to explore common ground. The Environment Agency had identified properties at risk of flooding and had written to the owners offering grants but with little notice, so the timescale has been extended.

**Complaint to Shropshire Council re blocked bridleway:** Parish Councils were not able to make complaints to Unitary or County Councils and the complaint had been referred by the council to the Outdoor Partnership Team Manager. He had responded, saying that the team was trying to

**Exemption Certificate:** The council's income and expenditure for 2024-25 did not exceed £25,000 and it was eligible to certify itself as exempt from external audit. The certificate was signed by the chair.

Notice of Public Rights would start on 30th June and end on 8th August 2025.

**Payments were authorised to:** D Lewis (environmental maintenance) inv 762 £109.25; H Coonick and HMRC, Clerk's salary April - June £933.40 and travel expenses £36.90.

**Highways:** The environmental maintenance contractor would check the verges on Park Lane in Munslow.

**Update on Response from Stuart Anderson MP re Use of Agricultural Ground for Non-Agricultural Purposes:** Stuart Anderson MP replied that 'Championing Farmers' and 'Protecting our Countryside' were two of his six priorities for South Shropshire. He stated that he would continue to oppose good agricultural land being used for such things as solar farms. He had agreed to write to the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to understand whether there were flaws in the grant-awarding system that are counterproductive. When a further response is received it would be added to a future agenda.

**Repairs to the Community Car Park at Munslow:** The council was not in a financial position to make the substantial repairs required and, as it did not own the land, it could not seek grants for the repairs.

It was agreed to remove the Munslow Parish Council community car park sign. If any person or body attempted to take ownership of the car park the council would consider taking action to protect it and retain it as a community car park.

**Registration of new lease for Munslow Village Hall:** The Clerk had contacted the Land Registry in March and May 2025 to enquire on progress of registration of the new lease without a result. She would contact them again in September.

**Application to remove the registration of the Washwell:** The Land Registry had reported that an application had been made in 2017 to acquire the title by adverse possession and a survey had been undertaken by Ordnance Survey. In its view the land had been incorporated into the garden of the adjoining property and had been so for many years. The evidence provided by the Parish Council that the Washwell was public land was not sufficient to challenge the fact that the applicant had not been in exclusive occupation of the land. It was agreed not to further challenge the registration.

**Item for the Next Meeting at 7.30pm Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at Munslow Village Hall:** a. Nature Recovery Group.

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manage within its budget. He had suggested that the parish council write to Cllr James Owen, the Shropshire Council portfolio holder for Housing and Leisure. The parish council would do so.

**Repairs to the Bus Shelter:** Minor repairs were needed and a new coat of preservative was required. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**Finance:** From the Annual Report: for the year 2024-25 income had been £9,851 and expenditure £9,695. Assets amounted to £311,376 including the lease for Culmington Village Hall.

The internal auditor did not raise any concerns.

The Annual Governance Statement was signed as the council considered that there was a sound system of internal control in place.

The Annual Accounting Statement was signed as it presented fairly the financial position of the authority.

The gross income and expenditure for 2024-25 were below £25,000 and the council fulfilled the eligibility requirements to certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review and the Certificate of Exemption was signed.

The Accounts and Governance Accountability Return (AGAR) would be published with the Notice of Public Rights on the Parish Council website, and also on Parish Council notice boards. The dates for the notices would be 30th June to 8th August 2025.

**Payments were authorised to:** H Coonick and HMRC (Clerk's Pay April-June) £904.15, Clerk's travel £37.80, Annual Meeting refreshments and condolence flowers £58.45; D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Invoice 764 £61.75.

**Item for the Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 1st July 2025:** expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund including a fence at the village hall.

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21) Fact 24) Idiot 25) Glanced 26) Tree 27) Crescent

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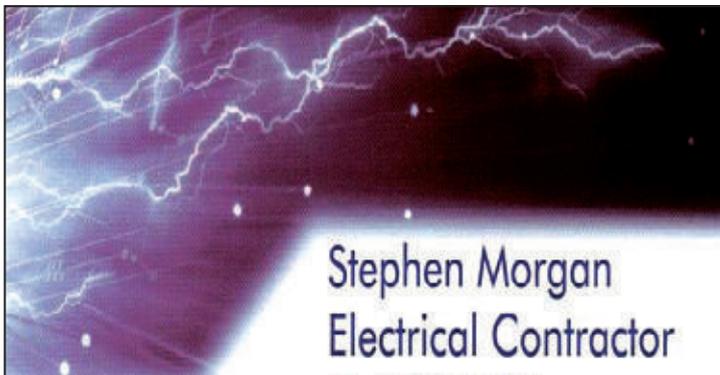
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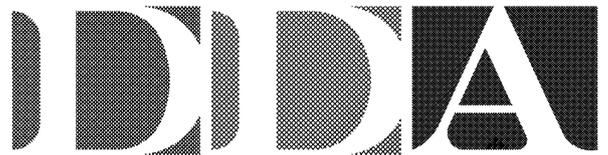


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Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm Evensong	8:30 HC (BCP)	11:15 HC
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Holdgate	8:30 HC				8:30 HC
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC	6pm EP
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**Key:** HC = Holy Communion, EP = Evensong, FS = Family Service