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Firstly, to all you have paid your subscriptions – a big thank you again. It is very appreciated by your Corvedale News Team.

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But we still have over **£700** of subscriptions which remain unpaid. This **£700** represents around **20%** of our total subscription monies for the year. So, 20% have enjoyed the Corvedale News throughout 2025 but still have not paid. The non-payment does cause us additional work. We now have in place a robust database, so we know exactly who has not paid. So please, make your payment as soon as you can.

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circuitoffice2803@gmail.com

LOCAL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

 *Mini Moos* 
Baby and toddler group

Every Monday
 10-12 term time
 £2.50 per family

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

 *Diddlebury Village Hall* 

*Find us on Facebook
 Mini Moos baby and toddler group*


Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday
 All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm
 Start 7:15pm

£3 to include half time refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
 SY7 9JL



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

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

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

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

INTERESTED? For further information contact Avril Lines avril.fossilsinshropshire@gmail.com Or 01584 861 339

Or join us any Monday evening for a taster.

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

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

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

Please contact cathburley@hotmail.com if you would like to join us.

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

Next Meeting: Thursday 13th November



CORVEDALE ARTISTS

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

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

£8.00 per session

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

For further information telephone 01299 832 603



CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP 

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

Please contact Katharine Wale on 07866 408 897 or katharinewale59@gmail.com to confirm work location.

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

**Wednesday 19th November
 Friday 21st November
 Sunday 23rd November**

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

WALKS

Wednesday 12th November, 10am
 Bury Ditches

Sunday 7th December, 10am
 Mortimer Forest

TALKS

First Wednesday of each month at Wistanstow Village Hall.

Wednesday 19th November
 Bring back the Boom - Katie Thorpe

Wednesday 17th December
 Beyond the Beak - Terry Moore

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:
corvedaleneditor@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2025

2nd Sun	Community Sunday Roast	Culmington Village Hall	12noon
4th Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
5th Wed	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
6th Thu	Warm Hub Coffee Morning	Munslow Village Hall	10.30am
6th Thu	Westhope Clover Club	The Discovery Centre	2.30pm
7th Fri	Talk - A Nile Journey - Rev'd John Beesley	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
8th Sat	Garden Talk - Self Sufficiency - Sam & Kate Davies	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
8th Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
9th Sun	Pagoda Project Workshops	Diddlebury Village Hall	1pm
9th Sun	Pagoda Project Concert	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
12th Wed	RSPB Walk	Bury Ditches	10am
12th Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
12th Wed	Munslow WI Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	2pm
12th Wed	Abdon & Heath Parish Council Meeting	Abdon Village Hall	10am
12th Wed	Flicks in the Sticks - A Complete Unknown	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
13th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Thu	Hayton WI AGM	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
15th Sat	Musical Cabaret Night with Mimi Hart	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
17th Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
17th Mon	Ludlow Christmas Fair	Ludlow Racecourse	6pm
18th Tue	Ludlow Christmas Fair	Ludlow Racecourse	9.30am
19th Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
19th Wed	RSPB Talk - Bring back the Boom - Katie Thorpe	Wistanstow Village Hall	7.30pm
20th Thu	Warm Hub Coffee Morning	Munslow Village Hall	10.30am
21st Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
22nd Sat	Chilli and Live Music Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
23rd Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
25th Tue	Westhope Village Hall AGM	Westhope Village Hall	
26th Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
29th Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
29th Sat	Diddlebury Church Christmas Fair	St Peter's Church, Diddlebury	2pm

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4th Thu	Warm hub coffee morning	Munslow Village Hall	10.30am
5th Fri	Christmas Fair	Culmington Village Hall	TBA
6th Sat	Much Wenlock Christmas Fair	Much Wenlock	
6th Sat	Christmas Prize Bingo	Westhope Village Hall	TBA
7th Sun	RSPB Walk	Mortimer Forest	10am
8th Mon	Christmas Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	TBA
10th Wed	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
11th Thu	Christmas Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
16th Tue	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	William Brookes School	7pm
17th Wed	RSPB Talk - Beyond the Beak - Terry Moore	Wistanstow Village Hall	7.30pm
18th Thu	Warm Hub Coffee Morning	Munslow Village Hall	10.30am
19th Fri	Carol Singing by the Diddlebrook	Diddlebury Village	TBA
31st Wed	Stefano's Hootenanny	Diddlebury Village Hall	8pm

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	Culmington Village Hall	6pm
Every Weds	Line Dancing	Onibury Village Hall	7pm & 8pm
Every Weds	Pub Night	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	8pm
Every Thur	Yoga	Westhope Village Hall	9.45-10.45am
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 17th November

WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

mimi & the BLUE
Notes

at Culmington Village Hall SY8 2DA
Saturday, 15th November 2025 at 7.30pm

Bar open from 6.30pm






Simon Crowther
Multi-instrumentalist and Pianist with the Blue Notes plus Hereford Big Band, having played in various bands over 30 years - rock & pop to blues, funk and jazz

Peter Cabara
Famous fretless bass player having performed internationally with many amazing musicians

Gary Santry
Acclaimed drummer and drum teacher in Shropshire for the last 35 years

Mimi Hart
Mimi's talent as a singer and performer seamlessly crosses eras and genre and vocally she will reveal the full force of her stunning, soulful voice with her vast repertoire of classic jazz favourites

Cabaret Seating
Tickets: £12 which includes a glass of prosecco and canapés in the interval

To book your ticket please contact:
Yvonne & John Hart:
01584 861802 or 07485 142563

DVH is excited to announce that talented guitarists **Jon Crowe and Mick** will be entertaining us again this year at our

Chilli

and

Live Music Night

Saturday 22 November

<p>Beef or Veg Chilli Jacket potato & all the trimmings <i>Of Beans 'n cheese</i> Brilliant Live Music Adults £12/ £6 Child's Portion</p>	<p>Tickets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike's garage Aston Munslow • Bank Transfer – see website • DVH Quiz Night <p>Only on Sale until 19 November</p>
<p>Bar Stefano opens 19:00</p>	<p>Chilli served 19:30</p>

For more info or to book a table
email: diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com or text: 07396 730342

"You're Brilliant" said HRH King Charles of Jon Crowe!
Check Jon out here <https://www.joncrowe.co.uk/> or better still just buy your tickets asap as numbers are limited!



A COMPLETE UNKNOWN

In the early 1960s, 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. Forming his most intimate relationships during his rise to fame, he grows restless with the folk movement, making a controversial choice that reverberates worldwide.

WEDNESDAY
12 NOVEMBER

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

Full Bar, tea/coffee/ice-creams available in the interval.
Entry £5

art's alive FLICKS IN THE STICKS
at
Diddlebury Village Hall

For more information contact bookdvh@gmail.com Or 07396730342

Diddlebury Village Hall invites you to enjoy

Carol Singing

with a 

by the

Diddle Brook

Friday 19th December

followed by

 &  at 

More details to follow
SAVE THE DATE

DVH Quiz Nights

**Festive Christmas Quiz on
Wednesday 10 December**

Teams of 4 - £10 per team

DVH QUIZ NIGHTS PROMISE:
Great varied quizzes, lots of fun and our
trademark Rubbish Prizes!

**Tables selling fast
Book NOW for our Christmas Quiz**

we sell out at each event!

Contact us via: Facebook Messenger
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LUDLOW CHRISTMAS FAIR

**LUDLOW RACECOURSE
BROMFIELD SY8 2BT**

MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2025

6PM - 8PM

and

TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2025

9.30AM - 3.30PM

£5 ENTRANCE

**OVER 50 FABULOUS STALLS
DELICIOUS LUNCHES, TEAS AND COFFEES**

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 22nd November 10am - 4pm

Special gifts for Christmas from local designer makers.
Shop open for sale of donated craft items, fabric and gifts.
Festive entertainment from Hope Bowdler Handbell Ringers.
Westhope College gift vouchers available.
Refreshments



**Free Admission
All welcome**



Join us in

Helping those with Parkinson's

We need people to join us and fundraise or donate in this area.

Hold a coffee morning, quiz night or walk.
Help us to fund research into groundbreaking new treatments, run
life-changing support services and campaign for better healthcare.

Need a speaker to talk to your group?
acope@parkinsons.org.uk
parkinsons.org.uk/ Our helpline: 0808 800 0303



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PAGODA PROJECT CONCERT



In this latest Pagoda Project line-up, the inimitable Paul Hutchinson and Karen Wimhurst duo (accordion and clarinet/ bass clarinet) are joined by the stellar fiddle singer Hannah Cumming.

Inspired by the folk traditions of the UK, this is music and song cut through with experimentation, boldness, humour and risk. Expect ethereal to turn gutsy, passion and tears to be tempered by a good laugh and a tide of improvisation. which means no two evenings are ever the same.

"Difficult to describe and categorise – the music soared, surprised, mesmerised, inducing journeys of the mind, it dazzled. It was a thoroughly absorbing and memorable evening."
Tim Davidson, Caerleon Arts

Sunday November 9th 8pm—doors open 7.30pm

Diddlebury Village Hall, Mill Ln, Diddlebury, Craven Arms SY7 9DH

£15 tickets can be booked online at:

<https://beta.snappytickets.co.uk/event/pagoda-project>

Telephone **01588 630678** for more information

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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COMING SOON!
Nov 22
 Chilli & Live Music
Dec 19
 Carols & Mince Pies
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



FLICKS IN THE STICKS
A COMPLETE UNKNOWN
Wednesday 12th November

	The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com	Thursday 13th November 19:00
	A Complete Unknown traces the beginnings of the mercurial, radical and path-breaking artist, Bob Dylan. The film takes place in early-1960s New York when the city was a hotbed of exciting cultural change	Wednesday 12th November Film starts 19:30
Chilli & Live Music Night	See our advert for details – but hurry as numbers are limited!	Saturday 22 Nov
	Our famous festive CHRISTMAS QUIZ Only a few tables remaining – booking is essential	Wednesday 10th December
Carols by the Diddle Brook	Come and join in the Carol Singing beside the Diddle brook! Then wander up to DVH for mince pies, mulled wine (or other drinks) at Bar Stefano	Friday 19th December
Stefano's Hootenanny	See in the New Year with your friends and neighbours BYO food & drinks – we supply the ambience & playlist for dancing Free admission but booking is essential	Wednesday 31st December 20:00 – 00:30
	Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group – term time only £2.50 per Family	Mondays 10.00 - 12.00
	The Corvedale Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information	Mondays 19.30 -21.30
	The Blue Hills Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information	Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00
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	Physiotherapist-led Pilates Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412	Fridays 9.15 - 10.15

CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP

On 11th October twenty-four of us did something a little different for the garden group - a guided tour of Acton Scott hall (www.actonscott.com) and then a short guided tour (by me!) and a wander around Acton Scott Heritage Farm (www.actonscottheritagefarm.org.uk) plus, of course, a visit to the café for lunch.

We started with coffee and delicious cake at the hall and then we were guided round in two groups by both Francis and Alison Acton who live in the Grade 2 listed hall. The interesting and informative tours included details of their family history and their links with botany and agriculture. The house has been in the Acton family since it was built in 1580 and is one of the earliest brick-built houses in Shropshire. The group enjoyed seeing the intricate oak panelling, decorative Jacobean carvings and fascinating heirlooms. Alison told us that they have not changed much as they enjoy what was already there when they inherited. The house is open for private tours which are highly recommended and can be booked via their website. We also saw the garden and beautiful herbaceous / shrub border in front of the house planted by Alison and Frances and designed by Susan Brown. Then we walked around the grounds seeing how they are continually restoring the gardens, woodland and the particularly delightful secret rock garden.

I then led a short tour around the heritage farm, including the dairy, horse gin and fleece barn, before moving on to the bailiff's fruit and vegetable garden which is managed by a team of volunteers and focuses on heritage varieties. We then

saw the bailiff's cottage, kitchen, laundry and parlour and the gardener's delight of the herb garden which includes culinary, medicinal and dyeing herbs. We also met the piglets but not Dulcie the Gloucester Old Spot who was hiding in her house. The heritage farm is a charitable trust and always looking for volunteers, so if anyone is interested do get in touch with them. I can promise it's great fun and you can do as much or little as you like. There are several exciting activities coming up too, so do come and have a look:

Wednesday 29th October - Sunday 2nd Nov: Halloween Week - with trails and ghost stories.

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd November: Threshing weekend - Brimfield Vintage Club and Colin Richards firing the brick kiln.

Friday 5th December: An evening performance of *A Christmas Carol* in the old barn by Toby Burchell, with refreshments and the cottage (downstairs) lit by candlelight (TBC).

Saturdays 6th & 13th December 11-3pm: A Victorian Christmas themed visitor experience.

The final garden group meeting of the year is on **Saturday 8th November** in Diddlebury Village Hall at 10.00am when our own Sam and Kate Davies will give a talk on self-sufficiency, storing and preserving. We will also hear the exciting programme that is planned for next year. If you are interested in the group, remember it is free to join and all we need is your email address so let me know by emailing corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com

Alison Benbow



THE TALLY HO INN BOULDON



FOOD TIMES

WED 6-8PM

THUR 12-2, 6-8PM

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

SUNDAY 12-4PM

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JOIN US FOR OUR EVENTS

TALLY HO STEAK NIGHT - 31ST OCT

CORVEDALE SUPPER CLUB - 13TH NOV

TALLY HO FILM CLUB - 27TH NOV

FESTIVE MENU FROM THE 3RD DEC

THE TALLY HO FILM CLUB

JOIN US FOR A CLASSIC MOVIE &
A MOVIE THEMED SUPPER & WE MIGHT EVEN
THROW IN SOME POPCORN AS WELL.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

FILM AND FOOD OPTIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON
OUR FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM PAGE

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

REGULAR EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Every Monday, 10am - 11.30am

Come along for a cuppa (coffee or tea) for just £1.

Good company, free refills and biscuits!

Bridge Club

Every Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm

Contact Richard Smith richard.smith404@btinternet.com

Yoga

Every Wednesday, 6pm - 7.15pm

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Community Sunday Roast

Sunday 2nd November

This event is now fully booked.

Musical Cabaret Night

with Mimi Hart and her band

Saturday 15th November, 7.30pm

A cabaret style evening with the talented singer performer Mimi Hart and her exceptionally accomplished band.

Tickets £12 to include a glass of prosecco and canapes during the interval. To book contact Yvonne and John Hart on 01584 861 802 or 07485 142 563.

FUTURE EVENTS

Culmington Christmas Fayre

Friday 5th December, evening

Lots of stalls to buy your Christmas gifts plus a visit from the very famous Father Christmas.

Contact Jo Mear 07872 109 936.

Christmas Lunch Club

Thursday 11th December

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

MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

The village hall held a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan cancer support on 27th September. This event was well supported by around twenty local people, who generously donated £200 to support this amazing charity. Our grateful thanks to all of you who came along and to those who baked wonderful cakes, and to Richard, chef patron, at the Crown Inn for the delicious scones.

Events at the village hall will continue with the resumption of our warm hub coffee mornings. Dates for these will be **Thursdays 6th and 20th November, and Thursdays 4th and 18th December.** The **18th of December** will be our Christmas coffee morning where we will have mince pies and homemade cakes, plus a stall selling crafts for Christmas. We will hope to continue with dates in January.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at these lovely social coffee mornings.

Lesley Dobson, On behalf of the village hall committee

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

Our race night with Craven Arms ladies' group was a great success. A fantastic evening with so much fun and laughter while raising money for village hall funds and Craven Arms ladies' charity. Thank you everyone for sponsoring races and supporting our event. If anyone would like to use our facilities for a fund-raising race night please get in touch. Our thanks go out to Jacqui who has masterminded these events.

On 4th October we held our Rummage Sale. And wow, what an abundance of rummage and other quality products we had! Thank you to all those who contributed and all who attended. We raised £596 towards hall funds and, of course, a contribution will be given to our nominated charity at the end of our financial year. This will be decided at our upcoming AGM on **25th November.**

On Wednesday 8th October we also hosted Diddlebury and Westhope WI for a skittles evening with Craven Arms ladies' group. More fun and laughter was had.

The Thursday morning yoga group is now fully subscribed.

This month has seen the upgrade begin of our long-awaited new heating system. We look forward to greatly reduced energy bills and a much warmer hall, thanks to the Lottery grant we were awarded earlier this year. Watch this space for more improvements in the coming months.

This month we have hosted private parties and after-funeral teas. Our village hall is proving very popular for hiring out for these events.

We would like to pay tribute to one of the most loyal stalwarts of Westhope, Brian Ellis (Ellie) who, sadly passed away on 11th October after a short illness. Ellie has been in and around our village for over 50 years. He was a very loyal and selfless man who would help anyone. A true legend who will be missed by so many people. RIP Ellie.

We are looking forward to welcoming Karen Francis Dyke to our harvest supper, which by the time this goes to press will have taken place.

Don't forget our Christmas prize bingo on **Saturday 6th** and our Christmas whist drive on **Monday 8th December.**

All enquiries for hall hire and our events please contact Betty 07860 447 397 or Moira 01584 861 663 or 07542 947 440.

ABDON VILLAGE HALL

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

Saturday 8th November, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

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

Coffee Morning

Saturday 29th November, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Our coffee morning continues, as usual, on the last Saturday of the month. Lively chat, coffee and, of course, cake!

Abdon Village Hall Bookings

Contact: abdon.villagehall@gmail.com, Margaret

Buckingham: 01746 712 296 or visit our website for the

booking form and details: www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

Writing this in mid-October, there is a fragile ceasefire still holding in Gaza, but whilst we may hope and pray that this will continue and that a more lasting settlement to the situation may be found, I wouldn't want to predict what the state of play will be by the time anyone gets to read this. Seeing the appalling images that come to us from Gaza, from Ukraine and from other conflicts, reminds us of why Remembrance is so important. At the Acts-of-Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday and on Armistice Day we remember not only those who died in two world wars, giving thanks for their sacrifice, but we also pledge ourselves to strive for all that makes for peace, to heal the wounds of war and to work for a just future for all humanity. The challenge for us has to be about how we might try to fulfil the pledges we have made. We are unlikely to be able to have much of an effect on the situations in Gaza or Ukraine; so where can we make a difference? An absence of peace is not just an international problem – it can be an issue within communities (however we define them) or within families, and in other areas of life too.

As we come together to remember and commemorate the actions of those who gave their lives so that we might live in peace, we have to ask ourselves what we are doing today to ensure that peace continues to prevail – not just here but around the world. As Christians we follow the one who is sometimes described as the Prince of Peace, one who lived in a country under occupation but who taught his followers about God and about love – and about what living a life based on love means for our lives and our relationships. This is the message that needs sharing with the world. How many of us are willing to play a part in sharing it?

Rev'd John Beesley

BROADSTONE CHAPEL

At a recent meeting of Munslow PCC it was agreed that we will suspend – at least for now – the regular third Sunday services in Broadstone chapel during the winter months. Regular services in the chapel will continue during British Summer Time and we may have other services there to mark particular occasions. The chapel will continue to be open daily as a place for prayer and reflection. If you've never been, we would encourage you to visit: it is a special place.

Rev'd John Beesley

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On **Friday 7th November** at 7.30pm in Diddlebury Village Hall, you are invited to join us for A Nile Journey, an illustrated talk with an Egyptian-style supper. Tickets, in aid of the Corvedale Parishes, are £15.00, and you can contact either myself or John Brentnall (07866 565 966) to book.

The Christmas Tree Festival returns to Diddlebury Church in December, but in a slightly different format. We will open on the afternoon of **Friday 12th December**, with the Hamper Draw in the evening. The church will be open with refreshments on **Saturday 13th** and on the afternoon of **Sunday 14th**. More details next month, but if you would like to bring a decorated tree to the church as part of the festival, please contact me – you can have it back afterwards, it doesn't have to stay in church for the whole festive season!

Rev'd John Beesley

REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

27th Sep Thomas Osburn Motley Watts Tugford
28th Sep Finely Albert William Bithell Diddlebury

WEDDINGS

20th Sep Rebekah Baldwin-Jones & Peter Ashton Diddlebury
10th Oct Laura Hunter & Perry Gardener Culmington
17th Oct Rhiane Wyant & Joshua Brookin Diddlebury
18th Oct Hayley Abbott & Adam Nicholson Diddlebury

FUNERAL

14th Oct Stephen Williams Munslow

FLOWERS & BRASSES

NOVEMBER 2025

2nd Liz Jones 9th Liz Jones
16th Megan Speight 23rd Megan Speight

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Details of this much-anticipated annual event are shown in the panel at the bottom of the page. We would very much appreciate donations for the bottle stall and tombola prizes. Please leave them in the church or with Liz at Yew Tree Cottage, Corfton Bache (01584 861 238).

Diddlebury Church Fundraising Team

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Don't miss the Diddlebury Church Christmas Fair!

Saturday 29th November
from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the church

- Cakes
- Gifts
- Bottles
- Tombola
- Bran tub
- 150 squares
- Church quiz
- Teas, coffee, cake

I'll be there!



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

Our October meeting was one of great interest to members and guests when Andy Fensome, the Community and Projects Coordinator of the local charity Hands Together, presented his talk explaining exactly how Hands Together provides help, projects and activities to support the town of Ludlow and its residents. The charity offers signposting and advice, ways to meet others, social activities and access to good food, as well as volunteering opportunities, to everyone of all ages. The charity aims to identify any gaps in support offered to Ludlow residents by the council and the Citizens Advice Bureau and has the use of one of its rooms one day per week.

Regarding the provision of food to individuals and families, Hands Together has a community fridge full of surplus food donated by local shops and organisations. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11.00am until 2.00pm it offers a social space for residents to pop in for tea/coffee and cake, a 'lucky dip' lunch served from 12.00 noon until 1.00pm, and free packed lunches for children during the school holidays. There are various social group games at several times during the week, plus a 'Man Shed' on the first floor. Outside activities are organised for anyone to join, all followed by optional refreshments back in Hands Together's premises in Lower Galdeford. To enable the charity to offer all of its services, 71% of funds come from grants; 5% from national and local organisations' donations; 2% from Gift Aid and 9% from charitable activities and donations. Volunteers with all sorts of skills and abilities, along with the employed staff, give of their time to ensure the continued support and activities offered by Hands Together.



As a WI branch, we have donated funds raised at events to support Hands Together and during last month, members of Hayton & District WI made dental kits in fabric pouches, donating them to Hands Together for needy customers, which Andy has since reported, 'flew out of the door'! The photograph shows Andy and the 'Dental Kits,' along with some of the members who made them.

Our next meeting on **Thursday 13th November** at 7:30pm will be the branch AGM open only to current members, with homemade soup and bread to share along with the usual teas, coffees and biscuits. Our December meeting will be a branch Christmas get together for members only and there will be no meeting in January.

Louise Gough

DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE AND MUNSLOW WIs

Diddlebury & Westhope WI and Munslow WI joined forces on 8th October for an exciting skittles competition against the ladies of Craven Arms. The first match was won by Diddlebury & Westhope and Munslow with a score of 117 against Craven Arms 111. The player with the highest individual score, however, was Gwynneth Morgan from Craven Arms – she knocked down 14 skittles in two plays. Congratulations Gwynneth! A well-earned break followed, with delicious refreshments and a generous raffle provided by Craven Arms.



In the second half of the competition, team members bowled at the skittles in turn until they were all down; the number of skittles felled was then totalled - Diddlebury & Westhope with Munslow scored 34, Craven Arms 26. And so, to our delight, Diddlebury & Westhope with Munslow retained the cup!

Diddlebury & Westhope's next meeting is on **Wednesday 12th November** in Culmington village hall at 7.30pm. Sally Joyner will be giving an introduction to sign language. For Munslow WI, there is a talk by Louise Reynolds about training for the triathlon. This will be an open meeting and will be held at 2.00pm on **Wednesday 12th November**. Please get in touch with our Secretary, Val Hardwick, on 01584 861 658 if you would like more information.

Wendy Brogden
wendy@brogden.info

NEWS FROM BROWN CLEE PPG (PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP)

At the PPG meeting on 7th October, Dr Bassett announced that Dr Clare Bravey who has been working for nearly a year as a part-time GP at the practice, is to become a partner alongside himself and Dr Wendy Matthews. This is great news and strengthens the practice going forward. Dr Matthews and Dr Bravey will attend the next PPG meeting on **20th January 2026**.

Female patients were asked if they would be interested in an informal afternoon group talk from Lisa Davies (ANP) on menopausal and post-menopausal health issues. Please contact brownclepppg@gmail.com if you would be interested in attending. A minimum of 10 attendees is required for the talk to go ahead.

Tina Ranson

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE



November signifies Remembrance, the capital 'R' conjuring up the red poppies which are already on sale. This year, however, it takes me back to August, which may sound a bit odd. But let me explain.

My summer included looking after three grandsons (aged 8, 10 and 12), and for some of that time we stayed in France for a few days before driving down to northern Spain, heading to Santander where my daughter (their aunt) lives with her family. The cousins had a great time together and we celebrated the birthday of Oliver, my eldest grandchild, in a lovely restaurant across the bay. All too soon it was time to return to France for the rest of our holiday.



We drove north again to the town of St Junien to stay overnight. The following morning we headed off to the nearby large village of Oradour-sur-Glane. This is a very special – and emotional – place to visit. It remains exactly as the German soldiers left it on 10th June 1944. We had told the story to the boys, but the reality was impossible to convey.



You enter the site between two walls; each covered in pictures of the people who died that day. The barbarity of war comes home quite quickly when looking at photos of real children, babies, one only eight days old. The adults reminded us

that these were people experiencing war but smiling for the cameras. My grandsons were shocked.

We strolled through the site. Many buildings were destroyed on the day and now 80 years of neglect leave it like a strange museum. The boys were fascinated by rotting cars: I was moved by the old sewing machines rusting in the tailor's shop, just like the one grandma used to have. The remains of a pram haunt me now.

On that day the men and women were separated. The schoolteachers took the children to the square when told to by their captors. The men were distributed in small groups around the village. The women and children were taken to the church.

At exactly 4pm an explosion was heard, and the killing began. The men were shot, and then their bodies were set on fire. At 5pm the soldiers set a box that created smoke in the church. Some women ran to the door only to be met by machine guns, forcing them back inside. The church was set on fire and all inside died. 642 people, human beings like you and me, died on that day. The 200 German soldiers marched away when their 'job' was finished.

General de Gaulle wanted to preserve the ruins of Oradour, so that they might bear witness to mankind of the consequences of the barbarity of war. They have been left, and some preservation is taking place.

My Remembrance Day this year has even more meaning.

Anni Holden Calver,
Trustee of Carving for God's Acre,
www.carvingforgodsacre.org.uk

QUIZ NIGHT SEASON LAUNCH

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The new season of our much-loved quiz nights at Diddlebury village hall got off to a fantastic start, exceeding all expectations. The event drew a full house, brimming with enthusiastic quizzers who wholeheartedly embraced the spirit of fun and camaraderie. The atmosphere was electric, highlighted by a memorable sing-along which everyone enjoyed.

The scores remained incredibly close up until the interval, creating a real sense of suspense. As is often the case, it was the table rounds which proved decisive. The Pipe Dreamers achieved an impeccable 40 out of 40, while the Milford Muddlers were hot on their heels with an impressive 39. Unsurprisingly, both teams finished with a total of 109 points, leading to our first ever tie-breaker. The tension in the hall was palpable as the teams prepared for the tiebreaker. Ultimately, the multi-winning team, Pipe Dreamers, delivered



the closest answer, securing the top spot once again. Their victory was rewarded with a delightfully extravagant prize: a box of chocolates each!

The Milford Muddlers were gracious runners-up, happily accepting one of our signature 'rubbish prizes': a modest bag of chocolates and lollies for second place. The Feathers rounded out the top three with 101 points and were presented with an even smaller bag of the same treats. Always the Last relished the occasion, and each received a tiny bag of squishy sweets for their participation this month.

Team Farmer Ted proved to be the luckiest of the evening. Greg Pugh from their table won a £20 note in the 'squares' draw, while Lesley Moxon-Jones took home a bottle of wine.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who purchased squares and supported the quiz night. Every penny raised goes directly towards the running of DVH and helps us to invest in much-needed equipment for our kitchen. This year, thanks to your generosity, we have installed a new commercial dishwasher and a proper illuminated bar fridge, there are still several other items on our wish list.

If you enjoy a quality quiz and a lively evening, we encourage you to get in touch and book a table for one of our up-coming quiz nights. Don't delay – as spaces fill up fast.

Kim Simm

DIDDLEBURY FLOOD ACTION GROUP

RIPARIAN RIGHTS

Riparian: The word 'riparian' means next to water.

Our streams and watercourses must be looked after, and it is the responsibility of riparian owners. What are 'riparian rights'? They define the ownership of the watercourse. These rights are affected by your duty to other riparian landowners, the community, and the environment

Who are the riparian owners?

- If a watercourse goes through land owned by one owner, the owner is responsible for the whole watercourse.
- If the watercourse is the boundary between two landowners, each landowner has a responsibility to its centre line.
- If the watercourse is next to a hedge the presumption is for the landowner on the hedge side to maintain the whole course, this is due to the hedge and ditch rule - a 19th century common law.
- If the watercourse runs next to a highway the presumption is for the non-highway side to have riparian rights to the whole watercourse, again in 19th century common law which states that the highways only own the road and not the land beneath it.
- If the watercourse is beyond your fence you still have a riparian responsibility up to the centre line of the watercourse.

Remember: flood risk authorities at the Environment Agency and Shropshire Council have no maintenance responsibilities unless otherwise agreed.

As riparian owners, your responsibilities are:

1. You must let the water flow without obstruction.
2. You must keep the banks clear of anything that can cause obstruction and increase the flood risks downstream.
3. You are responsible for the bed and the banks of the watercourse.
4. You should clear the litter and debris from the channel.
5. You should leave a development-free edge on the banks for easy access in the case of maintenance to the watercourse.

You may not cause an obstruction, temporary or permanent, that would stop fish passing. Do not use the riverbanks to dispose of garden waste such as grass cuttings. These grass cuttings pollute the watercourse causing damage to its environment.

I hope that this winter does not bring another storm of floods.

Clive Martyn

MIMI AND THE BLUE NOTES

Culmington Village Hall will host a treat for music lovers this month with a special fund-raising performance by locally raised singer Mimi Hart.

Mimi was raised in a folk music-loving and singing household in Culmington but found her true love in the blues and jazz genre from the 1920s to 1940s.



She's been singing since she was a teenager and a professional since her late teens and now is 'living the dream' having visited the USA several times and sung and recorded with some of the world's finest musicians after being heard at a San Francisco speakeasy. She has recorded with Mike Lipskin - known as one of the world's finest stride jazz pianists and the phenomenal saxophonist Adrian Crutchfield.

As parents, concert organisers Yvonne and John Hart, feel proud that their daughter will be performing at Culmington Village Hall on **Saturday 15th November**.

At home she has performed with many musicians in Shropshire and beyond, even creating her own big band whilst still in her twenties. Since then she has performed all over the country and for many years has been running regular 'Singing for the Brain' sessions for the Alzheimer's Society.

Mimi has said that she is very excited to return to her home area especially after performing on VJ Day at Ludlow Castle. She will be bringing some wonderful musicians with her to Culmington. Three topflight musicians will be with her as *The Blue Notes*:

Simon Crowther has been playing piano since the age of eight and also plays bass and trombone. He has played in numerous bands over 50 years, with music ranging from rock and pop to blues, funk and jazz. He is currently pianist in the Blue Notes and with the Hereford Big Band.

Gary Santry began playing drums at the age of 11 in his local church. After two weeks he performed in north London in front of 500 people and loved it! Since then he has made a career out of music - playing mainly in Essex and London. He has experience in rock, jazz, dance music, cabaret, big band, shows and military playing. He has been playing and teaching in the Shropshire area for the last 35 years.

Peter Cabara is a fretless bass player whose grooves will get you moving. Well-renowned for his versatility as well as his deep passion for and commitment to music, Peter is unusual in that his many performance collaborations include music within a wide array of genres across the board. He has been performing internationally with many amazing musicians.

'Mimi (aka Naomi) has been brought up in our folk-singing home but, as a young teenager, decided her love for music lay in the blues and jazz genre and fell in love with music from the 1920s to 1940s - what a strange teenager, we thought! But here's the proof she was right.' said Yvonne.

She left the area four years ago and her home base is now not too far away from south Shropshire in the peaceful hills near Guilsfield in Mid Wales. A quiet spot for her away from the razzamatazz of the music world and national and international travelling.

Mimi and the Blue Notes, 7.30pm. Tickets £12 to include a glass of prosecco on arrival and canapés in the interval. Available from Yvonne or John on 01584 861 802 / 07845 142 563.

Sharon Walters

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP ROUNDUP

In August, the book group read *Between the Stops: The View of My Life from the Top of the Number 12 Bus* by Sandi Toksvig. By her own admission, this is a different style of memoir. In the preface she admits that she has never followed the crowd and didn't have it in her to write a chronological account of her life. Instead, we accompany her as she rides atop London's number 12 bus running from Dulwich in southeast London, near to where she once lived, to BBC Broadcasting House, where she has often worked. As she travels she hops off the bus to explore a local area and, while she does, ideas and memories pop into her head. For example, she comes across the Camberwell Islamic Centre, recalls taking a module on Islamic law while studying law at Cambridge and then remembers a trip to Sudan later in her life, reflecting on the position of women in Islam and returning traumatised by the violence and deprivation she encountered.

Some of her connections seem rather more random and others are a bit clunky but what one finds in this memoir is an insight into how this wonderfully creative and energetic woman's brain operates and how her life has unfolded. She has an insatiable curiosity and a comic eye for the irrelevant and irreverent. However, it would be misleading to give the impression that this is an account of completely random ramblings. There are threads in Sandi's writing which reflect the passions of her life, as well as the causes for which she has fought – for example, the world of the theatre, her concern to highlight the invisibility of women. How she wished there were more streets named after women! One finds refreshing honesty and integrity in her writing and we had respect for the courage with which she has dealt with prejudice and injustice. One theme in particular – her sexuality and the cruel treatment she has received over the years – journeys towards healing, in a very moving way.

The top deck of the number 12 bus has been a haven for Sandi, a place of reflection, usually of complete anonymity, offering her the opportunity to look out while at the same time looking in. It came as a surprise – but is this true of many comedians? - that this well-known, witty, clever entertainer is actually quite private and vulnerable. While some of us found her 'bobbing about' style irritating and others sensed the historical matter to be not completely reliable, we all expressed our respect for a woman who has been true to herself and who has delivered a unique memoir.

Faith Claringbull

September's read was *Take Away* by Angela Hui. This book explores life in a Chinese takeaway through the author's childhood and early adult life. Her family comprises her parents and two older brothers. She describes her father as uneducated and from a poor family, who had worked as a street hawker in Hong Kong from the age of thirteen, selling noodles. Her mother had escaped mainland China after experiencing severe food shortages during the cultural revolution. They left Hong Kong in 1985, and she was born in the UK in 1991. The family settle in Beddau, a village in the South Wales valleys, opening a Chinese restaurant on the auspicious date of 8.8.88.

Food is the glue that binds the book and the family together. It is the means whereby her parents reveal themselves and their emotions. Her father has a gambling habit and on more than one occasion when he loses his temper he brandishes a cleaver. Angela and her brothers have to step in to protect their mother. Remorse and apologies are absent, discussion or explanation avoided; instead, her father channels his energy into preparing a glorious meal that the family will unite in eating. Descriptions of food preparation and consumption are interwoven throughout the book and there is a recipe at the end of every chapter.

As a child, Angela resents the lack of privacy, the expectation that the children will act as translators, administrators, kitchen hands and delivery workers. She describes the cut and thrust of cafe life dealing with racist, abusive, manipulative and drunken customers. She is often embarrassed by her parents because they are so different from the parents of her friends. She is allowed less freedom than her brothers but hesitatingly develops friendships and appreciates a broader village culture of warmth and friendliness. She learns to flip between 'Chinese Angela' and 'Welsh Angela.' Due to their poor English, her parents cannot perform this flip, and this gives her some extra power which can serve to increase resentment in her parents.

When the takeaway is sold in 2018 after 30 years and her parents have earned enough to buy themselves a house Angela feels sadness and nostalgia as the keys to the takeaway get handed over and she reflects on her parents' work ethic and sheer determination that provided their children with the educational opportunities they never had. Opinions varied as to enjoyment. While some found it formulaic, others felt they had their eyes opened to the issues and stresses faced in trying to run a takeaway that they hadn't really thought about.

Clare McNally

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

Last month saw the choir hold a come and sing evening which allowed us to share how our practices work to potential recruits. Happily for us a few men came along to try us out, and hopefully, they will join up long-term. The door is always open, of course, for any others to join us who missed the event, just ring the number below for further information.

By the time of publication, we will have just sung a full concert at Habberley Village Hall, with monies going towards the hall's upkeep. Interesting fact, Habberley and its surrounding countryside was used by Mary Webb, the Shropshire novelist, in her 1916 novel, *The Golden Arrow*, although she named it Bitterley, not to be confused with the village of the same name near Ludlow!

We are now into full practice mode in preparation for

Christmas. Following the cancellation of last year's Christmas fayre due to the freaky weather conditions, we are delighted to have been asked, once more, to sing under the Corn Exchange on Saturday morning, **6th December** at 11am. Also, the choir will be holding its own Christmas concert again at 7pm on **Tuesday 16th December** at William Brookes School. This is a free concert with mince pies and mulled wine, a Christmas raffle and also a cash bar that will be open before and after the event. Stay if you'd like to enjoy a festive sing song in the bar. Tickets for entry are available from Penny Farthing in The Square as well as through choir members or by calling the number below. Please join us to get in the mood for Christmas.

Dick Langford, 01952 728 758, rlangfordchoir@gmail.com

BONFIRE NIGHT

WATCH OUT FOR BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE MAMMAL - THE HEDGEHOG!

What comes to mind when you think of the hedgehog? Is it Mrs Tiggywinkle, the hedge pig, the furze pig or if you are of a Shakespearian mind the urchin? In British folklore these delightful little creatures were deemed wise and benevolent and associated with good fortune. This is as good a reason as any to help preserve them, as sadly there has been a substantial decline in their numbers over the last fifty years.

A few facts about hedgehogs which might surprise you:

- After mating, the male hedgehog doesn't stick around. The females are left with all the work, bringing up the hoglets! A female usually gives birth to around four or five hoglets at a time and, because hedgehogs are generally very promiscuous, each litter may have several different fathers.
- Hedgehogs are born with their spines under a layer of fluid-filled skin. The fluid is then absorbed, and the spines appear.
- Hedgehogs don't have a flight or fight response. This is one of the few animal species that you can actually get really close to!
- They frown before they curl into a ball. When a hedgehog is first nervous it frowns, and it brings the spines forward over its eyes and its nose.
- Hedgehogs can be pretty speedy when they want to be. They actually have very long legs and can run really fast!
- Whenever a hedgehog comes across a pungent smell, they'll chew on the source of the odour and then spread the sticky saliva over their spines. It is assumed that it's to mask their own smell from predators.
- Humans are the greatest threat to the hedgehog. They get tangled up in nets such as fine netting in gardens and football nets, they can just get trapped and die. It's just a question of lifting that sort of stuff up away from the ground where they can get tangled up. Research also shows that some robotic lawnmowers can hurt and kill hedgehogs. It is advised not to leave them running at night when the animals are active.
- Hedgehogs can roam up to 2km every night seeking food.

How you can help conserve hedgehogs in your garden and on your land:

- Slug pellets are poisonous and should not be used - other garden pesticides are best not used or used sparingly as you never know what other creatures they might kill or make ill.
- Ponds and swimming pools can be death traps to mammals. So make sure there are gently sloping slipways

to allow animals to escape and make sure covers are put on swimming pools every night.

- Cattle grids or other deep holes such as drainage trenches can cause problems. Consider installing a hedgehog ramp!
- Hedgehogs are inquisitive and will try and eat almost anything so do remove litter and
- keep bags of rubbish for collection above the ground. Hedgehogs have been found with their heads stuck in tins and yoghurt pots!
- Provide a 5-inch x 5-inch hole at the base of your garden fence to allow access.
- When tidying the garden be careful that you don't injure hedgehogs by strimming and mowing or clearing up piles of leaves.
- Never feed hedgehogs on milk! Fresh water and meaty cat or dog food is okay.
- Bonfire night - hedgehogs hibernate from November and a pile of wood is an ideal hibernation spot! It's ideal to build the bonfire just before you light it or if this isn't possible light from one side to allow an escape route for anything you have missed!

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society has its 'hedgequarters' at Hedgehog House, Dhustone, Ludlow SY8 3PL. There is a wealth of information on their website www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk. They work in partnership with the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species www.ptes.org which is worth viewing for great content.

Sue Steer



WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our October meeting. Hopefully, we will all be able to get together in November. We will meet at the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms at 2.30pm for a 3 o'clock start on **Thursday 6th November**, for our belated anniversary meeting, where we will enjoy a cream scone afternoon tea.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254



THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW PREBENDARY IN HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

On a bleak and misty October Sunday afternoon, members of the Corvedale parishes, like twenty-first century versions of Chaucer's Canterbury pilgrims, descended by coach and car upon Hereford Cathedral. The reason for this joyous 'invasion' was the installation of our rector (or vicar in the case of Diddlebury), Rev'd John Beesley, as a Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral.

At this point I expect that many readers will be thinking 'and what is a Prebendary?' which is a very valid question. In simple terms, a Prebendary is an honorary canon of the Cathedral who has been awarded the post by the Bishop in recognition of outstanding service. In past times canons of the Cathedral received both an allowance from the common fund of the Cathedral and the income from a piece of property or *prebend*. John's prebend was known as *Prato Majore* (Greater Meadow in Latin), though the location of the meadow remains a mystery. The name is inscribed above the stall which he will occupy when attending services in the cathedral.

Income from prebends was abolished in 1840, and some cathedrals abolished the office completely. In addition to Hereford, St. Paul's London, Lichfield, Lincoln and Wells retained the title for the purposes mentioned earlier. Now that John has been admitted to his prebendal stall, he has become a member of the College of Canons. Apart from giving one sermon in the cathedral each year the duties are not onerous, although the college is responsible for electing new bishops. However, they have no choice in the matter as they are merely required to endorse the Crown's choice (rather like elections in certain foreign countries!).

The installation service was a wonderful blend of music and pageantry. The Cathedral Choir sang the service of Evensong beautifully, as one would expect, and chanted a selection of psalms as the Bishop and all the college led the

two newest prebendaries in a procession round the whole cathedral. Apparently this is a custom unique to Hereford, and it is indeed very impressive. I was particularly interested to see that when John and Rev'd Jeannetta Stokes, the new prebendaries, swore their various oaths before the Bishop, he was seated in 'King Stephen's Chair'. Although the attribution to King Stephen is spurious, the chair does in fact date from Stephen's time – the middle of the twelfth century. This makes it one of the half dozen or so earliest pieces of furniture in Britain, and it was most rewarding to see it still in use.

After the service and a cup of tea in the College Hall, we all made our way back to the coach, which was waiting for us in Broad Street, and on the dot of 5.25pm our driver, Mandy, whisked us back to the Corvedale while there was still some daylight left.

I am sure that all who attended the service found it most memorable and moving, and I think that the size of the Corvedale contingent bears ample witness to the affection and respect which John Beesley enjoys here. Many thanks to Rev'd Sharon Constable for organising the transport so efficiently, and to Mandy for such a smooth and safe run.

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Our next planned working parties are:

Wednesday 19th November, Friday 21st November, Sunday 23rd November

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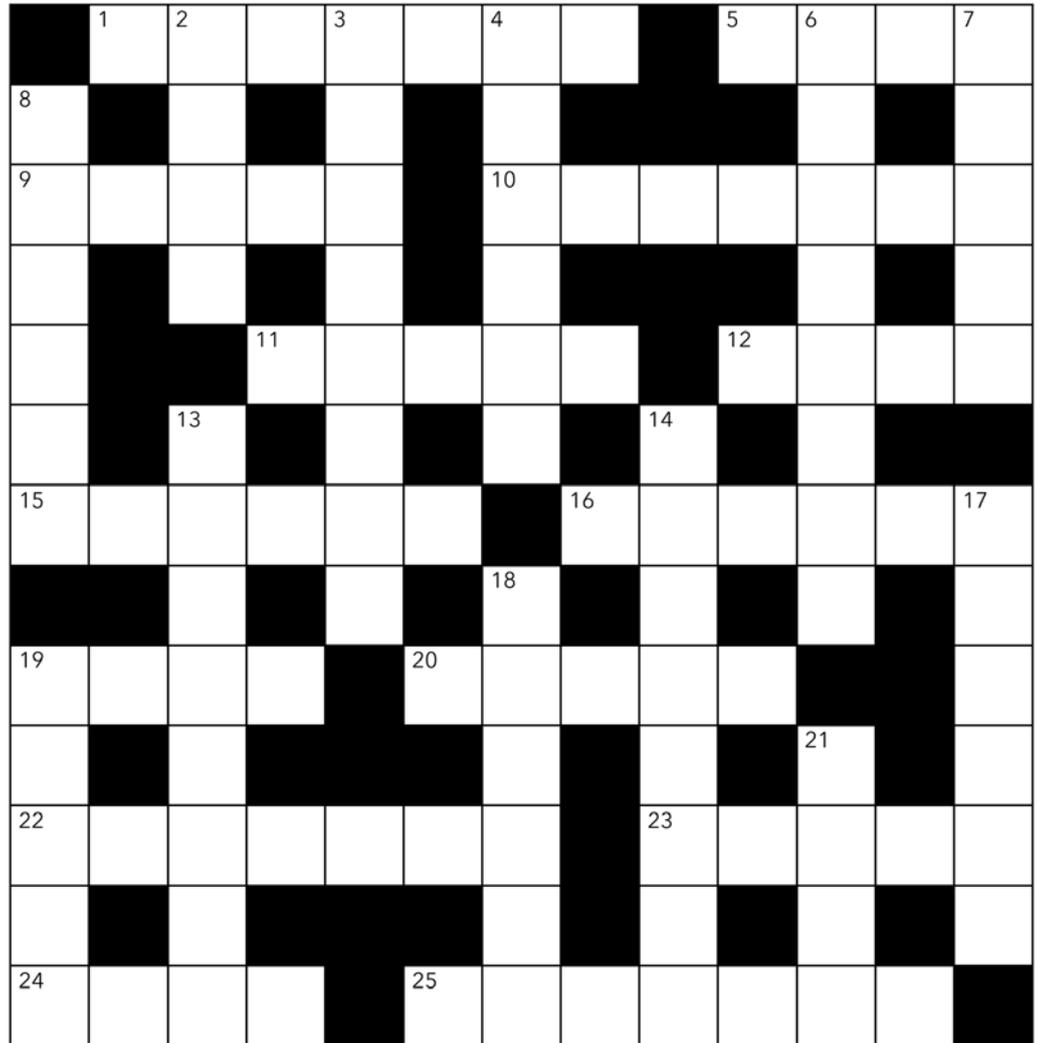
NOVEMBER CROSSWORD

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

ACROSS

- 1) *With 5 Across*, Inflate family pasties to make seasonal desserts (7,4)
- 9) Nothing left in average icy top of the world (5)
- 10) *With 20 Across*, Binge for thin way to celebrate a plot (7,5)
- 11) Nearly a bull is nearly a champion! (5)
- 12) Daybreak round magic waver (4)
- 15) Pry gum away from one of the seven (6)
- 16) Race towards vocation (6)
- 19) For goodness – wine from the east (4)
- 20) *See 10 across*
- 22) Enliven one plus one friend (7)
- 23) Confused composer could be something big (5)
- 24) Slog around the woods collecting them (4)
- 25) Retime, right round ancient fighting boat (7)



DOWN

- 2) *With 13 Down*, Unattractive baby bird turned into something beautiful (4,8)
- 3) Perhaps spins rap record of vegetable (8)
- 4) Sounds like sandwich filling is ingrained (6)
- 6) Copied Tim who was surrounded by a tide (8)
- 7) Make haste to see the film (5)
- 8) Seasonal jump (6)
- 13) *See 2 down*
- 14) Single composer has the Spanish gold (8)
- 17) Leaves that go into space? (6)
- 18) In, in King is straight (6)
- 19) Clothing worn by playwright trainee (5)
- 21) I'm below little Greece and it's serious (4)

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs D Hedgley, T O'Boyle, R Povall, A Watson, A Rattu, R Morgan, W Watts, S Povall and C Martyn.

In Attendance: The clerk, Corvedale cllr Colin Stanford, 14 members of the public.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd July 2025 were approved and matters arising were dealt with.

Reports: *The Chairman* reported on his attendance at the 'Shropshire Together' event, a forum for Shropshire Council staff, town and parish chairs and clerks to meet and mainly to discuss the proposal that town and parish councils should undertake more work (verge and hedge trimming, drain clearance etc) to be funded by their precepts. He had met Mr Ross to discuss DVH notice board issues. Additionally, he had spent much time preparing for the planning applications to be dealt with at this meeting.

Corvedale Cllr Stanford reported that SC's finances are so dire that the cabinet had considered declaring the council bankrupt. Cleobury Mortimer & Much Wenlock leisure centres were under threat of closure. Devolution was still a major issue. Town and parish councils were being asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to take on various works around their parishes to be funded via their precepts. The Call for Sites was underway, an initiative seeking land which could be developed for housing, to be included in the 2028 Local Plan. Shropshire and Telford hospitals were to amalgamate with Stoke-on-Trent, which would cause logistical and travelling difficulties. A Task and Finish Group was looking at Kier to see whether its highways contract should be reviewed, adjusted or cancelled.

Flood Action Group Report: Cllr Martyn had viewed a webinar event on riparian ownerships given by Kent CC which had reinforced his view that he needed to know who the Corvedale riparian owners were. He was still awaiting the flood gauge promised by John Bellis for the B4368.

Diddlebury Village Hall Report: Cllr Rattu had been unable to attend the recent DVH meeting but understood planning permission was not needed for a sign to be painted on the hall.

Westhope Village Hall: Mrs Worthington said the electricians were due to start work soon on installing new heating and fire alarms. She listed forthcoming events to be held at the hall. The Chairman complimented the WVH committee on how nice the hall was looking.

Planning: 25/02877/VAR and 25/02888/VAR- variations to existing planning permissions at Green Farm, Middlehope had been dealt with

via Standing Order 27 and had been supported by DPC.

25/02773/FUL – an application for the installation of five pods for additional wedding accommodation at Delbury Hall, Diddlebury was considered and supported by DPC.

25/02831/FUL – an application for the erection of a single garage attached to a new dwelling, Moat Hollow House, Bache Mill, was considered and supported by DPC.

25/03211/OUT – an outline application (to include access and scale) for the construction of three detached open market houses and relocation of the existing vehicular access to land south of B4368 at Corfton.

A number of Corfton residents had put objections to this application on the SC planning portal and many attended the meeting to voice their objections to it. The applicant was represented by his agent, Mr Shaun Jones. The Chairman outlined the recent history of planning in Corfton, outlined the basis of the many objections and then allowed objectors to voice their concerns. At his request Mr Jones spoke last, in support of the application and to address some of the objections raised to it. After due consideration DPC's councillors unanimously objected to the application and lodged detailed reasons for their objection with the planning officer.

Highways and Environmental Matters: Matters discussed included a long-damaged gate on a bridleway, flooding issues on the bridge on the B4368, possible dangerous trees on the bridge and area around the B4368 bridge, the wall in Bouldon which SC had taken six years to repair, and the difficulties with parking at the school/village hall following removal of two parking spaces. The school was looking to create two more spaces in the staff parking area.

Communications and Correspondence: Five items were considered and noted.

Finance Report for September 2025: Cheques totalling £652.20 were approved for payment, after which DPC held funds of £19,347.13 including ring-fenced and third-party funds. The cash book/bank statement reconciliation was approved by Cllr O'Boyle.

The provision of a notice board in Bache Mill was further discussed and Cllr. Martyn was asked to find a suitable board. The clerk reported on the 2024-2025 Audit, which had now been satisfactorily concluded.

There were no matters arising and the meeting was closed at 9.50pm

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 22nd October commencing at 7.30pm at Diddlebury village hall.

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL ON WED 1ST OCT 2025

Members Present: Cllrs Richard Arnold, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, Ed Povey, Stuart Rowbotham and Graham Williams.

In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Chairperson: Cllr Rowbotham was elected as chair.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs David Marston, Chris Meeson, Barbara Archer: Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Forum: No members of the public were present. A resident of Munslow Parish had contacted the council to state that they were not in support of public money being spent on village gateways.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd September 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

Reports: *Shropshire Council* – Cllr Stanford had sent a report. Shropshire Council had declared a financial emergency and the interim Chief Executive, Tanya Miles, had insisted that all non-essential spending must stop and all areas of council spending would be scrutinised to find savings. She had made it clear that if savings were not found the council would be in an illegal position and it would be taken over by central government. Cllr Stanford was pleased to see many potholes had been repaired and some larger projects being completed. Shropshire Council's Children's Services were recently acknowledged as 'outstanding' at their OFSTED inspection. This was recognition of the dedication and care by all the staff who often work in very challenging circumstances.

Munslow Village Hall – Cllr Dobson reported that they had just held the Macmillan coffee morning which had raised £180. The coffee mornings would be starting again soon. The Council had had a request for further documents to support the registering of the lease of the hall.

Planning: 25/03342/TCA Raise crown to 3m and remove overhang of 1 no. Yew (T1), crown reduce by 20% 1 no. Yew (T2), 1 no. Silver Birch (T3) and 1 no. Field Maple (T5), remove limb of Holly (H1) & fell 3 no. Ash outside boundary of address (T7,T8,T9) within Aston Munslow Conservation Area, 6 Aston Munslow, Craven Arms, SY7 9ER: the application was supported.

Memorandum of Understanding from Shropshire Council: The Memorandum would be signed.

Beambridge/B4368 Junction: A letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) had merely been acknowledged. The council understood that work would start on the building damaged in the incident in mid-October but resolved to write to Stuart Anderson, MP with a copy to the PCC, to ask that they push Shropshire Council to publish and enact the recommendations in the Shropshire Council report on the B4368, noting that the feedback on the draft report from Munslow Parish Council had highlighted the omission of any recommendations regarding the junction at Beambridge.

Village Gateways: The council had researched the effectiveness of village gateways and the cost for even small gateways would be in the region of £400 each plus installation. There would be ongoing issues of maintenance which the council would not be able to undertake as it was not authorised to work on the B4368. Members resolved that it did not consider that installation of small gateways on very narrow verges would be good use of public money.

New Tasks for the Environmental Maintenance Contractor: Cllr Williams reported that the regular clearing of the drain in Hungerford appeared to be preventing water running down the B4368. Cllr Fotheringham reported an issue with the ditch near the public car park in Aston Munslow which needed reporting on FixMyStreet. The contractor would be asked to clear the bus shelter, but this would be funded from the repairs/replacement budget rather than the environmental maintenance grant.

Annual Governance Statement Assertion 10: The Information Technology Policy would be adopted.

Generic Email Account: An email account clerk@munslow-pc.gov.uk would be purchased at a cost of £2.49 plus VAT per month.

Management of Assets: Repairs/replacement of notice boards in Aston Munslow and Broadstone: this would be deferred to the next meeting.

Tree Works in the Munslow Burial Ground: The council was waiting for planning permission to complete the works on two trees. The ash tree, which has some minor evidence of ash die back disease, will be reviewed quarterly.

War Graves: Mr Lewis (contractor) has completed the annual cleaning of the War Graves in the Munslow burial ground.

Emptying of the Waste Bin at Aston Munslow: Cllr Fotheringham

would ask the owner of the Swan Inn if Mr Lewis (contractor) could place the waste from the community car park bin in the Swan Inn bin.

Finance: The Reserves Policy was adopted. As of 18th August 2025 the bank account held £14,995.16 which reconciled with the cash book. The council was within budget with a slight overspend on insurance. Since the reconciliation, a savings account had been opened with Lloyds Bank and £9,305 transferred into it from the current account. Cllr Williams signed the bank reconciliation. Re-enrolment and re-declaration with the Pensions Regulator were agreed.

Payments were authorised to: D Lewis environmental maintenance and Commonwealth War Grave maintenance; British Legion wreath for Remembrance Day £30.00.

Health and Safety Policy: This was adopted.

Items for the Next Meeting: a. agree the purchase of salt spreaders b. agree repairs/replacement of notice boards. c. review the draft budget d. appoint the internal auditor.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th November 2025 at Munslow Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON 7TH OCTOBER 2025

Present: Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mr Ian Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Mr J Caine, Mrs J Disley, Mrs J Mear, and Mrs J Williams.

In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mr A Lewis, Ms J Watts: Cllrs C Stanford and J Owen (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None.

Public Involvement Session: Mr Andrew Mear reported that the desilting work on Seifton Brook on Mr Turley's land had been completed on behalf of Shropshire Council. Over a metre of silt and gravel have been removed from the exit of the pipe running under Seifton Lane and water is now running well. It was hoped that this would stop flooding on Seifton Lane. The Council would send a letter to Mr Turley thanking him for arranging for the work to be done on his land.

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September were approved and signed by the chair.

Blocked Bridleway: Cllr James Owen (Portfolio Holder for Housing and Leisure, Shropshire Council) had sent apologies due to ill health. The clerk would contact him for an update prior to the next parish council meeting.

Reports from Members: Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council) had sent a report. The council had declared a financial emergency and the interim chief executive, Tanya Miles, had insisted that all non-essential spending should stop and that all areas of council spending be scrutinised to find savings. In a statement this week she made it clear that if savings were not found the council would be in an illegal position and it would be taken over by central government. Work on our roads continued with the introduction of two 'multihog' vehicles and it had been pleasing to see many potholes repaired and some larger projects being completed. It was very good to learn that Shropshire Council Children's Services were recently acknowledged as 'outstanding' at their OFSTED inspection. This was recognition of the dedication and care of all the staff who often work in very challenging circumstances.

Cllr Mear (Village Hall Committee) reported that Care Coordinators from Station Drive Surgery would be coming to the Lunch Club on 16th October when individuals would be able to see them privately. West Mercia Neighbourhood Team would attend on 13th October. There were 107 entries for the Tractor Run which was very successful and she thanked everyone involved. The committee was looking at whether it would be possible to fence off an area of the ground to improve the safety of children at events as suggested by the parish council.

Cllr Disley (Flood Action Group) said that at the meeting on 2nd October Slow the Flow reported that they were making good progress with work at Seifton Bache, Burley Farm and Westhope. There was also work being conducted further up the Corvedale. Shropshire Council was looking at broken and blocked drains.

Memorandum of Understanding: The letter from James Walton (Executive Director, Shropshire Council) was signed.

Rural Crime and Speeding: Cllrs Seabrook, Alderson and the Clerk had met with Tracey Onslow from the Police and Crime Commissioners office to discuss the issues raised in the council's letter to her and the MP about the reduction in policing budgets and its effect. She would contact Nick Newton, Shropshire Council's Traffic Engineer, about improvements to road engineering on the B4368. She was in support of the changes to the speed limits in Culmington village proposed by Shropshire Council and would look at ways the PCC could assist. She would also ask the Rural and Business Officer (RABO) from West Mercia Police to visit the parish council to offer support with rural crime prevention.

Danger from vehicles on the B4368: The clerk had reported various overgrown, faded and missing signs on the B4368 to 'FixMyStreet', some of which had already been dealt with by Shropshire Council. Nick Newton had been asked to visit the area to look at what could be done to improve the road safety and Cllr Stanford was discussing with him support for the installation of 'children crossing' lights at Manor Adventure.

Police and Crime Commissioner Survey: Cllr Alderson would complete the survey on behalf of the council.

Policing Priorities for the next six months: The priorities would be farm thefts, speeding and wildlife crime.

Flood water from Seifton Lane on the B4365: It was hoped that the work conducted to desilt the drain which runs under Seifton Lane would prevent it from flooding. The Clerk would discuss further options with the landowners concerned.

Response from the Land Registry re Culmington Village Hall: The village hall committee had sought further information from Community Resource. Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

Review and Adopt Policies: Policies on Equality and Diversity, Grievance, and Health and Safety were adopted.

Finance: As of 18th August the bank account stood at £12,022.40 which reconciled with the cash book. Expenditure was within budget. As of 29th September expenditure was £5,552.92 and Income £6,534.81.

Choke kit, fencing for the village hall and defibrillator maintenance would be included in the budget for 2026-2027.

Payments were authorised to: H Coonick (clerk reimbursement - inks) £29.97; D Lewis (environmental maintenance) £156.75.

Items For The Next Meeting: a. Consider the draft budget b. review response from Shropshire Council re blocked bridleway c. consider the response to the Land Registry re: Culmington village hall d. consider further action re road safety on the B4368 e. update on repairs to the Vehicle Activated Sign near the village hall.

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 7pm

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ABDON PARISH COUNCIL

Date Of Next Meeting: 12th November 2025. Wendy Richards - Parish Clerk: abdonandheathclerk1@outlook.com Tel: 07813 271 274

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ACROSS: 1) and 5) Pumpkin pies 9) Polar 10) and 20) Bonfire night 11) Inner 12) Wand
 15) Grumpy 16) Career 19) Sake 22) Animate 23) Large 24) Logs 25) Trireme
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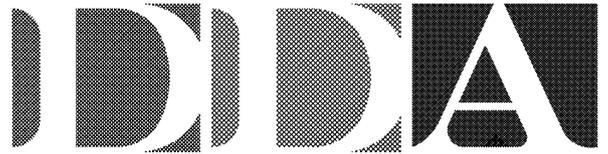
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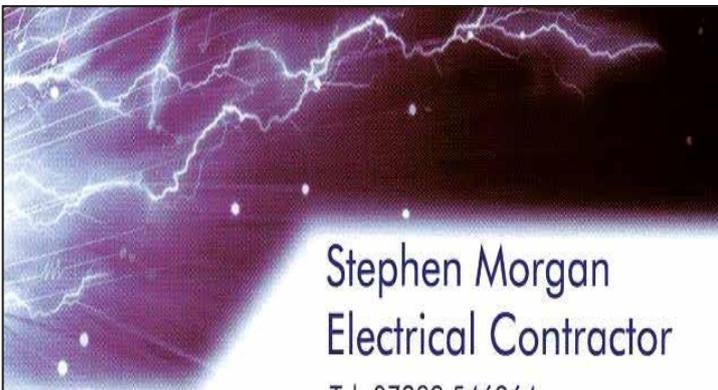
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CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2025

	2nd November All Saints	9th November 3rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance	16th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	23rd November Christ the King	30th November Advent Sunday
Abdon		9:00 HC		6pm Compline	
Broadstone					
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm EP	8:30 HC (BCP)	8:30 HC (BCP) at Diddlebury (said service – no hymns) 6pm Group Service of Advent Carols at Tugford
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	
Holdgate	8:30 HC				
Munslow	6pm EP			9:45 HC	
Tugford		10:50 Service of Remembrance	9:45 HC		

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

Tuesday 11th November – Armistice Day – 10:50am, Acts of Remembrance at the War Memorials in Diddlebury and in Munslow.