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Help is on hand from your local parish councillors. If you or anyone you know of is in need of help or wants to help during the current Coronavirus crisis, please contact your local parish councillor who will initially try to coordinate help. It is not going to be a short crisis and obviously as time goes on and the Government/Shropshire Council adapt and legislate, things will change.

COUNCILLOR	LOCATION	CONTACT NO
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Chris Yarwood	Abdon and Heath	07977 912322
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COVID-19 Coronavirus

Corvedale Helping Hands

If you, or anyone you know of, is need of a 'helping hand' and would like to take advantage of these kind offers of assistance, please feel free to contact any one of the people listed below.



Location	Name	Contact	I am happy to help with...			
			Picking up shopping	Collecting prescriptions	Urgent errands	A friendly phone call
Abdon	Margaret	01746 712296				✓
Aston Munslow	Linda	01584 841723	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aston Munslow	Peter	01584 841443		✓		✓
Aston Munslow	John	07718 637001	✓	✓	✓	
Beambridge	Mary	01584 841381	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corfton Bache	Carole	01584 861855	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culmington	Jayne	01584 861387	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culmington	Peter	01584 861339	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Carole	01584 861554	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Robert	01584 861554	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Tony	07779 323845	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Johanna	01584 841359		Ditton Priors	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Becky	01584 841588	Morning/Evening			
Diddlebury	Helene	01584 841017				✓
Diddlebury / Bache Mill	Karen	01584 841393	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury / Bache Mill	Sharon	01584 841346	✓	✓	✓	✓
Earnstrey	Ragni	01746 712282				Not Mon/Wed/Thu
Holdgate	Claire	07837 361196	✓	✓	✓	✓
Holdgate	John	07866 565966	✓	✓	✓	✓
Holdgate	Harry	07528 458680				✓
Lower Corfton	Karen	01584 861607				✓
Lower Corfton	Ray	01584 861607				✓
Middlehope	Colin	01584 841513	✓	✓	✓	✓
Munslow	Brian	01584 841719	✓	✓	✓	
Peaton/Bouldon	Nic	01584 841753	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peaton/Bouldon	Lesley	01584 841753	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seifton	Loren	01584 861873	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seifton	Mark	01584 861754		✓		
Seifton	Bryan	01584 861433	✓	✓	✓	
Stanton Lacy	Ann	07901 935435	✓	✓	✓	✓

If you would like to join the team of volunteers please send details of your name, the village where you live, your phone number, email address and the kind of help you are able to offer to corvedalehelpinghands@gmail.com

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FINANCES, OR MENTAL HEALTH?
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You can access information and advice at our South Shropshire Bureau by calling into the Ludlow Youth Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow:

10am - 3pm
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

or by ringing the
Countrywide Telephone Advice Line:
03444 991100
10am - 3pm Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
and
Tuesday 10am - 6pm

or www.adviceguide.org.uk

Patients of Shrewsbury Road Doctors' Surgery in Craven Arms are able to book appointments directly with the existing CA outreach by contacting the surgery.

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE OFFICER

Diddlebury Parish Council has a contract with a local resident, Mr Gary Trim. He is our EMO (Environmental Maintenance Officer) and carries out minor maintenance work around the parish, excluding along the B4368. If you are aware of any ditches which need clearing, vegetation which needs to be cut back, road signs, bus shelters, noticeboards or bridge railings which need cleaning, repainting or repairing, please let either the Chairman or the Clerk know, so that instructions can be passed on to the EMO.
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Church News



Letter from the Rectory

I write this on the day after the restrictions were eased to allow pubs and non-essential shops to open. It's been a warm day and there is a more optimistic feeling about the way ahead.

As we focus our attention on the route out of lockdown we might not notice other ways in which life is changing. Something which changes at the beginning of May is the way that marriages are registered. The current system, which has been in place since 1837, is that couples sign the marriage registers in church and the marriage certificate is issued at the time by the priest who takes the service. Each church has two copies of the register - when the books are full one is sent to the register office and the other kept at the church (or in the county archives) and these are completed by hand along with the marriage certificate. A copy of the certificate is sent to the register office for their records. At Munslow and Holdgate we still use the registers which were issued in 1837, the early parts of which have many entries for which one or more of the signatories couldn't sign their own name. In these registers I am required to insert details of the bride and groom's fathers but mothers are not mentioned at all! A move a few years ago to allow details of the couple's mothers to be included led to a decision to modernise the whole system and the marriage registers will be closed on May 3rd this year. From May 4th we move to a system in which I prepare a marriage document which is signed by the couple and witnesses at the wedding and then returned to the register office, who will issue the marriage certificate. There will still be a register kept at the church for our records.

Over the past year we have seen continuous restrictions on what we can do for baptisms, weddings and funerals and it is good to see that we are gradually able to do more. From Step Three (May 17th we hope) we will be able to have baptisms, weddings and funerals with up to 30 people in church (if the building will hold that many with social distancing - only Diddlebury will) and receptions and wakes for up to 30 people will be permitted too. From Step Four (hopefully June 21st) these limits are removed - although at the time of writing this we are still not sure whether or not we will be permitted to sing in church and

whether or not we will have to wear facemasks in the building. If you are thinking about planning a wedding or a baptism do feel free to get in touch.

Sunday services in May will continue to be a mix of in-church and online, although the number of services will start to increase - you are welcome to join us!

Rev'd John Beesley

St Peter's, Diddlebury

A Reminder

As we gradually move out of Lockdown (we hope) we are thinking of reviving some of our fund-raising events, and we are testing the water with the Plant Sale, which this year will be held in the church marquee in the churchyard. Open sides, social distancing etc. should make for a safe and enjoyable event - good weather will help too! Make a note of the dates - **Friday 14th and Saturday 15th May from 10.00 till 4.00**. No cakes or cups of tea, I am afraid, but our usual array of plants grown in the Dale, and well suited to our growing conditions. A good opportunity to replace those plants which succumbed to the winter. And if you can bring and buy, so much the better. The church desperately needs to generate some income after a year without fund-raising and very few weddings, so please come and support us.

Martin Speight.



Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



May 2021

- 2nd Mrs. Holder & Mrs. Yapp
- 9th Mrs. Holder & Mrs. Yapp
- 16th Mrs. S. Woodhouse
- 23rd Mrs. S. Woodhouse
- 30th Mrs. Baynham

Please only do this if you feel you are able to

From the Registers



Funerals

30th March Raymond Victor Breeze Holdgate

RSPB Walks 2021

Group walks with a maximum of 6 people



Date	Time	Location	Contact
9th May	09.00am	Bridges, Rattlinghope	SO 396964 Geoff Hall 07813 570217
6th June	10.00am	Ashes Hollow, Long Mynd	SO 44145 91969 Dave Stafford 07407 150213
10th July	10.30am	Brown Clew	SO 605874 Carol Wood 07807 068304

Local Election Special - Thursday 6th May 2021



Your Candidates

On Thursday 6 May 2021 local elections are being held to choose your local parish councillors, unitary councillor and Police and Crime Commissioner. Candidates nominated in each category are listed below.

ABDON & HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

- Danny John Banks
- Peter John Anderson Hartley
- Rowland John Price
- Gary Lyndon Trim
- Michael Stuart Whalley
- Christopher David Yarwood

CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

- Ian Francis Alderson
- Carol Mary Byng
- Mary Elizabeth Holland
- Jo Mear
- Andrew Richard Pike
- Matthew Seabrook
- Ian Michael Steele
- John Henry David Turley
- Jacqueline Marie Watts

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER - WEST MERCIA POLICE AREA

- John Champion - Conservative
- Peter Anthony Edmund Jewell - Reform UK
- Margaret Rowley - Liberal Democrat
- Kuldip Sahota - Labour

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

- David Hedgley
- Richard Hugh Morgan
- Geoffrey Charles Neden
- Thomas O'Boyle
- Timothy James Pardoe
- Robert Ernest Povall
- Stephen Richard Povall
- Anil Kumar Rattu
- Amie Jessica Watson
- Kath Worthington

MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

- Barbara Jean Archer
- Valerie Ruth Fotheringham
- David Thomas Marston
- Christopher Robert Meeson
- Edward James Povey

UNITARY CONCILLOR - CORVEDALE DIVISION

- Anne Winifred Swinnerton Dyer - Green Party
- Cecilia Mary Anne Norton Motley - Conservative
- Charles Stuart Shackerley-Bennett - UKIP



Local Election Special - Thursday 6th May 2021**Election Messages****David Hedgley - Candidate for Diddlebury Parish Council**

My name is David Hedgley, and I've been re-appointed as Chairman of Diddlebury Parish Council for the last 10 years. During that time, I feel that, as a council, we've become more representative of you, giving you the opportunity to express your views, listening carefully to them and acting on the wishes of the majority. There have been contentious issues, but I feel that we've worked through them together with us listening carefully to your views.

As Chairman, I've always tried to ensure that everyone is informed about issues and given people the opportunity and time to present their opinions fairly and evenly to the council. A lot of my time is spent prior to meetings researching the issues that are on the agenda so that we can have a balanced and informed discussion about them. My belief is that we, as councillors, are there to represent the

whole of the parish.

On a personal note, I'm married to Di, have 5 grown up children and 10 grandchildren. I'm Chair of Governors at Corvedale Primary School and sit on the West Midlands Barnardo's Adoption/Fostering Panel. I taught for 41 years finishing up at Ludlow School running the Special Educational Needs and Disability Department and the Pastoral System. I also served for over 10 years in the Army Reserves finishing as a Major and Company Commander.

I would like the opportunity to represent you once more and finish some of projects that I feel still need addressing such as Diddlebury Village Hall car park, the shortage of affordable housing (either to rent or buy for people who wish to remain in or move back to the parish), improving the roads and working with all our affiliated community groups.

Thank you.

Dave Hedgley

Thomas O'Boyle - Candidate for Diddlebury Parish Council

Dear members of Diddlebury Parish Community

Many of you will know me, and for those that don't, I have been your parish councillor for more than ten years and lived in Diddlebury for over twenty-five.

I hope that my commitment and voting pattern at council meetings has demonstrated how I consistently and independently represent the parishioners of Diddlebury. Planning for example can be a contentious issue but I have always listened to the views of local opinion before deciding how to vote.

Flooding has sadly affected a number of parishioners. I have worked closely with Geoff Neden and the Flood Action Group to raise awareness and introduce measures such as the Slow the Flow project.

As Diddlebury Parish covers a large area it is important to

ensure all elements of the parish are represented, so that for instance Westhope Village Hall is supported as a valuable asset for the wider community.

One of my principal concerns is speeding traffic in the village especially on the B4368 where the 30mph limit is often exceeded, as on The Moors and Mill Lane. It is crucial we work together to educate motorists to keep their speed down and, in areas regularly used by pedestrians, work towards reducing the speed limit to a safer 20mph.

Many people choose to live in the parish to enjoy its peace and tranquility; we therefore need to work together to preserve this lovely setting.

Please use your vote in the election on May 6 and I do hope you will support me.

Tom O'Boyle

Geoffrey Charles Neden - Candidate for Diddlebury Parish Council

I was born in Huntingdon and Beth, my wife in Nottingham. We have two grown up children and four grandsons who all live near London. After working in England, we went abroad in 1974. For the last 10 years in Botswana, I ran my own business and we retired to Diddlebury in 2012.

We found the village to be idyllic and were soon absorbed into the community. We have made many local friends since then and are still sometimes astounded that we had the chance to settle in such a beautiful area.

2012 was a very wet year and, as we live next to the

Diddle Brook, we soon became aware of the flooding problem - hence my involvement in the Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group (FAG) where my civil engineering background was useful.

This was the beginning of my close association with the Diddlebury Parish Council (DPC) and I have continued to work with them since then on this and other issues such as the handrail by the Church Lych Gate steps.

Otherwise, I

- established what is now the Corvedale Google Group as an information channel to residents and I also keep the relevant pages in the DPC website current.

- manage the distribution side of the Corvedale News, with my own beat mainly in Mill Lane and edit the poetry section and environmental articles.

- sell poppies for the British Legion in the Mill Lane area.

- operate the Diddlebury/Munslow Oil Group.

I feel that it is now time for me to give back something more to this lovely place. My vision for Diddlebury Parish is for it to remain essentially unchanged but without being a 'Luddite'. I would only support any proposed changes if in my view they were beneficial to the residents and did not in any way impair the present ambience.

Geoff Neden

How to vote

www.gov.uk/how-to-vote

Voting and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

If you're self-isolating, clinically extremely vulnerable, or do not want to go to the polling station, you can vote by post or vote by proxy.

At the polling station

Because of COVID-19, there will be safety measures in place at polling stations to help you vote safely. If you choose to vote in person, make sure you:

- wear a face covering (unless you have an exemption)
- bring your own pen or pencil (there will be clean pencils available at the polling station if you forget)
- use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the polling station
- keep to social distancing guidelines

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been asked to self-isolate.

DO NOT VISIT THE POLLING STATION.

You'll be able to apply for an emergency proxy vote instead from 27th April.

Voting In Person

You'll be sent a poll card just before an election telling you when to vote and at which polling station. You can only vote at the polling station location on your card.

If you have not received a poll card but think you should, contact your local Electoral Registration Office.

Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm on 6th May ('polling day').

You do not need to bring any identification to vote.

You do not have to take your poll card with you.

Voting by Post

The deadline to register for a postal vote has now passed, but you can apply for a proxy vote until 27th April at

5pm. And after that you can apply for an emergency proxy vote.

Post your ballot back as quickly as possible to make sure it's counted.

If you're too late to post your ballot paper, take it to your local polling station by 10pm on election day, or Electoral Registration Office before they close.

Voting by proxy

If you're unable to vote in person you can ask someone to vote on your behalf. This is called a proxy vote

You can only apply for a proxy vote under certain circumstances, including: being away on polling day, having a medical issue or disability, not being able to vote in person because of work or military service.

Your proxy should be someone you trust to vote on your behalf. You'll need to tell them which candidate you want to vote for.

If you want to vote by proxy on 6 May 2021, your application form must arrive at your local Electoral Registration Office by 27th April at 5pm.

Registering to Vote

The deadline to register to vote for the 6th May 2021 elections has now passed, however you can still register to vote ready for future elections. Find out more at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Need additional information?

For more detailed information visit the government website: www.gov.uk/how-to-vote

or

Contact Shropshire Electoral Services

elections@shropshire.gov.uk

0345 678 9015

Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch (CSW)**30**

CSW Sessions: I am sure that most of us are relieved that travel restrictions have finally eased. But this also means more traffic on the B4368, the designated HGV, cycling and A49 roadworks detour route. Add to this the normal holiday and extra staycation traffic and we have the possibility of further road safety issues and accidents. I am sure that none of us want to read about another road fatality along the B4368, so our CSW work, in conjunction with the West Mercia Police Road Safety team, continues to raise road safety awareness for all drivers and riders.

To that end, West Mercia Police has given us the go-ahead to restart our Munslow Parish Speed Watch sessions. Currently, we are only allowed to operate in Munslow village, although we are aware that other residential areas along the B4368 have their own road safety concerns.

During our first 1-hour session, 26 speeding vehicles were recorded entering Munslow from the Craven Arms direction: 3 of these were caught speeding at over 50 mph and 6 others at 45 mph plus. West Mercia Police will be contacting those drivers concerned.

Broadstone: Thank you to the Broadstone resident who reported to us their concerns regarding speeding traffic, especially where the B4368 dips through their hamlet. We have informed Mark Booth, our West Mercia Police liaison

officer, and whilst the CSW is happy to forward residents' road safety concerns, we also recommend notifying the Parish Council.

The Highway Code: I read in a recent Saga magazine that the Highway Code celebrated its 90th birthday last month. It first went on sale 14th April 1931 for one old penny. At the time there were only 2.3 million vehicles on the road, compared with the 37 million of today, most of which are now much faster and heavier. This 18-page pamphlet included 300 points of motoring law and was described by the government as a bid to 'instruct and educate all road users on their duties and obligations'. In our small way, Munslow Parish CSW endeavours to follow the spirit of this original philosophy in order to keep road users safe.

Potholes: Keir has a 10-year contract with Shropshire Council, so I was encouraged to read recently that their managing director has admitted that pothole repairs in the county are often not of an adequate standard. He is taking action to remedy these concerns.

CSW Training: Mark Booth has offered to arrange a Speed Watch training session as soon as possible. Anyone interested please contact us on the email below.

Rebecca Bull -
peter17bull@btinternet.com

The Corvedale Kitchen**Lemon Posset**

A relatively simple and really useful recipe, based on the old English poschote, which friends and neighbours have been kind enough to compliment. Will keep for up to 3 days in the fridge.

Ingredients (Serves 6)

500ml double cream

Juice of 2 large lemons

140g caster sugar

Fruit to garnish (see below)

Method

- 1) Pour the cream into a large saucepan and stir in the sugar.
- 2) Bring slowly to the boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar then allow to simmer gently for precisely 3 minutes, being very careful not to allow the cream to boil over. Stir regularly to avoid the cream catching. Remove from the heat.
- 3) Add the lemon juice and beat well with a hand-held electric whisk. The cream will start to thicken.
- 4) Pour into ramekin dishes/tall glasses. Refrigerate for a minimum of 2 hours to allow the possets to firm up.
- 5) Garnish with fresh raspberries, damson coulis, lemon zest, or any other fruit you fancy.

Can serve with shortbread biscuits.

Useful tip: if you have an AGA or an oven which is already on, pop the lemons in for a few minutes to increase the juice yield, but be careful when cutting them open, to avoid an eyeful of citric acid!



Alison O'Boyle

Don't forget! If you have any favourite recipes you would like to share, do email them to editor@corvedalenews.co.uk.

Please don't include anything that's tricky to make, has too many ingredients, or contains anything we can't spell, pronounce, or buy locally!

An Easter Thank You

Thank you to those responsible for the visit from the Easter Bunny to Munslow. I'm sure other little visitors were as delighted as my two granddaughters on seeing the lovely display of goodies on Easter morning.

Jenny Rose

**Footpath Maintenance Group**

In March we replaced the stile on Wenlock Edge at Jacob's Ladder and put in some new steps on the stiles on the footpath leading down the bank from it. This now makes a good and varied loop with the stiles we have already repaired at Middlehope. There is parking at the Shropshire Wildlife Car Park at Harton Hollow. Follow the Shropshire Way along the Edge through the woods to the path above Middlehope. It's about 5 or 6 miles and I think the views are better if the loop is walked anti-clockwise. The first part of the path from the car park is narrow, and can be very wet and muddy after rain, but this can be by-passed by taking the lanes.

The stile and farm gate at the end of the hedge line in the field behind the school at Diddlebury on Larkfield Farm by the pool, had collapsed. We replaced the stile with a pedestrian gate, which has now been joined by a new farm gate and post (see photo).

We've also put the frame of a new stile in the field adjacent to Rowe Lane, off the track at the Beambridge end, and are just awaiting steps which should be completed later this month.

Recently, waking up to snow, gales and blizzards, warm sunny afternoons and some morning mists, I think we've had all four seasons in one day! Whatever the weather enjoy your walking and stay safe.

Caring for God's Acre in Munslow

The lockdown delayed our Spring tidy-up in the Churchyard and Burial Ground in Munslow. Though our lives may have been slowed down by Covid, it seems that all plant life is in overdrive. The

Caring for God's Acre task force is coming to Munslow in May, to help our local volunteers with nature conservation work in the Burial Ground, including reducing the annual scourge of hogweed. If you have some time to spare and would enjoy some fresh air, with good company, then do join us on:

TUESDAY 18TH MAY
10.00am - 3.00pm

Please bring your own refreshments, sturdy footwear is recommended. Spare tools will be available but you may prefer to use your own trusty implements.

Further information available from Alex (01588 673041) or Anne Donnelly (01584 841213).

Anne Donnelly

**CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP**

Working parties are usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month and the following Friday and Sunday, beginning at 9.30am. Please ring Jenny Vine on 01584 841596 to confirm work location. Also, if any local walkers in the Corvedale notice any stiles or steps in poor condition, please report back to Jenny.

The current planned dates are as follows:
May: Wednesday 19th, Friday 21st, Sunday 23rd

Charlotte Mew: The Farmer's Bride

First published in 1912 this is an example of 'Georgian Poetry' which retained rhyme and metre unlike the almost contemporaneous modernist poets and the Imagists, who often used free verse instead.

Three summers since I chose a maid,
Too young maybe - but more's to do
At harvest-time than bide and woo.
When us was wed she turned afraid
Of love and me and all things human;
Like the shut of a winter's day
Her smile went out, and 'twadn't a woman -
More like a little frightened fay.
One night, in the Fall, she runned away.
"Out 'mong the sheep, her be," they said,
'Should properly have been abed;
But sure enough she wadn't there
Lying awake with her wide brown stare.
So over seven-acre field and up-along across the down
We chased her, flying like a hare
Before out lanterns. To Church-Town
All in a shiver and a scare
We caught her, fetched her home at last
And turned the key upon her, fast.
She does the work about the house
As well as most, but like a mouse:
Happy enough to chat and play
With birds and rabbits and such as they,
So long as men-folk keep away.
"Not near, not near!" her eyes beseech
When one of us comes within reach.
The women say that beasts in stall
Look round like children at her call.
I've hardly heard her speak at all.
Shy as a leveret, swift as he,
Straight and slight as a young larch tree,
Sweet as the first wild violets, she,
To her wild self. But what to me?
The short days shorten and the oaks are brown,
The blue smoke rises to the low grey sky,
One leaf in the still air falls slowly down,
A magpie's spotted feathers lie
On the black earth spread white with rime,
The berries redden up to Christmas-time.
What's Christmas-time without there be
Some other in the house than we!
She sleeps up in the attic there
Alone, poor maid. 'Tis but a stair
Betwixt us. Oh! my God! the down,
The soft young down of her, the brown,
The brown of her—her eyes, her hair, her hair!

Taken from: The Magic Hour by Charlotte Moore published by Short Books in 2020. The poem is reprinted by kind permission of Carcanet Press, Manchester, UK

Mollie Moorhill: Snow in April

*Very apt this year.
Mollie is in a sense a local poet as her son lives in Aston Munslow*

This morning woke to find
Spring taken aback
By taunting winter's
Coldly snapping fingers
And white cloak:
April's colours bleached
For their boldness
In trumpeting
The year's rebirth,
And the tulip's crimson
A carelessly bandaged wound.

Paper Chains

A latter day Ozymandias

Time marches on:
chains are not made
from iron any more,
but forged of flimsier
more far-reaching stuff,
by lust of arrogant,
manipulative minds
for power they cannot earn
by nobler means.
Freedom dies slowly,
inch by printed inch
at their insidious hands.
Yet some, in time,
shall see the treachery
and sound the loud alarm,
in the people's name,
our sleeping guards;
who shall put down,
stripped of their smiling masks,
these would-be kings,
and put a torch to such sly infamies,
so all their paper empires burn to ash
and blow to nothingness
upon the winds of time.

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*Her beloved
Yorkshire*

If you have written any poems, or have any favourites you would like to have printed in future editions of the Corvedale News, please send them to editor@corvedalenews.com

**Fair Stood the Wind for France by HE Bates**

This 'war story' was first published in 1944. It starts with the tired but friendly banter of the crew of a Wellington bomber returning from one of many missions when they crash land in occupied France. All formally equal as sergeants they nonetheless defer to the leadership of the 22-year-old pilot John Franklin, known as Frankie. He badly injures his arm on landing but focusses on the safety of his crew, leading them across country and fording a river until they decide to brave asking for help at a local farmhouse as his injuries become more troubling. The French family willingly take them in, fully cognisant of the risks, which they have faced before. Frankie drifts in and out of consciousness after treatment for his injury and his men are forced to wait, tersely patient, to see if the promised escape documents will materialise for them. They do, but Frankie has to admit he can't travel and remains with the family for months. He and the daughter Françoise form a close, if naïve, relationship and he becomes increasingly dependent on her practical common sense and abiding faith that all will be well. She works on an escape plan and astounds him by revealing that she plans to row him down the river to Marseilles to get a train over the Pyrenees to Spain and then transport back to Britain. She encourages him to try to act normally in plain sight, to keep their secret from neighbours, friends, the Germans and the townsfolk they meet.

The gentle descriptions of the quiet bubble in which the family lived in rural France during the occupation reminded us of former times spent in France. They

reminded us too of the Corvedale in lockdown, in some ways detached from the wider world, although, thankfully, we have not had to face the horrendous German reprisals, which had huge repercussions on the family's friends and neighbours. The vignette-style characters are not vividly drawn nor well developed and the underlying terror and violence is sketched in rather than elaborately depicted, so you are left wanting to ask more and follow through the threads of other stories. There are incidents where the build-up of suspense is created: visiting an occupied town for treatment, seeing a soldier constantly watching from a bridge, having a neighbour snooping round, walking through a hostile occupied village. In all of these the device of 'watcher and watched' is used to create the dramatic increase in contained tension. Some possible disasters did not actually happen.

On the whole the group enjoyed the book as a gentle and engaging read about calamitous events and marvelled at the courage of the young men and more especially the French family who were very matter-of-fact about the risks they faced. There was a strong feel of inevitability and fate about what might happen - balanced with the simple faith that God would provide. It was a book too about the importance of learning who to trust in your community. It was a book of its time.

Our next read is *The Bees* by **Lalinde Paull** - a depiction of living within the rules of a totalitarian state, from the setting of a beehive.

Cath Burley

Old Corvedale

Most of you will have no trouble in recognising this photograph sent to us by Anne Donnelly of Munslow.

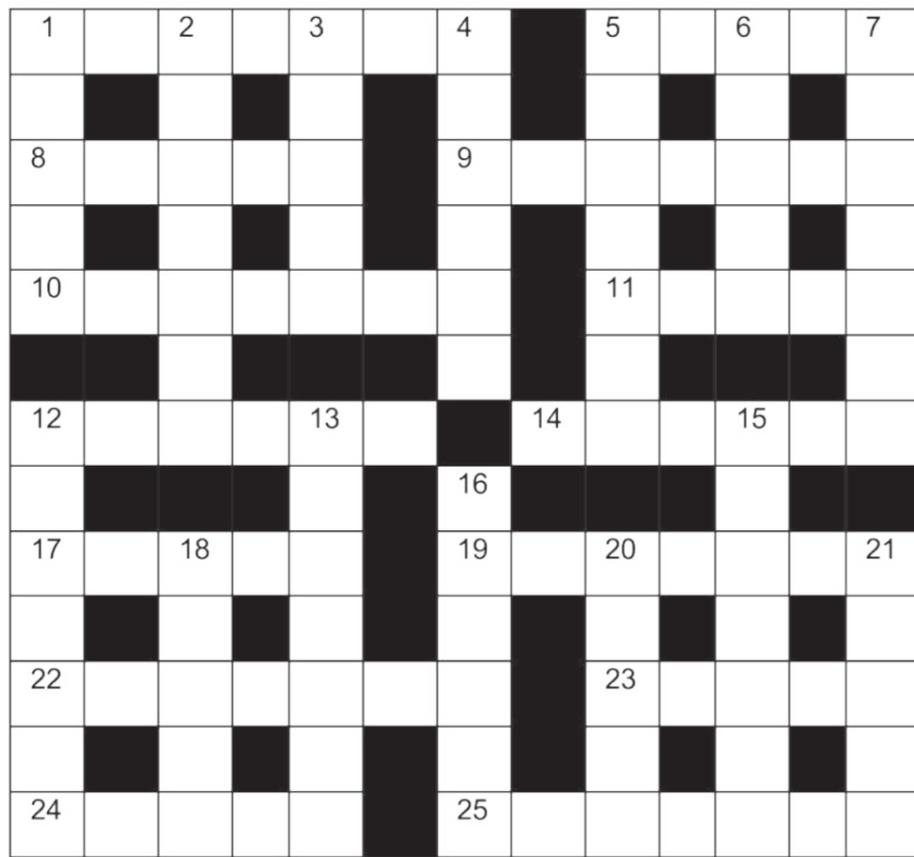
It is taken from in front of the war memorial in Munslow. The house on the right is The Chains, next is the Post Office, which also housed the Munslow Telephone Exchange, note the phone box outside. Also note the white lines in the road.

The photo was taken in the 1930s, later, one of the local telephonists was Rhona Pearce, who now lives in Aston Munslow.

It must have been a hot summer, as all the windows are open. The decrepit building on the left is now a cottage but was (possibly) once next to a butcher's shop belonging to a Mr Farrington.



If you have an interesting photograph of 'Old Corvedale' which you would like to share with us, we should be happy to consider including it in a future edition of the Corvedale News. Please email us at photos@corvedalenews.co.uk.



ACROSS

- 1) Dubious sects up for to change
- 5) Relish a new cause
- 8) Worth a turn in a low area
- 9) Wilful manner has drawback
- 10) Extreme racist wrestles with David
- 11) Compound in Worcestershire
- 12) Dame Judy lets in Robert and gets wet
- 14) Get up. It's cold in the Andes
- 17) Grassland where cat doctor captured gutted leopard
- 19) A church leader to demand praise
- 22) Clearly terribly dull and icy
- 23) Excellent fish
- 24) Praise former tax cut
- 25) The shape old woman was in at midday

DOWN

- (7) 1) Dave's changed and put money away
- (5) 2) Rescue Lucy in the wild
- (5) 3) Give someone standing a seat?
- (7) 4) Watch Ken hit hard
- (7) 5) Quiet. I said the monster is confused and has no confidence
- (6) 6) A Paris apartment is not suitable
- (6) 7) Tolerated a rude disturbance in the end
- (7) 12) Give away four, badly glued
- (7) 13) Keep idle cat active
- (7) 15) Removing middle opera singer
- (6) 16) Tory going round whichever gorge
- (5) 18) Left in charge of it is allowed
- (5) 20) Murderous brother puts bishop in hut
- (5) 21) Fruit found when first medieval Englishmen landed off Norway

ANSWERS TO APRIL'S CROSSWORD:

- ACROSS:** 1) Chill; 4) Turns; 10) Coronet; 11) Timid; 12) There; 13) Abridge; 15) Role; 17) Wrong; 19) Epoch; 22) Rife; 25) Hundred; 27) Lithe; 29) Shown; 30) Ancient; 31) Under; 32) Unite
- DOWN:** 2) Horse; 3) Lantern; 5) Utter; 6) Nomadic; 7) Acute; 8) Steal; 9) Adder; 14) Beef; 16) Ogre; 18) Run-down; 20) Pelican; 21) Chest; 23) Ideal; 24) Petty; 26) Range; 28) Theft

Missing Vowels

Fill in the missing vowels to complete the word or phrase related to the category.

Words With Four Ns

- NC NVN NT _____
- NN NCM NT _____
- NN TNT NL _____
- TRNS CNT NN TL _____
- NC NTN NT _____

Ivy League Universities

- CRNL LNV RSTY _____
- CLM BNVR STY _____
- DRT MTHC LLG _____
- NVR STY FPN NSY LVN _____
- PRN CTN NVR STY _____

Oxymorons

- PNS CRT _____
- RS DNT LN _____
- HL LS NG LS _____
- CTN TR LLY _____
- FND MS SNG _____

Merged Singersongwriters¹

- JMST YLR SWFT _____
- CRG DVD GRY _____
- LTN JHND NVR _____
- MC HL JCK SN BR WN _____
- LYNS YD PL MCC RTNY _____

Countries With At Least Five Syllables

- LT HN _____
- BR KIN FS _____
- SR RLN _____
- STK TT SND NVS _____
- TRN DDND TBG _____

¹ The names of two singer/songwriters have been merged using the surname of one and the forename of the other which are the same.

Come back next month for the answers!

Westhope Village Hall



We are back!

Westhope Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce the following dates for your diary starting from:

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|----------|--------------|-------------------|---|
| Monday | 28th April | 10.00am - 12.00pm | Corvedale Mother & Toddler Group |
| Thursday | 20th May | 10.30 - 11.30am | Yoga with Sue Pugh, fully qualified and insured |
| Friday | 25th June | 7.30pm | Monthly Bingo |
| Monday | 5th July | 7.30pm | Fortnightly Whist Drives |
| | TBC | TBC | Line Dancing Evening |
| Friday | 16th July | TBC | Pub Night and Social Evening |
| Saturday | 16th October | TBC | Harvest Supper, 3 course meal and entertainment |

For more details please contact Amie Watson 07486 414 742 or Betty Manley 07860 447 397. The hall is Covid secure and we look forward to welcoming you all back to enjoy our new programme of events.

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Financial support during lockdown

Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic

If you need financial support, help is available:

- Test and Trace payments of £500 are available for people on low income who need to self-isolate
- If you are of working age and receive council tax support, you have been awarded up to an additional £150 hardship payment on your council tax bill
- If you have been financially affected by coronavirus, you may be eligible for grant funding. Call us on 0345 678 9078 to find out more

Visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/benefits for further information

For further support visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus or call the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shropshire Council Helpline on 0345 678 9028

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Food provision during lockdown

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Did you know there are lots of local groups and services available to help you access food parcels, secure delivery slots and other essentials:

- Shropshire Larder – www.shropshirelarder.org.uk
- Call Shropshire Council's COVID-19 Helpline for help to access food phone 03456 789 028
- Mid-Counties Co-Op also offer delivery slots – call 0800 435 902 to book

For all other food and support needs visit – www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/ or call 03456 789 028

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Looking after your mental health during lockdown

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Looking after your mental health is important, and there are lots of local services available to support you and your loved ones:

- www.togetherall.com – an online community for Shropshire residents who are stressed, anxious or low
- Shropshire MIND – Call 01743 368647 or email: manager.shropshiremind@gmail.com
- Samaritans – call 116 123 for a confidential safe place to talk about whatever is getting to you
- Young Minds Parents Hotline – 0808 8025544 (9.30am – 4.00pm) free, confidential online support any adult worried about the mental health of a child or young person
- Free bereavement counselling – 0345 678 9028
- Kooth – free safe and anonymous online support for young people: www.kooth.com
- Childline – call 0800 1111

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Diddlebury Village Hall

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DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL REMAINS CLOSED FOR THE PRESENT

Government guidelines suggest that the earliest date for opening the Hall for indoor events will be 17th May 2021. We are hopeful that classes and events will be able to resume shortly after this date, but as the situation regarding Covid-19 is changing day by day, please refer to our Facebook and Website pages for details nearer the time.

LOOKING FORWARD:



We've got the venue
We've got the equipment
We've got the projectionist -
All we need now is a shot in the arm!!
Flicks in the Sticks will be back - SOON!

A Bring-People-Together Party! Mid to Late Summer 2021



There are friends and neighbours we haven't seen for more than a year - and some new neighbours we haven't seen at all. As soon as we've all had our vaccinations and the government allows, we plan to hold a Bring-People-Together Party at the Hall, with specific invitations going out to anyone who has moved into the area since the first lock-down. We welcome any ideas, suggestions, offers of help, etc in the planning and organisation of the event.

Fun and Fund-Raising! Autumn/Christmas 2021



We're looking forward to working with our friends at Diddlebury Church to organise this year's Harvest Supper and a Christmas Fair, both to be held at the Hall. Firm dates are difficult to establish at present, but the possibilities are October for the Supper and November for the Fair. Again, please let us know if you can help with ideas and/or assistance in person for these events.

TAI CHI AND PILATES AT THE HALL

Following publication of the Government's Roadmap, some indoor activities and classes may be able to re-start from 17th May. As before this will be on a case by case basis, subject to the applicant conducting their own risk assessment that must be approved by the Diddlebury Village Hall Committee and is compliant with current Government guidelines. Covid precautions will be followed to ensure that all activities remain Covid compliant with social distancing, hand sanitising and mask wearing continuing to be necessary.

It is recommended that you make direct contact with the instructors to pre-book your places and receive all updates if postponements or changes of classes are required.

TAI CHI

From Thursday 20th May, classes will be held as follows: **Thursdays, 10.00-11.00am.** All participants must book in advance so please contact Enid Gill on: 07903 014498 or enidgill21@hotmail.com.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST-LED MODIFIED PILATES

From Tuesday 18th May, classes will be held as follows: **Tuesdays, an evening class (time to be confirmed); Fridays, a morning class 9.15 - 10.15am.** Beverley Chumber will be in touch with her existing participants but should you have any queries please contact Beverley on: 07967 814412 or beverleychumber@sky.com.

DON'T FORGET - KEEP AN EYE ON FACEBOOK AND THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER NEWS!

*Sutton Court and the Powell family***Part Four: The Tale of a Tail Male**

In last month's article I mentioned that under the terms of Charles Powell's will the Sutton Court estate was entailed, that is it descended by what was called tail male through the eldest son of his nominated heir. In fact this did not become operational for thirty years after Charles' death, due to the longevity of his widow, by which time many changes had taken place in the family. As he had no children of his own, Charles Powell named as his heir a second cousin, John Powell. John Powell's father Edward and his father before him had farmed what is now Sutton Court Farm as tenants of the estate, and also the Powell lands at Upper Hayton. For some reason John did not take up the tenancy of the farm on his father's death in 1851, and it passed to the Keysell family.

John Powell was a rolling stone, whose progress may be followed through censuses and parish registers. John married the daughter of a Church Stretton vet in 1846, and it seems that he had farmed the Hayton lands till 1852. In that year he was at Gibbridge in Stoke St. Milborough, but in the 1861 census he was farming 140 acres at Silvington, behind the Brown Clee. By the time of his cousin's will in 1868 he was described as 'formerly of Freehold Terrace, near Ludlow (an address which is totally unknown to me) and now or late of Sunny Gutter, Richard's Castle.' In 1871 he was back in Diddlebury at Lyde Hole, and ten years later he was at Sutton Cottage where he farmed 368 acres. By 1891 he had retired to a private house in Bromfield, and in 1901 was living with his daughter at Rotten Park Road in Sparkbrook, Birmingham. By this time Louisa Powell had died, and John Powell was master of Sutton Court, a position which it would seem he did not desire.

It would appear from a letter dated 1898 that John was an unpleasant character, which may well account for his frequent changes of residence. The letter from a friend to John's estranged son Thomas mentions John Powell's upbringing 'without a single piece of moral instruction' and his habit of cursing his children 'by the hour,' but nevertheless urges Thomas to be reconciled with his father. Interestingly the letter also strongly recommended disentailing the estate, and suggested that John should live at Sutton if Mrs. Powell's trustees agreed. It would seem that John did move back to the Court, as he died there in 1904, and was buried in Diddlebury churchyard by the west tower.

Unlike his father, Thomas Powell was no reluctant squire, though he also had followed a wandering life before inheriting the Court. In 1871 he had been working as a farm labourer in the Shrewsbury area. However in 1875, when he married, he was living in Church Stretton, where his son Lionel, of whom more next month, was born. Thomas' wife was Norah Stanley Barnes, the daughter of an accountant from London. How they came together is a

mystery, possibly as the result of a holiday romance, for Stretton was a thriving holiday resort, which might have attracted the middle class Barnes family. Norah was known all her life as 'Yankee', a childhood nickname derived from her addiction to incessantly singing 'Yankee Doodle' when small. Shortly after Lionel's birth, the family moved to Yorkshire, where Thomas obtained a clerical post. From Yorkshire they moved to the Wirral, where I suspect Thomas was employed at the Lever works at Port Sunlight - in the 1911 census, when he was squire of Sutton, he described his occupation as 'Cashier in Soap Manufactory' rather than landowner. (His father-in-law seems to have had a similar attitude to the census - in 1881, living in Islington he described himself as 'coal miner'!)

As the proprietor of Sutton Court, Thomas began the process of converting the rather austere Victorian interior of the house, which had probably been untouched since the 1840s, into something more romantic and Elizabethan, no doubt to reinforce the family legend of 1473. To carry out this work it is almost certain that he employed Basil Stallybrass, quite a noted Arts and Crafts architect, who was working in the area in the years before the First World War. Stallybrass was an expert at incorporating salvaged panelling, fireplaces etc. into existing or even new houses, and the work at Sutton bears his hallmark. In addition, it is certain that he made further major changes in the house in 1921, which will be described next month. The result was a dramatic transformation, though one which was not entirely convincing as an evocation of a past era. Many of these features have now been removed and sold on to new owners, and some of the main rooms have returned to a plainer appearance.

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The Dining Room as fitted out with Elizabethan fireplace and panelling. (Courtesy of Shropshire Archives)

*Corvedale Past and Present***Plough Your Own Furrow**

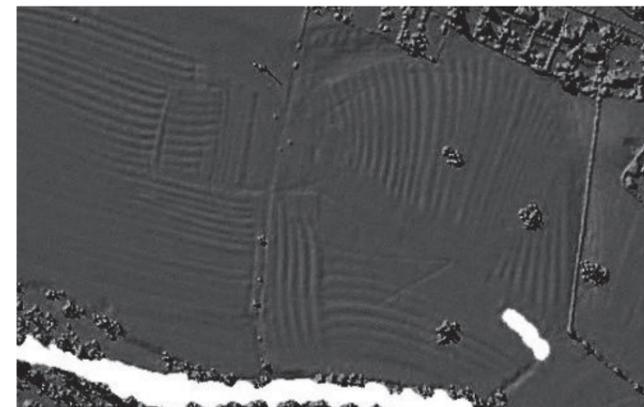
There is an argument that says human beings once made an extraordinarily important decision which has forever after affected how we are and what we are. The argument goes a bit like this (here I take a deep breath and hope that no students of economic history are reading this!).

In round figures modern humans (with typical hubris, we call ourselves Homo Sapiens or 'Wise Man'), have been around for about a million years. For almost all of that time we have been a roaming species that hunted and gathered what it could. A decision seems to have come, roughly 7000 years ago, to settle, to husband livestock and to scratch the earth to grow crops. This has led indirectly, so the story goes, to all the 'progress' that we have made in the meantime. When we had the food to sustain bigger populations we learned to specialise, to 'tool-up', 'wise up' and roll out more and more technology (I know this sounds good and for present purposes I am ignoring the negative consequences).

Like all progress this was never smooth or regular, and while lots of ancient people could plough with simple implements, big advances were made from time to time.

In northern Europe soils were much heavier and wetter than in Mediterranean countries. By 1000 AD a heavier plough had emerged there, running on wheels, which vastly increased productivity. This plough was able to turn the soil and invert it, so making the nutrients in the lower soil reach the surface. This advance in particular led to a huge growth in population in this country in the two and a half centuries after the Norman Conquest.

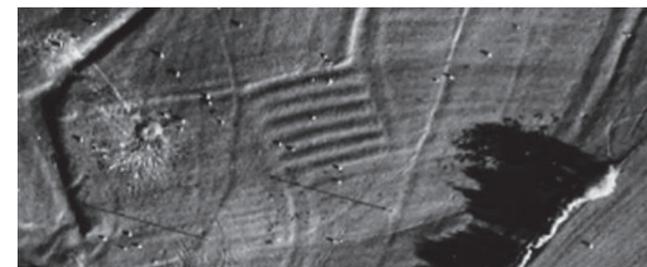
We can still see, if we know where to look, the effects of this revolution in South Shropshire!



Classic' Ridge and Furrow. At the foot of the picture is River Teme and top right is Burway Lane and Ludlow Cricket Club (Lidar - Laser Image)

It led to a completely different type of cereal farming and a very characteristic form to the fieldscape known as 'ridge and furrow'.

Let's go back in our mind to the year 1200 and look into one of the large communally worked open fields where oxen plough teams are at work. These teams are building up the top, taking soil from the furrow by turning it towards the ridge, usually making two circuits, the second 'pass' being near the apex ('two in and two out' or 'up and down husbandry'). Sometimes, it's possible to see that structures built over 900 years ago (e.g., castle mounds) were placed on top of these corrugations in the land, showing the ridge and furrow to be earlier. In many places this form of agriculture lasted into the 18th or even the 19th century, so perhaps it's not such an exaggeration to say that this form of farming fed England for nearly 1,000 years. Somehow, often, it just seemed to 'suit'.



Fragment of Ridge and Furrow in Abdon (Aerial Photo)



Chance survival near playground in Fishmore View Ludlow (SO 510 875)

Now it is true that in South Shropshire very few of these structures have *apparently* survived, but nevertheless there are places where they are still visible, and aerial scanning techniques will for sure reveal more and more; after-all, they were very common here in the Middle Ages and later.

Peter Cornah

Afterthoughts

1. The local name for the ridge is 'reans' (pronounced, I understand, 'ree-ans') and the official name for each ridge and its furrow is 'selion'.
2. If you are approaching Church Stretton from the south on the train, about 5 minutes before the station, look to your left. There is a small farm which is surrounded by ridge and furrow - very easy to see if the light is right.

Readers' Photos May's theme is Spring in the Corvedale



Plum blossom - Sue Lewis



Spring lambs - Ian Davies



Spring lambs - Sara Thompson



Cherry blossom in Tugford - Bronwen Williams



Spring lambs and daffodils in Middlehope - Kim Simm



Spring rainbow in Middlehope - Scott Donovan



Warm walks with flowering Hawthorn - Clive Martyn



Violets - Geoff Neden



Snowdrops - Helena Preston



Four seasons in one day - Jayne Husband



Late snowfall - Andy Fletcher



April snow - Margaret Buckingham



Waking up after a long winter - Ian Hankinson



First violet of spring - Jill Wardle



Spring in the garden - Geoff Neden



Spring indoors - Anne Donnelly



Snowdrops - Rosemary England

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Thank you for all your wonderful and varied photographs of Spring in the Corvedale. Our theme for next month is

MY FAVOURITE CORVEDALE TREE

The following theme will be NATURE / WILDLIFE (so please send us photos of bees, butterflies, moths, dragonflies, damselflies, frogs, toads, dormice, birdlife etc.) Please send all photos to: photos@corvedalenews.co.uk

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Present: Barbara Archer (Chair), Linda Charie, Buster Evans, David Marston, Mike Kelly, Chris Meeson, Val Fotheringham, Antonia Bury, Ed Povey; Joe Salt; Clive Leworthy (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Shropshire Councillor Cecilia Motley.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising from those minutes not covered in the Agenda - The Chair reminded members that the minutes from the recent South SALC meeting had been circulated.

Cllr Povey said he had looked into starting a Facebook page for Munslow (independent of the Council) but was also talking to Corvedale News about possible developments and would advise Council on progress.

Urgent Items for Discussion: There were none.

Reports: The Chair thanked the three Councillors who were not standing in the upcoming election (Linda Charie, Mike Kelly and Buster Evans). She had sent each a card on behalf of the Council expressing thanks for their service. Buster had been on the Council for over twenty years, many of those as Chair. Councillors had contributed personally to a gift.

Finance: The Clerk reported that the Council would finish the year under budget. He was currently preparing the accounts for Internal Audit and then would prepare the Annual Governance Report for approval at the May meeting. The subscription to Zoom would be cancelled.

The following payments were approved: Clerk's Salary £156.67,

Clerk's Expenses £29.69, HMRC £39.20, SALC £60.00.

Planning Matters: Application no **21/00983/FUL** - erection of a single dwelling at Aston Top, Bache Mill. Joe Salt, Senior Associate at Base Architecture, outlined the plans and went through the previous application which had been refused by Shropshire Council. They had now made some changes to the landscaping with enhancement but no changes to the design which had been reviewed and scrutinised by an independent design review company. They felt this design met all the planning requirements for exceptional architecture for the AONB. Councillors asked various questions which were answered to their satisfaction. Mr Salt left the meeting and after a lengthy debate Councillors resolved to support the application as they felt it met the requirement for exceptional design.

Highways: The post for the VAS sign had still not been installed by Kier. The Highways Report had been sent to David Gradwell and Kevin Aitkens (SC Highways), Graham Oliver (PCC) and David Booth (West Mercia Police) but no responses had been received. The Clerk was requested to email them asking them to confirm that they had received the report.

Correspondence: Steve Grant (the local policing officer) had written to introduce himself and ask for the Council's main concerns. Members decided that these were speeding through the villages and noise from motorcycles, and rural thefts.

Elections 2021: The Clerk reminded Members that Local Elections would take place on 6th May and that the deadline for handing in nomination papers was 8th April

Next Meeting (which will be the AGM): Thursday 20th May 2021 - Date changed to ensure public can attend.

Clive Leworthy, Clerk, Munslow PC. Tel: 04528 164345. Email: munslowpcclerk@gmail.com www.munslow.org.uk

ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs L Durnall, C Snow, C Yarwood, R Price, C Motley (Shropshire Council), W Richards (Clerk) and two members of the public.

Open Session: There was concern with diversion route. Cllr Motley said that if the proposed campsite had services it would require planning permission, and a commercial one on this site would need planning permission probably because it's within the AONB. A limited number of caravans maybe advertised by Caravanning and Camping Club as not requiring planning permission. Cllr Motley suggested checking with the planning office.

Apologies: there were none.

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2021 were shown on screen. It was agreed that in Point 5 the word 'week' should be omitted. Subject to this the minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising: Caravan concern - Cllr Motley will get confirmation of planning requirements for future reference. She will also view the roads in Abdon with Cllr Snow this weekend as they are in such poor condition.

Finance: Balance: £4,870.71. Cllr Snow questioned expenses. Payment of the Clerk's wages of £104.50 was agreed.

Next meeting: Tuesday 18th May at 7:00pm. This will be the AGM followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th April 2021 conducted remotely

Present: Cllr Steele (Chair), Cllrs Pike, Alderson, Holland, Mear, Norton, Turley and Watts. is not part of Shropshire Council but the council has to abide by the EA regulations.

In Attendance: Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO). **Correspondence:** The Clerk was asked to contact PC Grant and raise the following concerns: Lorries parked at the Laundry at Seifton, rural crime (including farm theft and dog walkers) and footpath obstruction.

Apologies Received for Absence: None.

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None.

Public Involvement Session: No members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes: The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on 2nd March 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: None.

Reports from Members: *Cllr Motley* reported that a Shropshire Council Community Governance Review is planned for after the elections in May. This has arisen due to the developments around some of the towns causing the administration to wish to review boundaries. Communication between parishes is being encouraged particularly to discuss joint working and boundary anomalies. Cllr Motley also reported that she had been in touch with John Bellis, Shropshire Council Drainage and Flood Risk Manager and had been updated on the plans to alleviate flooding on Seifton Lane. Plans to install an overflow pipe allowing the brook to drain away from Seifton Lane have been put on hold as there is not a consensus of opinion amongst residents.

Cllr Steele read a report from the Flood Action Group. Drains in the village have been cleared but not yet jetted. The work to desilt Seifton Pools is in process. The Environment Agency and Luke Neal, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, are working on desilting projects for Seifton Lane and Culmington. The Parish Council has not been informed of when a license to desilt the brook will be available. FAG continue discussions with residents of Manor Orchard. Cllr Turley asked the role of the Environment Agency in connection with the brook and Cllr Motley explained that the EA

Technicians have visited the site and assess that the outfall from the gully on the corner run under the proposed barn development which means the outfall pipe will need to be checked and made safe before development commences. The Clerk has asked when the flooding issue will be resolved as there are continued concerns over flooding in this area.

Came and Co Insurers have increased the Street Furniture sum by £300 to include installation of the Speed Activated Sign.

Finance: As of the 24th February 2021 the bank account balance was £11,249.26. The payment to TWM Traffic was lost in the post and a second cheque has been raised.

SmartWater Initiative: Free kits are still available. West Mercia Police have nearly completed the installation of signs around the parish.

Emergency Planning Officer: After the death of Mr Dennis Jubb, who was Emergency Planning Officer for many years, it was decided that the Clerk should discuss the role with the Flood Action Group and include the role in representatives for the Annual meeting in May.

Local Elections Update: The Parish Council nomination forms need to be registered with Shropshire Council by 8th April. The Clerk will post notice of the nominations and whether an election will be necessary shortly after that date.

Items for the Next Meeting: Fire risk due to plastic storage at the Laundry works.

The meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Next Meeting: Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm 11th May 2021.

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 24th March 2021 via Zoom.

Present via Zoom: Cllr D Hedgley - Chairman, Cllrs O'Boyle, Woodhouse, S Povall, R Povall, Watson, Worthington.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Thomas.

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

Cllr R Povall requested that DPC should not record the meeting. The Chairman agreed to the request.

Declarations of Interest: None were made.

Public Comments: Mr Ian Davies enquired about the two landowners who had shown interest in making land available for community-led housing. The Chairman said he has passed their details to Maria Howells at SC: Mr Davies felt the impetus for progressing this matter needs to come from DPC.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 24th February 2021, following amendments being made, were approved by a majority of councillors and signed by the Chairman. Four matters arising were dealt with.

Reports: *The Chairman* reported that he had responded to the Community Governance Review; he had dealt with a request for a confirmation of a local connection; he had liaised with the Police about the siting of the SmartWater road signs and these had now been installed. He attended a site meeting in Bouldon with a representative from Highways about the collapsing road to learn there is no money available this year to fix it. He took up a footpath query and discussed it with Mrs Vine. He considered and responded to SC's winter policy document, requesting that all Diddlebury salt bins be filled and roads be gritted. He discussed an Emergency Plan for Diddlebury with Mr Geoff Neden.

Unitary Cllr Motley reported on the Community Governance Review and urged Corvedale parishes to explore possible joint action on matters such as public transport, speeding, affordable housing and anomalies in parish boundaries. She urged DPC

to make efforts to ensure there would be a candidate for each settlement in the parish at the forthcoming May elections.

Diddlebury Village Hall: Cllr Woodhouse reported that the committee were making arrangements to reopen the hall in line with government advice. A joint meeting has taken place about the car park resurfacing and a further one would take place on Friday at which it was hoped the CIL issue will be progressed.

Planning: An application to be heard on 24th March - **20/00782/FUL** for external insulation and associated works on 1 & 4 Mill Lane, Diddlebury - had been withdrawn.

Highways and Environmental Matters: There had still been no response from Highways re the supply and installation of the mirror for the Bache Mill/B4368 junction. Cllr Motley agreed to chase them again.

Communications & Correspondence: Eighteen items of correspondence were considered and dealt with. The FAG seeks financial help with insurance for FAG members. DPC asked Mr Neden to seek out insurance which would cover all FAG, DPC and other volunteers helping out in the parish. Mr Neden agreed to do so and report back to the next meeting. The Chairman advised the meeting Mr M Waite has reported him to Shropshire Council for an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct.

Finance: The Finance Report for March 2021 was considered by members and cheques totalling £508.99 and a \$137 donation of £50 for the Flood Action Group were approved for payment. Cllr O'Boyle confirmed he had verified the bank statement/cash book reconciliation. HSBC had confirmed that their safeguarding investigation into DPC's bank account was now complete and DPC's banking facilities were fully reinstated. They had paid £100 compensation for their poor service. An application had been prepared for Unity Trust Bank, but councillors decided to remain with HSBC for the time being.

Any Other Business: Four items were discussed. The meeting on 28th April will be via Zoom.

Next meetings: Wednesday 28th April 2021, 7.30pm (but log on at 7.15pm)

Please follow the log-in/joining instructions which will be appended to the Agenda.

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

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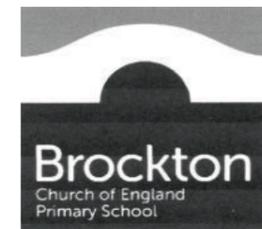
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Water Supply Problems	Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444	
County Flood Management	Shropshire Council	0345 678 9006	flood@shropshire.gov.uk
Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group	Geoff Neden	841815	gneden@googlemail.com
Ludlow Minor Injuries Unit (out of hours 111)	Community Hospital	874297	
Shropdoc (out of hours service)	Doctors Co-operative	111	
Ludlow's Doctors' Surgeries	Station Drive Portcullis	872461 872939	
Craven Arms Medical Practice		01588 672309	
Police (non-emergency)	West Mercia Police	101	contactus@westmercia.police.uk
Voluntary Car Scheme (9.00am to 12 noon weekdays)	Craven Arms Good Neighbours	01588 673732	
Clubs and Societies			
Abdon Wildlife Group	Penny Unitt	01746 712530	t.unitt741@btinternet.com
Blue Hills Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Artists	Juliet Hole Ann Hankinson	01299 832603 01584 841460	
Corvedale Badminton Club	Val Fotheringham	841331	
Corvedale Book Group	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
Corvedale Choir	Ros Crouch	841053	ros.crouch@gmail.com
Corvedale Community Environmental Group	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
Corvedale & District Autumn Show	John Woodhouse	07980 207253	
Corvedale Folk Club	Ian Fotheringham	841331	
Corvedale Garden Group	Cath Burley		cathburley@hotmail.com
Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group	Jenny Vine	841596	jvcedarwood@hotmail.co.uk
Munslow Parish Community Speed Watch	Rebecca Bull		peter17bull@btinternet.com
Diddlebury Dancing Group	Sally Woodhouse	841265/ 07813 019010	sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk
Westhope Clover Club	Kath Woodhouse	841254	

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Contact Numbers for Local Services



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

	Contact	Phone	Email
Parish Clerks and Websites			
Abdon & Heath Parish Council Clerk	Wendy Richards	07813 271274	abdonandheathclerk1@outlook.com
Culmington Parish Council Clerk	Heather Coonick	07817 607355	culmingtonpc@googlemail.com
Diddlebury Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Jean de Russett	01568 770741	diddleburypc@gmail.com
Munslow Parish Council Clerk	Clive Leworthy	07528 164345	munslowpcclerk@gmail.com
Diddlebury Parish Website:	www.diddleburyparish.co.uk		
Corvedale Google Group:	This is a free service and issues purely local information such as road closures, flood warnings and so on to its members on an occasional basis. It also alerts members to new items appearing on the DPC website. If you would like to join this service, send an email to: Geoff Neden - gneden@googlemail.com		
Village Hall/Club Room Bookings			
Abdon Village Hall	Penny Unitt	01746 712530	t.unitt741@btinternet.com
Beambridge Club Room	Frances Sutton	841654	
Culmington Village Hall	Jeff Williams	07561 838271	culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall	Sally Woodhouse	07375 326381	dvhallbookings@gmail.com
Diddlebury Village Hall website:	www.diddleburyvillagehall.org		
Diddlebury Church Room	Tonia Greene	841493	
Westhope Village Hall	Betty Manley	07860 447397/ 861617	mbm3049@icloud.com
Children's and Youth Organisations			
Corvedale Brownies	Catherine Crowther	861276	
Corvedale Primary School	Jonathan Brough	841630	admin@corvedale.shropshire.sch.uk
Playgroup & Nursery	Colin Jones	841707/841630	
Women's Institutes			
Diddlebury & Westhope WI	Jane Cockburn	841483	pmc1989@btinternet.com
Munslow WI	Jenny Rose	841251	gandjrose@mypostoffice.co.uk

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



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SERVICES FOR MAY 2021

	2nd May Easter 5	9th May Easter 6	16th May Easter 7	23rd May Pentecost	30th May Trinity Sunday
Abdon				6:00pm EP	
Broadstone					
Culmington				9:45 HC	
Diddlebury	9:45 HC				
Holdgate			9:45 HC		
Munslow		9:45 HC			9:45 Group HC
Tugford			6:00pm EP		

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

Thursday 13th May - Ascension Day - Holy Communion at 7:30pm at Diddlebury

There will also be an online service of Holy Communion on each Sunday at 11.00am (in the YouTube/ Zoom format). We will continue to upload services to the Corvedale Churches' YouTube channel.

If the Coronavirus situation locally changes, we may have to cancel these services. To check that the service is happening and to book a place if you'd like to come, please contact Rev'd J Beesley. (01584 841488 or email revjbeesley@gmail.com).

We still have to keep a record of attendance for track-and-trace purposes.