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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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# 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 14th May 2026**



**CORVEDALE ARTISTS**

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

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

 £8.00 per session

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


For further information telephone 01299 832 603

**CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP** 

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

Please contact Katharine Wale on 07866 408 897 or [katharinewale59@gmail.com](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.



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

**WALKS**  
**Sunday 10th May**  
 Grimley Gravel Pits, 10am

**TALKS**  
 Will resume in the autumn.

**Culmington Lunch Club**

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

 All for just £12

Bar 


Every third Thursday of the month  
 12.30pm for 1pm

**Culmington Village Hall**

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

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

**WHY NOT JOIN THE Friends of Diddlebury Village Hall**



Do you have a little spare time to help us in some way - but DON'T want to become a Trustee?

Or - do you just want to keep up to date with What's on at DVH?

Whichever you choose just email us at [diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com) and we'll send you all the details.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## MAY 2026

Sat 2nd	Spring Flower Festival	Munslow Church	2pm
Sun 3rd	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	Regal Theatre, Tenbury Wells	7pm
Tue 5th	Culmington Parish Council Annual Parish Meetings	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
Wed 6th	Westhope Clover Club Committee Meeting	Westhope Village Hall	3pm
Fri 8th	Diddlebury Church Plant Sale	Diddlebury Church Room	10am-4pm
Fri 8th	Pub 'n Food Night with The Indian Melting Pot	Diddlebury Village Hall	6.30pm
Sat 9th	Diddlebury Church Plant Sale	Diddlebury Church Room	10am-12.30pm
Sat 9th	Unfinished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.20am-12.30pm
Sat 9th	Corvedale Garden Group	Madresfield Court, Malvern	10am
Sat 9th	Edge Chamber Choir Concert	St John's Church, Ludlow	7.30pm
Sun 10th	RSPB Walk	Grimley Gravel Pits	10am
Sun 10th	The Beefy Boys	Culmington Village Hall	12 noon - 6pm
Mon 11th	Coffee, Cake and Cleaning	St Peter's, Diddlebury	10am - 11.30am
Wed 13th	Diddlebury & Westhope WI Day Trip	Brynkalnalt Hall, Chirk	TBA
Wed 13th	Munslow WI Meeting	Munslow Parish Hall	7.30pm
Thu 14th	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Thu 14th	Hayton & District WI Meeting	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri 15th	Grey Wolf and The Rotundas	Ludlow Brewery	7.30pm
Sat 16th	Defibrillator Training	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Sat 16th	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Coffee Morning & Plant Sale	Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock	10am
Sat 16th	Cash & Prize Bingo	Westhope Village Hall	7pm
Sun 17th	Burway Lane Open Gardens	Ludlow	12-4pm
Mon 18th	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
Tue 19th	Culmington Village Hall AGM	Culmington Village Hall	7.15pm
Wed 20th	Flicks in the Sticks: The Roses	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
Thu 21st	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
Sun 24th	Big River Watch Week	Various	
Mon 25th	Ludlow Rotary Duck Race	Ludlow	TBA
Wed 27th	Diddlebury Parish Council Annual Parish Meetings	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 30th	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm

## JUNE 2026

Mon 1st	Coffee, Cake and Cleaning	St Peter's, Diddlebury	10am - 11.30am
Tue 2nd	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
Wed 3rd	Community Lunch	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
Sat 6th	Nature Walk	Munslow Parish Hall	TBC
Sat 6th	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock	7pm
Wed 10th	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
Thu 11th	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Thu 11th	Hayton & District WI Meeting	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 13th	Unfinished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.20am-12.30pm
Sun 14th	Memorial Race Day	Westhope Village Hall	12 noon
Mon 15th	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
Wed 17th	Flicks in the Sticks: TBA	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
Thu 18th	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
Sat 20th	Village Walk	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
Wed 24th	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 27th	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm

### REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Every Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10am-11.30am
Every Mon	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
Every Mon	Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.15pm
Every Mon	Mini Moos - Baby & Toddler Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Corvedale Artists	Munslow Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Zumba	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Tues	Yoga	Westhope Village Hall	9.45-10.45am
Every Weds	Yoga (Currently Suspended)	Culmington Village Hall	6pm
Every Weds	Line Dancing	Onisbury 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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# WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

The **EDGE CHAMBER CHOIR**  
presents

## RACHMANINOFF 'Vespers'

Saturday 9th May at 7.30pm  
St John's Church, Gravel Hill, Ludlow SY8 1QU

Music Director: Ros Crouch

Rachmaninoff's 'All-Night Vigil' in 15 sections starts with music for 'Vespers' and moves towards music for 'Matins'. Although rooted in the tradition of liturgical music it is a concert work of the late Romantic era.

**Tickets: £12** in advance  
**£15** on the door  
(Under 18 free)

available from members  
of the choir and from

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GFWG>

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[www.edgechamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.edgechamberchoir.org.uk)  
Find us on Facebook



Ludlow Arts  
CASA/CAL

## PUB NIGHT @DVH



Friday  
8th  
May



Serving delicious homemade **Indian Cooking** to **EAT IN** our lovely village hall. Come and connect with old and new friends and welcome newcomers to **Our community** 😊

Meanwhile **Bar sales** will help raise vital funds to maintain and improve DVH facilities for us all enjoy

**Bar Stefano** from **18:30 - 22:30**  
**Food served** from **18:30 - 20:30**

## GREY WOLF and The ROTUNDAS

*The best of Americana and Black Country Folk*



Friday 15th May 7.30pm

Ludlow Brewery, Station Drive, Ludlow SY8 2PQ

Tickets £17

available direct from the Brewery (cash only)  
and via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/greywolf](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/greywolf)

## SEARCHLIGHT THE ROSES



**The Roses**, stars **Benedict Cumberbatch & Olivia Colman** in a **dark comedy** about a picture-perfect couple whose façade of their supposed ideal life descends into matrimonial war. Fierce competition and hidden resentment ensue when their careers take different paths.

The hugely entertaining verbal jousting between the two stars is both hilarious and dramatic. The film is a reimagining, with a British flavour, of the 1989 classic film *The War of the Roses*.

**WEDNESDAY  
20 MAY**

**Bar Opens: 19:00**

**Film starts: 19:30**

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

**Entry £5**

MOVIE  
NIGHT

@

DVH

For more information contact [bookdvh@gmail.com](mailto:bookdvh@gmail.com) Or 07396730342

# BURWAY LANE GARDENS

17  
MAY  
12-4

Eight new gardens  
raising funds for  
Ludlow Assembly Rooms.

Café  
Pizzas  
Plant sale  
Garage sale  
Artist gallery



Tickets: £5.50 advance from LAR / £7 cash on the day.  
No dogs please. Parking at Ludlow Cricket Club SY8 1DT

# DIDDLEBURY PLANT SALE

FRIDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
10AM – 4PM

SATURDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
10AM – 12:30PM

DIDDLEBURY CHURCH ROOM

CAKES FOR SALE – TEA AND COFFEE



# SPRING FLOWER FESTIVAL

Teas

Stalls

Draw

2-4pm

Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Munslow Church  
(SY7 9ET)

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR



COFFEE (and cake!)  
MORNING

— AND —

PLANT SALE

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



SATURDAY 16th MAY  
from 10am

*All welcome*

# DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

**COMING SOON!**

**May 8th**

**PUB & FOOD**

Have a drink with friends and neighbours and enjoy some truly delicious Indian food in our lovely Hall.

See advert for more details

For more information on  
**What's coming up @ DVH**

Scan the QR Code with your phone camera to take you to the Forthcoming Events page on our website: [diddleburyvillagehall.org](http://diddleburyvillagehall.org)











**MOVIE NIGHT**

**Wednesdays**

**20<sup>th</sup> May**  
**THE ROSES**

**17<sup>th</sup> June**  
**TBA**

<b>PUB 'n FOOD NIGHT</b>	Have a drink at <b>BAR STEFANO</b> then order some delicious homemade Indian food from <b>THE INDIAN MELTING POT</b> Pub 'n Food Nights enable our community to eat and drink together, to make new friends <i>and</i> raise vital funds for the maintenance of DVH	<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Bar 18:30 – 22:30</b> <b>Food 18:30 – 20:30</b>
<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b>	<b>THE ROSES</b> – Benedict Cumberbatch and Olivia Colman star in this excellent dark comedy. The hugely entertaining verbal jousting between the two stars is both hilarious and dramatic. A must see film	<b>Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Bar open 19:00</b> <b>Film starts 19:30</b>
<b>QUIZ NIGHT</b>	<b>The Last Quiz Night of the Season</b> <b>Come and see why we have such a loyal following!</b> Teams of 4 £10 per team. Booking is essential.	<b>Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Bar Open 19:00</b> <b>Quiz Starts 19:30</b>
	<b>The Corvedale Book Club</b> Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact: <a href="mailto:Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com">Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com</a>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>19:00</b>
	<b>Mini Moos Baby &amp; Toddler Group – term time only</b> £2.50 per Family	<b>Mondays</b> <b>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</b> <b>19.30 -21.30</b>
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	<b>Physiotherapist-led Pilates</b> Contact Beverley Chumber: <a href="mailto:beverleychumber@sky.com">beverleychumber@sky.com</a> 07967 814412	<b>Fridays</b> <b>9.15 - 10.15</b>

# WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

Work is progressing on our improvements with new internal doors fitted and the removal of the stage. Thanks to everyone for continuing to support us during the building work. The next phase is the installation of the bifold doors to create our warm hub and an upgrade to the audio visual equipment and hearing loop.

The front wall is being given a fresh coat of paint with the addition of a decorative picket fence and an improved notice board.

We had a very successful rummage sale with the car park nearly running out of spaces. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make it a successful morning.

Our next event will be the Cash and Prize Bingo on **Saturday 16th May**.

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

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Weekly Whist Drive

Every Monday, 7pm for 7:15pm start.

### Weekly Yoga

Every Tuesday, 9:45am

Enquiries Sue Pugh 07432 349 933.

### Monthly Skittles Evenings

Every 2nd Friday, 7:30pm

May – September.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Cash & Prize Bingo

Saturday 16th May, 7pm, eyes down 7:30pm

### Community Lunch

Wednesday 3rd June, 12:30 for 1pm.

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

Booking essential.

### Memorial Race Day Afternoon

Sunday 14th June

Opens at midday with food provided by 'The Pizza Girls'.

Racing starts at 2pm with a programme of eight races, a special auction race and grand prize draw. Price to be announced. In memory of Ellie, a great stalwart of Westhope who sadly passed away in October last year after a short illness. Proceeds to The Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust and Brain Tumour Research.

### Harvest Supper

Saturday 17th October.

Three-course home cooked meal with tea/coffee, £15pp.

Country music entertainment. Booking essential

### Newtown Male Voice Choir

Saturday 5th December, 7:30pm.

Booking essential

### Westhope Lotto 2026

£600 Prize Money to be won. Draws in June & December 2026. Ticket allows entry to both draws.

100 tickets available at £12 per ticket. 1st Prize £150, 2nd Prize £100, 3rd Prize £50. Proceeds to Westhope Village Hall.

### More events being organised...

All events include a licenced cash bar.

Enquiries & booking details: 07860 447 397.

## WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



The Clover Club met at Westhope village hall on Wednesday 1st April, our first meeting of 2026. We all enjoyed being together and sharing a delicious lunch with the Westhope community lunch group. Next month we have a committee meeting at Westhope village hall on **Wednesday 6th May** at 3pm.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

# CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Coffee Morning

Every Monday, 10am - 11.30am

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

Good company, free refills and biscuits!

### Bridge Club

Every Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm

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

### Yoga

Every Wednesday, 6pm - 7.15pm

**Please Note: Currently Suspended**

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

## MAY EVENTS

### The Beefy Boys are back again!

Sunday 10th May, 12 noon - 6pm

No need to cook Sunday lunch. Plus, Castle Farm Dairy ice cream van for dessert. Also, new afternoon entertainment with Shropshire Falconry.

### Culmington Village Hall Committee AGM

Tuesday 19th May, 7.15pm

Everyone welcome to come along. The hall is run for the local community by an enthusiastic team of volunteers who would welcome the input of ideas and help to maintain a varied programme of events throughout the year.

### Lunch Club

Thursday 21st May

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

## FUTURE EVENTS

### Lunch Club

Thursday 18th June

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

### Village Walk

Saturday 20th June

A circular route via The Swan Inn. Contact Jeff Williams 01584 861 848.

### Tabletop and Car Boot Sale

July

Details to be confirmed next month.

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# STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL

## WHAT'S ON IN MAY

### Bar Night Every Wednesday

Bar opens 8pm - late. Everyone welcome.

### Vintage Tractor Club

3rd Wednesday of the month, 7pm

### Community Coffee Mornings

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 10am - 12noon.

Join us for tea, coffee and delicious cake.

For more details contact Phyllis 01584 823 426.

### Hayton and District Women's Institute

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

For more details contact Phyllis 01584 823 426.

### Community Market

Last Saturday of the month, 10am - 12noon

Come along and see what our wonderful small businesses have to offer. We also serve tea, coffee and cake.

Follow us on Facebook - Stanton Lacy Village Hall Events

# ABDON VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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

Saturday 9th May, 10.30am - 12.30pm

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

### Coffee Morning

Saturday 30th May, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Our coffee mornings continue on the last Saturday of the month. Lively chat, coffee and, of course, cake!

### Abdon Village Hall Bookings

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

Margaret Buckingham: 01746 712 296

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# CHURCH NEWS

## LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

**Thursday 14th May** this year will be Ascension Day, a day we will mark with a service of Holy Communion at Broadstone at 7:30pm. It marks the day when we remember Jesus returning to heaven, forty days after his resurrection at Easter. For the disciples this must have been quite a challenging time – they had already thought they'd lost Jesus when he died on the cross, then they'd had the joy of his return to life and now they were losing him again. More than that, they had been instructed to go out and to preach the good news of God's love to all people – a daunting task and one they probably felt ill-equipped to take on. As we know, the Holy Spirit came upon them ten days later, something we will remember at Pentecost on 24th May. The effects of the Holy Spirit meant that this somewhat unlikely group of people was able to go out, to tell people about all that Jesus had taught them, and to begin a movement which would change the world.

The day of Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the church, and whilst we must admit that there are times when the church has got things wrong both historically and in our own time, it is still making a difference for good in many places around the world today. Despite all that has happened over the past 2,000 years, the basic task of the church is unchanged: we are here to share the message of God's love with all His people, those who know God already and those who don't. It is a message which is still very much needed in the world of today – as I write this there is a fragile ceasefire in the conflict around Iran and Russia has ended its Easter ceasefire in Ukraine. Most of us can't do anything much to affect either of these situations – or any of the other similar situations around the world – but we can come together to pray and to learn more about God, the God who knows us, who loves us, and who longs for us to know Him.

Rev'd John Beesley

## DIDDLEBURY CHURCH

The Diddlebury Church Plant Sale will take place on **Friday 8th May** from 10am until 4 pm and on **Saturday 9th May** from 10am until 12.30pm in the Church Room. There will also be cakes for sale plus tea, coffee, and biscuits.

Looking further ahead, Diddlebury Church will be holding a Traditional English Summer Fête on **Saturday 4th July** starting at 12 noon in Diddlebury village hall and on the school field.

Fundraising Group

## MUNSLOW CHURCH

The electrical work was completed in time for Easter, and we now have bright lights, reliable heating and a renewed system which will hopefully last for a good few years to come.

As a celebration of completing the works there will be a Spring Flower Festival on **Saturday 2nd May** from 2pm. Do come and join us!

Rev'd John Beesley

## FLOWERS & BRASSES - MAY

3rd	Pat Baynham	10th	Pat Baynham
17th	Janet Yapp	24th	Janet Yapp

## REGISTERS

### BAPTISM

28th March	Grace Eliza Tania Wrigley	Diddlebury
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### WEDDING

14th March	Deni Burrows & Simon Peterken	Diddlebury
10th April	Ashleigh Aris & Zuriel Thompson	Diddlebury

### FUNERAL

20th March	Beth Holgate	Westhope
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# NEWS FROM BROWN CLEE PPG

## (PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP)

The PPG holds four meetings a year, and anyone who is a patient of the practice can attend. Ideally, we ask that people contact the PPG ([brownclepppg@gmail.com](mailto:brownclepppg@gmail.com)) so that we can make sure we do not exceed the capacity of the hall.

Our meeting on Tuesday 21st April was well attended as we welcomed a speaker from Counterweight, an organisation which has been commissioned by the NHS to help people

diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. Katrina Campbell explained the help that is available to such patients.

In addition, the two new practice partners - Dr Wendy Matthews and Dr Clare Bravey, told us about recent changes in the practice and their plans for the future

Tina Ranson, Chair Brown Clee PPG  
[brownclepppg@gmail.com](mailto:brownclepppg@gmail.com)

# CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

If you know of a problem or issue with a local footpath, especially if it is on the Corvedale Three Castles Walk or the Shropshire Way, please contact the Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group. We aim to keep our footpaths accessible to local and visiting walkers and generally have up to three working parties per month.

New members are always welcome, so if you would like to join us for a one-off or longer-term commitment, please do get in touch.

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



# CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP

## WAINFIELD, ROSS-ON-WYE

A beautiful sunny morning saw several of us driving south of Hereford to Wainfield to meet Nick and Sue Helme and to visit their amazing spring garden: a sight not to be missed! We were given a warm welcome by Nick and Sue and their two friendly dogs. This three acre spring garden has been developed informally by Nick, a sculptor, artist and painter and his wife over several years. Nick started off describing his background and work history, from farming to art courses to a more recent love of gardening, where he started by using a JCB to establish a waterfall and a series of ponds. Around



the pond are squirting heron statues to ward off the real heron predators. Purchasing additional land led to the development of the more formal tree lined horse walk, dotted with colourful tulips, and later a woodland garden. The planting was relaxed and colourful with well layered planting from established and developing trees, (malus, medlar, hornbeam, magnolia, cornus, mulberry, a white Judas tree, and

climbers), a variety of common and more unusual shrubs, ferns and perennials with foliage of different textures and painterly underplanting of spring bulbs, including spikey blue camassias, species tulips, bluebells, erythronium, trillium, and meleagris. The parking area had beds of heather, a wisteria above the garage and the art studio, where Nick paints and makes plaster casts for his bronze, metal and wooden sculptures and paints. The sculptures are both placed around the garden and exhibited locally and nationally. The visual feast was capped by coffee and three sorts of delicious cakes made by the local WI. I will hope to return later in the season to enjoy the summer planting and the roses in bloom in the herb garden.

The group will next have the rare opportunity to visit the beautiful, moated house (1865) and garden at Madresfield Court, near Malvern, WR13 5AJ on **Saturday 9th May** at 10am. We hope the iris and peonies will be in bloom. (£17.50pp includes tour and refreshments). To reserve your place, as spaces are limited, please contact Alison Benbow at [corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com](mailto:corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com) asap.

Cath Burley  
[cathburley@hotmail.com](mailto:cathburley@hotmail.com)

# MUNSLOW PARISH NATURE RECOVERY PLAN

## SUPPORTED BY THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS LANDSCAPE TRUST



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Firstly, thanks to all of those in Munslow parish who took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch in January. Seventeen households in the parish submitted results and the most frequently seen species were blue tits, great tits, sparrows, dunnocks, blackbirds, jackdaws, robins and woodpigeons. Three households even had a sparrowhawk land in their gardens during the birdwatch. Pictured are Lili and Brian Sanders who won the participants' prize draw being presented with their packs of bird food by Jen Brown.

Secondly, great news! Our application to the Shropshire Hills National Landscape for funding has been approved in full. This means we will coordinate a series of events and citizen science projects over the coming year to encourage local people to develop their knowledge of the natural world around us and encourage us to support the wildlife in our parish.

### Key Dates For Your Diaries

Big River Watch - 24th - 30th April 2026

Nature Walk and Tea - Munslow Parish Hall - 6th June 2026

Big Butterfly Count - 17th July – 9th August 2026

Habitat Box Building Day – Munslow Parish Hall – 10th Oct 2026

We need your support!

Please try and join us on these projects.

### Big River Watch - 24th-30th April

We are encouraging people to take part in The Rivers Trust Big River Watch in the **week beginning 24th April**. To take part follow the link [www.theriverstrust.org/take-action/the-big-river-watch](http://www.theriverstrust.org/take-action/the-big-river-watch) and download the app. Then spend just 15 minutes observing your local river and answering the questions on the app about what you can see: from plants

and wildlife to signs of pollution. There are in-app nature and pollution guides to help you here.

### Nature Walk - Saturday 6th June

A reminder of a great opportunity for all the residents of Munslow parish. On the afternoon of **Saturday 6th June** Grant Wilson and Ian Cheeseborough from the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre in Craven Arms will be leading a wildlife walk from Munslow parish hall in Beambridge. They will help residents identify birds, insects, trees and plants and explore our natural surroundings. We are keen to encourage people of all ages with a special welcome for families. The walk will be followed by afternoon tea back at the parish hall (donations welcome). We need to know numbers in advance for catering purposes so please book places by emailing [sskelby@outlook.com](mailto:sskelby@outlook.com).

Sara Kelby  
For the Munslow Parish Nature Recovery Group

# ACTON SCOTT HERITAGE FARM

## VISITING AND VOLUNTEERING

Hello to all those who loved taking their children/grandchildren to Acton Scott Heritage Farm before it closed. I am included in this, so I thought an update from someone who enjoys volunteering there was a good idea. So, here goes, with an insight into visiting the farm and being a volunteer for anyone who may be interested in coming along.

As a visitor I took my daughter and her two young children there on Easter Monday and they loved it in the same way my children did all those years ago. There is plenty to see and do including the fabulous Shire horses Edward and Bernie, the Gloucester Old Spot pigs Dulcie and Joan. Dulcie amused us with her snores and Joan had delivered three enchanting piglets the night before, Golden Guernsey goats, geese, hens, and chicks, and of course the Dairy Shorthorns and the adorable Shropshire sheep with their cute lambs. There is butter making in the dairy on some of the open days and you can come into the bailiff's cottage to see what the bailiff's wife or granny bailiff is up to. There is a play barn too (who knew my grandson had such a good aim) and all things spinning and weaving can be seen in the fleece barn. There is also a play area and a great café (open Wednesday - Sunday even when the farm is closed), so a great outing overall and I will certainly be taking them again. There are specialist weekends to come, and workshops too so check out the website for details: [www.actonscottheritagefarm.org.uk](http://www.actonscottheritagefarm.org.uk)

The farm is open 10am - 4pm every Saturday/Sunday and bank holidays until 1st November and Wednesdays to Sundays in the school holidays.

So, on to volunteering. Those of us who volunteer do it because we love the place and we are a friendly, enthusiastic, and expanding team committed to making the farm a success. It is a charity so relies on us for all sorts of tasks both small and large and I have done many things from tour guiding, cooking on the range as the bailiff's wife (well probably, granny) to weeding, cleaning and our favourite task of raking leaves, no skills needed for most of the tasks just enthusiasm. We also have a 'Sewing Bee' once a month where we make costumes and other essential items and work on our patchwork and rag rugging.

Volunteering is great fun, social and rewarding, if you fancy coming along for an hour or so, or longer then please follow the directions for volunteering on the website and we would love to see you. Volunteer days are usually Wednesdays, and the 'Sewing Bee' is the first Wednesday of every month.

For more details see [www.actonscottheritagefarm.org.uk](http://www.actonscottheritagefarm.org.uk) or please email [sabrina.cleevly@ashf.org.uk](mailto:sabrina.cleevly@ashf.org.uk) with any questions about volunteering.

Alison Benbow



## CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

### BLOW TRUMPET, FOR THE WORLD IS WHITE WITH MAY

May is the month of blossom, white but if you look you will see different whites. Spot the lovely cherry, 'hung with bloom along the bough' as our very own Shropshire poet, A E Housman wrote. The cherry is soon joined by the apple trees, white tinged at the edges with pink, the crab apple and even the pear is worth a quick look at. The April hawthorn is still in bloom and will be changing whites until June.

So, with good reason to get out this month, with milder weather and hopefully some sunshine too, what is your excuse? I have a few suggestions about where you might go. Given what I am involved with, it will not surprise you that the local churches and their churchyards are top of my list. There is so much to see and hear in these places, and it is all free for you.

The Churchyard Task Teams from Caring for God's Acre will be all over the county as usual this month, and anyone is welcome to turn up and take part or just watch what is going on. So from the fifth onwards they will start May in Clungunford and the following day in Acton Scott. Clungunford is like a large field so some scythers will be cutting grass, trying to avoid the flowers still in bloom like the cowslips which we are so fortunate to have in abundance in Shropshire. In Acton Scott there should be bluebells still in bloom and ivy to cut back.

The following week the teams will be in Stoke St Milborough on Tuesday the 12th and Kynnersley cemetery, just north of Telford, on Thursday. At Stoke St Milborough you can check out the churchyard and the nearby Holywell, dedicated

to St Milburgha, our own Shropshire saint. Culmington is the place to be the following week (19th). This church has Saxon origins in abundance, which means you can stand by a wall of herringbone bricks which are 1500 years old and still standing. I am sure embroiders and needleworkers will recognize this pattern immediately. (nearby Diddlebury has an even bigger wall like this) On the Thursday 21st the team will be scything the ground in Cressage and the same will happen in Knowbury on the 26th and Buildwas of the 28th. There is so much going on and just down the road from many of us.

In the north of the county, the church at Petton will be celebrating the feast day of one of their saints on the 16th May. It is an extraordinary building which only acquired a dedication to St Raphael and St Isadore as a treat for the millennium but goes back four hundred years. It has had all sorts of additions and changes in that time too. Next year it will celebrate its 400th birthday.

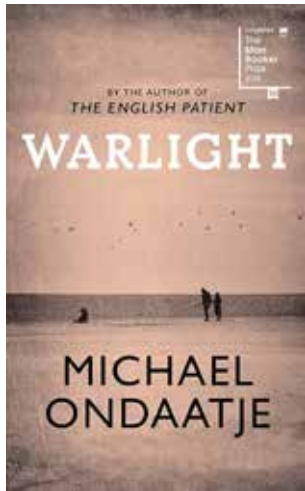
I could go on forever! I will be starting May on a coach trip organized by Shropshire Churches Tourism Group visiting four churches and a pub for lunch, and all for £35. Another outing planned for September/October. Perhaps I will meet you on it but in the meantime go out in your local area enjoying the treasures we all too often take for granted.



Anni Holden Calver  
Secretary of Shropshire Churches Tourism  
Group and Trustee of Caring for God's Acre  
[www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk)

# CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

## WARLIGHT BY MICHAEL ONDAATJE



Michael Ondaatje also wrote *The English Patient*, which is one of my favourite films, so I had high expectations and wasn't disappointed. The group almost universally gave it four out of five for readability/writing style. It begins with 28-year-old Nathaniel narrating: *In 1945 our parents went away and left us in the care of two men who may have been criminals.* The parents continued to explain to Nathaniel (14) and Rachel (16) that their father had received a promotion to take over the Unilever office in Asia,

and they would be going to Singapore. Their mother, Rose, said that in the school holidays they would be looked after by a guardian whom the children had nicknamed 'The Moth', a shy, humble man who was her colleague and who lodged on the third floor. Rose stayed on for a few days to settle the children back into school and made a great play of filling her trunk for the new life ahead.

In this period Rose began to tell them about her childhood in Suffolk and the family of thatchers who lived on the roof - one teenage boy, Marsh, fell off and injured himself badly and ended up staying with her family until he recovered. They also learned that Rose and Moth were firewatchers in the birds' nest on the top of the Grosvenor hotel. The children became aware that their mother was more knowledgeable than they had thought. Rose then leaves hurriedly much to Rachel's dismay. They return to boarding school but are unable to settle. They return home and meet Norman Marshall, The Pimlico Darter, who is involved in dog racing. Moth arranges for them to return to school as day pupils, returning home to eat on the street with Moth, who apparently worked at the Criterion hotel - he is described as 'a man of many doors'.

Towards the end of the first winter the children discover their mother's trunk in the cellar, covered by a tarpaulin. Moth told them he was in touch with their mother and their father was in Singapore. Rachel vanishes briefly and begins to lead a separate life. Moth explains that their father had been damaged by the First World War and that Nathaniel had once run away and stayed with him as a younger child.

They learned the word 'schwer', used in musical scores to mean heavy or difficult, and Moth suggests they need to be prepared for life to be like that. The first section of the book describes their adjustment to their new lives, which takes them some time and leaves them wondering what had happened to their mother. They began to believe that the secretive left-wing Moth is dangerous. He finds Nathaniel a job as a lift boy, then a dishwasher and Nathaniel begins to bridge the strange, isolated world between adolescence and adulthood. The children wonder if their mother is in prison. Rachel develops epilepsy and Moth begins to disappear for a few days at a time. Olive Lawrence, a woman associated with the Darter, appears at the house. She is a noted geographer and ethnographer. They seem an unlikely match, but Olive's calmness and knowledge gives them some security. Nathaniel then begins his first sexual relationship with Agnes Street, whom he meets in unlet properties on her estate agent brother's portfolio, and he 'helps' the Darter with his weekend work on the backwaters of the Thames, ferrying illicit greyhounds. The first half of the book appears as disjointed as their upbringing must have been.

In the second half of the book, they find some answers. As an adult, living in a cottage with a walled garden, Nathaniel discovers his mother was a radio operator and an eminent spy and begins to piece together her life. It fills in some of the gaps in his memories. More of his past begins to make sense as he discovers the context for some of the people around him. Nathaniel discovered they had had several protectors in those early years. Nathaniel eventually lives for a time with his mother as an adult and learns a little more about her role in intelligence and as a partisan and spy and begins to recognise their complex feelings for each other. Rose persuades a local gardener to offer Nathaniel a job, and he becomes a more secure father figure and protector. It turns out the protection was needed when the partisans come for revenge... As Nathaniel uncovers more of his parents' history, he discovers the layers in relationships, the half-heard things as a child which made limited sense at the time, the changing roles of women and men during the war, the legacy of war - which never ends. A pertinent book for our times. There was a great deal to talk about. The book was very readable and left us wanting to solve the mysteries.

Cath Burley  
cathburley@hotmail.com

## MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

The choir will be performing at the Regal Theatre in Tenbury Wells on **Sunday 3rd May**. Tickets available from the venue. The theatre was converted from an existing building on Teme Street and opened as a cinema in 1937. Although closure thirty years later brought uncertainty, the theatre was rescued from demolition for a car park and is now run by a very proud and dedicated team of volunteers and we look forward to helping them keep the venue alive.

Our coffee morning and plant sale take place in Holy Trinity church, Much Wenlock on **Saturday morning, 16th May**. Please find time to drop in and support our fundraising and

enjoy some lovely homemade cakes too!

Our main 'home' concert of the year will take place on **Saturday 6th June** at 7pm, again, in the church. We will be delighted to welcome the Narberth, Pembrokeshire based ladies' choir, Serendipity, who are touring Shropshire following their very successful appearance in the inaugural Welsh Festival of Female voices featured on BBC Wales recently. Tickets are £12 from choir members or Penny Farthing in The Square in Wenlock. The evening will feature both choirs singing individually and together. Hope to see you there!

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

In April, Claire Brenthall gave a fascinating talk about her work as a Shropshire Deputy Lieutenant to the joint meeting of the Munslow and Diddlebury & Westhope WIs at Munslow parish hall. She began by clarifying the difference between sheriffs and Lord Lieutenants. The office of sheriff dates from Saxon times and is now an annual appointment; it represents the judiciary. The office of Lord Lieutenant is more recent, having been instituted by Henry VIII. Because of the Reformation Henry lost the support of many of the landed gentry, who remained Catholic, and so needed a network of high-ranking loyal men, now Protestant, to raise both manpower and money for his war efforts. The role was revived and extended by Elizabeth I who enshrined the role in law and created Deputy Lieutenants.

In Shropshire today the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs. Anna Turner, has a Vice Lieutenant and thirty-one deputies. Claire is responsible for the Much Wenlock area. She attends Remembrance Day services, military events, citizenship ceremonies, and many charitable functions. A key role is to be what Claire described as 'the eyes and ears of the king.' She looks out for people who are making major contributions to the community. She mentioned one man, for example, who raised thousands for charity, despite his visual impairment. People can be recommended for individual national honours or for the

King's Award for Voluntary Service or Enterprise. Claire is part of a team responsible for preparing the paperwork for candidates and their recommendations are then forwarded to the relevant government departments in London.

King Charles is especially concerned to promote integrated communities. Hence the lieutenants represent the king by attending British citizenship ceremonies. Claire has enjoyed collaborating with communities like the Muslim women's group in Dawley and with interfaith groups, such as the Craven Arms abattoir which quietly raises as much as £400,000 per year for charities in line with the Islamic code of giving.

Claire was asked if she was paid, but no – the work is entirely voluntary. And, unlike the sheriff, the post only ends with retirement at 75! It was a very enjoyable evening, and we were all extremely impressed with Claire's commitment and with her obvious enthusiasm for her role.

Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 13th May** at 7:30pm at Munslow parish hall. Louise Reynolds will be talking about the triathlon. Please contact our secretary, Val Hardwick, at [sparchford@btinternet.com](mailto:sparchford@btinternet.com) if you would like more information.

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

## HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

Thank you to Ludlow Community First Responders (CFR) Jo Goldsmith & Kate Moss for an informative and hands on evening. We learnt a great deal and it increased confidence in responding to incidents should the need arise.

All CFRs are volunteers and have been trained in advanced first aid by West Midlands Ambulance Service to respond to 999 emergencies in the local area, providing vital, immediate care for life-threatening emergencies such as CPR and defibrillation until the arrival of an ambulance crew.

Beyond responding to 999 calls, CFRs actively promote health & well-being within the local community, by conducting CPR and defibrillator awareness and training sessions for schools, workplaces and community groups.

Each CFR scheme is financially self-supporting and so relies on its own fundraising, community donations, local businesses and individuals. Funds raised go directly toward purchasing lifesaving equipment, uniforms and vehicles.

For further information visit – [www.ludlowcfr.co.uk](http://www.ludlowcfr.co.uk)

## WHAT'S ON IN MAY

**Thursday 14th May** 7.30pm at Stanton Lacy village hall. Guest Speaker: Les King 'Cornflakes with Whisky' - Tales of Policing.

We are delighted to welcome author Les King as our guest speaker. Les's book *Cornflakes with Whisky* is an affectionate and humorous gallop through his four decades of community policing across the Midlands counties of England, from the dinosaur days of the 1970's 'Life on Mars' era until his retirement in 2003.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at Stanton Lacy village hall. We enjoy a varied programme of speakers and activities in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. New members and visitors are always welcome, so come along on the night or contact us for more information.

President: Phyllis Steventon - 01584 823 436

Secretary: Jennette Arnold -  
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## ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?

Contact the editor to include your v poster in the next edition:  
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## PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Don't forget that we still need photos for our cover page. Send us your photos, from landscapes to local events.

We are looking for pictures that capture the essence of living in the Corvedale and surrounding community.

Please ensure your images are of the highest resolution.

Please send all photos to: [colin.pitcher@hotmail.com](mailto:colin.pitcher@hotmail.com)

# DIDDLEBURY TREATMENT WORKS

## IMPROVING WATER RESILIENCE AT DIDDLEBURY TREATMENT WORKS

PROJECT REF: A7W/14536



We're getting in touch to let you know about some important work that will soon be taking place at Diddlebury Treatment Works. We want to explain what we're doing, why it matters, and how we'll work with you to keep disruption to a minimum.

### Why are we doing this?

Every 10 years, our drinking water tanks must be inspected to make sure they continue to meet the highest standards and protect the quality of your water. These inspections help us spot any issues early and carry out repairs proactively, before they have any chance of affecting supply. To carry out this inspection safely and to protect your water supply during the inspections, we need to temporarily transfer the water from our main tank into three above-ground temporary tanks that operate together as one complete system.

### A smart, reusable solution.

The three temporary tanks we're installing are unique pieces of equipment. They can be removed after the inspection and used again at other sites that may need support in the future. This means the investment has a wider benefit across the region, reducing waste and helping us work more efficiently.

### Working with your community in mind.

We understand that construction work can sometimes bring noise or activity to the local area. Our team is committed to keeping disruption to a minimum. To help with this:

- All work will take place between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday and we expect the work to take around five months to complete.
- We will avoid unnecessary noise and keep vehicle movements as low as possible.
- We will continue to communicate openly throughout the project.

This work is all about protecting the safety, reliability and quality of the water you rely on every day. Your patience and support means a great deal to us as we ensure a resilient water supply into the future.

### Who do I contact about the work?

- You can contact me on 07483 529 258 between 8:30am - 4pm or email us at [communitycomms@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:communitycomms@severntrent.co.uk) - please quote the project title Diddlebury Treatment Works.
- You can visit our Planned Improvements website at [www.stw.works](http://www.stw.works)
- If you experience any issues with your water or sewerage service while the work is being done, please call our 24-hr operations centre on 0800 783 44 44.

Marcus Willday  
Customer Communication Officer

# THE NEW DIDDLEBURY PARISH WEBSITE

Diddlebury parish website has moved, been updated and revised to include new features.

Firstly, the new web address is [www.diddlebury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.diddlebury-pc.gov.uk)

The website is primarily to support the parish council and communicate its business.

The council section features sections on 'meet your councillors,' and the dates of their meetings. The meeting agendas, and the minutes are published as are records of the parish finances, and its budgeting. Included are the historic records going back some years.

The website features a new 'planning tracker' which automatically updates from Shropshire council's planning portal with all the applications and their status for Diddlebury parish.

The Corvedale church services are listed as before.

There is a section dedicated to the footpaths, walking routes and the work of the volunteer footpath maintenance group.

Included is a helpful community directory of contact numbers for local businesses.

The two village halls in the parish have sections giving contact details and include dedicated calendars and booking forms.

Events outside of these village halls are published in an events calendar.

The Diddlebury Flood Action Group has an action plan, a resilience document, and a guide of steps to take to protect

properties, including emergency numbers.

Corvedale News magazines are archived at the end of each month.

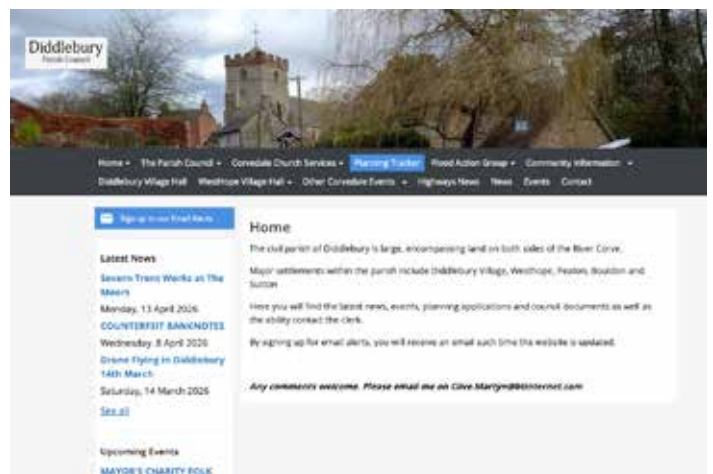
Other sections are News, Corvedale Show details, Highways closures and more.

If you want to be kept updated automatically sign up with an email and get a nudge each time the site is updated.

The new site has already had over three hundred hits as of mid-March.

Any other suggestions / comments would be welcome.

Clive Martin  
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# LUDLOW ROTARY GETS ITS DUCKS IN A ROW!



Following the success of Ludlow Rotary club's duck race over the past two years, which together raised over £4,500 for worthy causes, the club will be holding another on **Bank Holiday Monday 25th May**.



This fun event is being arranged to raise funds for Ludlow Rotary Cares, the club's community grants scheme, and other Rotary causes.

All told, there will be four 'duck races' beginning at 11am with everyone who sponsors a duck for £2.50 having the chance to win £100 if theirs is the first across the winning

line.

There will be plenty of opportunity to cheer on the ducks from the banks of the river on the day.

Organising a duck race is not always straightforward as Ray Cork of Ludlow Rotary explained, "Last year the river flow was so slow due to low rainfall that we had to shorten the course so that the races didn't take all day. Even so, with the encouragement and cheering from the crowds, some of our helpers in canoes had to use their paddles to encourage the ducks towards the finish line. We're hoping that this year the ducks will be able to cover the full course unaided."

Ducks will be available to sponsor on the day, but queues may be avoided by sponsoring them in advance online at [www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk](http://www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk) or by using the QR code on the posters displayed around the town, or at our market stall in the days leading up to the event.

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from the kitchen of Liz Jones

At some time in the late 1940s my mother was given a book entitled 'Patsy's Reflections'. It comprised strip cartoons from the *Daily Mirror* about the newly-wed Patsy and how she learned to cook, with help from her mother, friends, and neighbours. One of the recipes which I liked was honey biscuits, and it included dried egg.

Food was rationed both during and after the war and fresh eggs were in short supply. We used to get tins of dried eggs imported from the US (if my memory served me correctly – and it is nearly 80 years ago! – the tins did not have labels and had instructions on them in pale blue writing). When food became more plentiful the supply of dried eggs dried up (so to speak) and so did the honey biscuits.

The book has long since disappeared but a couple of years ago, whilst idly browsing the internet, I came upon a wartime recipe for honey biscuits which looks remarkably the ones I remember. A further search revealed that you can substitute arrowroot (from most supermarkets) for dried egg.

So here it is. Like many wartime recipes there are few ingredients and it uses margarine instead of butter, but you can use either.

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 ½ oz margarine
- 1 oz sugar
- 1 dried egg, dry (2 tbsp arrowroot)
- 2 tbsp honey (not runny)
- 6 oz self-raising flour
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- Pinch of salt

## METHOD

1. Cream the margarine and sugar and beat in the egg/arrowroot.
2. Add the honey.
3. Work in the flour, cinnamon and salt.
4. Roll out until ¼ inch thick and cut into rounds.
5. Place on a greased baking sheet, and bake in a moderately hot oven (175°C) for about 10 minutes till just coloured.

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# DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Courtesy of a campaign run by the British Heart Foundation, Corfton now has its own community defibrillator, located on the garage wall of Lower House in Lower Corfton, accessible from the lane at all times and glowing in the dark to help you locate it.

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Face-to-face training, is therefore, being offered both for first timers and for anybody who has attended training in the past and might benefit from a refresher, whether you would access a defibrillator in Corfton, Westhope, Diddlebury or anywhere else in the world.

The training is provided, at no cost to attendees, by West Midlands Ambulance Service and will take place at Diddlebury village hall on **Saturday 16th May** starting at 10am and lasting for two hours. There will be a break at the mid-point when refreshments will be served.

Obviously, there is a cost to providing this service, borne by us, indirectly, as taxpayers and it would be both unfortunate and a waste if we organised the training and nobody came. So, it would be good if you could email [corvedaledefibtraining@gmail.com](mailto:corvedaledefibtraining@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend.

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Mark Turner



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## PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG

There has been a notable increase in dog fouling throughout the area and especially in and around Diddlebury village. Whilst most dog owners are responsible citizens and clear up after their dogs there are obviously some people who are not adhering to the law.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, but also dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizure and can cause salmonella in cattle.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

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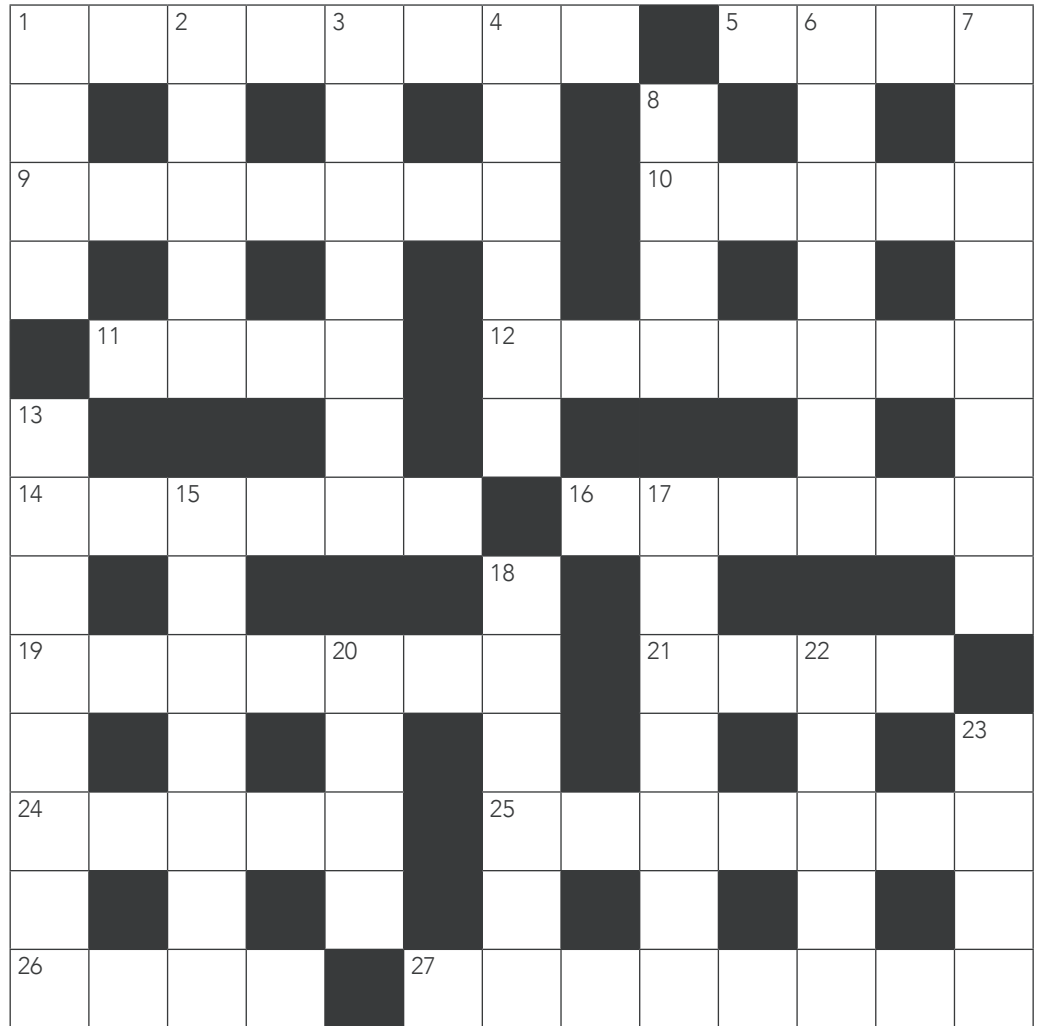
# MAY CROSSWORD

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

## ACROSS

- 1) Pooh's illustrator looks after the lambs (8)
- 5) Initially she came out there, living North of the border (4)
- 9) Harry leaves the theatre and Ed joins to help oil the way (3,4)
- 10) The larger Urals are mainly in the countryside (5)
- 11) Animal doctor has zero power to block decision (4)
- 12) Nothing in pub on the track – not at all (2,2,3)
- 14) Size of former shelter (6)
- 16) Draw around synthetic fabric (6)



- 19) Some junk emptied from untidy place (7)
- 21) Little boy follows little Maureen to find the magic (4)
- 24) Wood join turned for musical group (5)
- 25) Tea with insects? A nice cup, though (7)
- 26) Starts to eat a stale teacake in the orient (4)
- 27) Dear Tess sort of declared wixth confidence (8)

## DOWN

- 1) Damaged ties here (4)
- 2) Avoid the first woman holding a poster (5)
- 3) Hoop ran round spear (7)
- 4) Put right again the damaged red tie (2-4)
- 6) Old vehicle on road – an old one? (7)
- 7) Tom joining numbers that add up (8)
- 8) Smooth metal? (4)
- 13) Order ill queens to church....(8)
- 15) ....now that the king sat up around proceeds (7)
- 17) A politician in a rage and out to destroy things (7)
- 18) Joins bits of trees (6)
- 20) Mark opens the eighth initial speck (4)
- 22) Combined knee for example (5)
- 23) Can be a dull part of necklace (4)

# CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2026

**Present:** Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mrs C Byng, Mr John Caine, Mrs Jayne Disley, Mr Adrian Lewis, Mrs J Mear, Ms J Watts and Mrs Joy Williams.

**In Attendance:** H Coonick (Clerk/RFO) and five members of the public.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mr Ian Alderson, Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

**Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** None.

This extraordinary meeting was called to consider planning application 26/00735/PIP made on 16th March 2026.

**Public Involvement Session:** Members of the public commented on this planning application. They claimed that ability to access homes would be affected due to the increase in traffic and difficulties parking on the lane: the applicant had left notes on vehicles stating that they could not access their enlarged driveway. A member of the Flood Action Group commented that the development was only outside zone 2 and 3 on the flood map by a few metres and it was not clear at this point what effect the Norton Farm development would have upon future flooding events. This development would not be in line with the parish's 'Open Countryside' designation, and the decision to be Open Countryside with restricted development rather than a cluster resulted from the public consultation during the development of the Parish Plan. Core Strategy 4 states that development in these areas must be very carefully managed. The Norton Farm development had been agreed as it would provide considerable benefit to the residents removing large farm machinery from the narrow lanes of the village. Other developments had been single plot affordable homes enabling local young people to remain in their community. The village lacked infrastructure to support a further increase in housing, and they did not consider using gardens to infill was appropriate within the village.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd March 2026 were accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

**Planning:** 26/00735/PIP Application for Permission in Principle for the proposed erection of 1 no dwelling east of Stud Farm Cottage, Culmington, Shropshire. Councillors discussed the application and raised the following issues:

**Local Plan** - The designation of 'Open Countryside' was based upon the Culmington Parish Plan which consulted widely with members of the parish regarding development within the parish. The consultation resulted in the decision to become 'Open Countryside' only allowing single plot affordable homes or developments that are of considerable benefit to the parish. The parish

council (which is not a political entity) had continued to support this designation as a reflection of the wishes of the residents of the parish and did not consider that this property would give considerable benefit to the parish and would in fact be detrimental to the amenity of many residents. This is the choice of the local community as represented by the parish council. It must be noted that the Norton Farm Development, which is nearing completion, was given permission by Shropshire Council as it provides considerable benefit to the residents of the village.

**Flooding** - The development is close to zone 2 and 3 on the government flood map. The representative of the Flood Action Group noted that the flood maps are only for guidance: it was not yet clear what effect the new Norton Farm development would have upon flooding events. It was also noted that during recent flood events the water had not behaved as expected and had flooded areas not previously affected.

**Access** - The access to the present property is already causing problems regarding residents parking on the lane opposite the entrance. The entrance was extended recently by the owner and a wall reduced without planning permission which has been reported to Planning Enforcement. To have further vehicles entering this very narrow lane would increase the difficulties for all residents in this area and further reduce their amenity to access their homes.

**Designation** - It was assumed that this development would be an open market property as the applicant had not evidenced a strong local connection or fulfilled the other requirement for a single plot affordable home.

**Housing Target** - The planning statement stated that the 'authority will not meet its housing target' - the council did not consider that the addition of one house would affect the target set out in the NPPF.

**Infrastructure** - The village did have a church and a village hall but beyond that residents must travel to Ludlow and beyond for all other services. The local drainage system was already a major issue within this area of the village. The village lanes were all single track so to increase the traffic along these 20mph highways would severely impact residents, particularly as there was no public transport.

**Display of Notice** - The parish council noted that the applicant had not displayed the notice of a planning application correctly and had been informed by Shropshire Council that a new notice with a new consultation period had to be displayed where members of the public could view it.

The council resolved to object to the application.

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# DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2026 AT WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

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

**Apologies were received and accepted from:** Cllrs R Morgan, T O'Boyle and Corvedale Cllr Stanford.

**In attendance:** The Clerk and five members of the public.

**Public Involvement session:** A member of Westhope Village Hall's committee said it was very difficult to run the hall commercially with no broadband link. They requested funding from Diddlebury Parish Council for £667 for a Starlink Broadband connection which had just been installed at the hall, plus £184 each for two card readers and payment of the annual hosting fee for Starlink. The Chairman reminded the Westhope Committee that no grants or donations could be made unless they had been notified to DPC ahead of a meeting and were an agenda item. He said both he and numerous other people in the parish had had Starlink installed for £75. Cllr Rattu said DVH had purchased two card readers for around £99 the pair. The WVH Committee were advised to go back to Starlink and renegotiate their package and then to put in writing to DPC their funding request, backed up by supporting documentation.

**Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th February 2026 were approved.

**Matters Arising** included the issue of setting up a WhatsApp group for reporting potholes to Highways. Cllr Watson would advertise it on the Google group and in the Corvedale News. Cllr Watts estimated there were six potholes for every mile of the parish's 22 miles of roads.

**Reports:** The Chairman reported on his various DPC duties carried out in March including reporting new potholes, seeking the removal of highway cones and discussing support for a new defibrillator in Corfton.

**Shropshire Council:** Corvedale Cllr Stanford did not attend but sent a written report advising he has made enquiries about the continuance of CIL, and also about the farmer's planning relief and the NPPF guidance. He would report fully

at the next meeting.

**Westhope Village Hall and Diddlebury Village Hall:** Cllr Rattu reported on forthcoming events at DVH and confirmed that draft beer was now on tap. Mrs Worthington reported on the many events being held in WVH. Cllr Martyn was going to assist Westhope with setting up a village hall website. The Chairman congratulated both village hall committees on the splendid work they were doing in promoting so many local events in their halls.

**Highways and Environmental Matters:** Following a complaint about the speed of cars using Mill Lane, the SID had been set up in Mill Lane. Mr Ian Davies and Cllr Martyn had captured and analysed the data from 28.02.26 to 21.03.26 during which time 6,569 vehicles were recorded of which 3.5% were travelling at over the speed limit. The average speeding driver was doing 39mph, one was 60mph. Most of the speeding occurred in the evening.

**Communications and Correspondence:** Twelve items were considered and noted.

**Finance Report for March 2026:** Cheques totalling £994.80 were approved for payment, leaving DPC with funds of £15,707.73. Cllr Watson approved the cash book/bank statement reconciliation.

Cllr R Povall proposed that DPC should support the request for financial assistance with the funding of new pads and batteries for a defibrillator being installed at Lower House, Corfton, for the Corfton community. The proposal was seconded and then approved by the Council.

**Any Other Business:** Cllr Martyn said DPC's new website was now live and there had been 580 hits to date. The website has the facility for community postings in addition to parish council news and documents.

There being no further business. the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

**The next Parish Council meeting would be at 7.30pm on 22nd April 2026 at Diddlebury village hall.**

Agendas and full copies of the minutes and finance reports can be viewed by visiting the Diddlebury Parish Council website at [www.diddlebury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.diddlebury-pc.gov.uk) or obtained from the Clerk:

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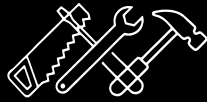
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**County Flood Management**  
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**Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group**  
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## CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2026

	3rd May Easter 5	10th May Easter 6	17th May Easter 7	24th May Pentecost	31st May Trinity Sunday	7th June Trinity 1
Abdon		9:45 HC		6pm Songs of Praise	10am Group Service of Holy Communion at Abdon	
Broadstone			8:30 HC			
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm Compline	8:30 HC (BCP)		11:15 HC
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS		9:45 HC
Holdgate	8:30 HC					8:30 HC
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC		6pm EP
Tugford			9:45 HC			

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

Thursday 14th May    Ascension Day - Holy Communion at 7:30pm at Broadstone