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Service medics from the RAF commence the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out in the Corvedale at Ludlow Racecourse on 2 February 2021

Laurie Robinson

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YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL IS HERE TO HELP

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.

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COVID-19 Coronavirus

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Location	Name	Contact	I am happy to help with...			
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Aston Munslow	John	07718 637001	✓	✓	✓	
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Corfton Bache	Carole	01584 861855	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culmington	Jayne	01584 861387	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culmington	Peter	01584 861339	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diddlebury	Carole	01584 861554	✓	✓	✓	✓
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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

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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.

Due to the latest lockdown working parties are suspended until further notice.

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Church News



Letter from the Rectory

This year the whole of March will be in Lent, Lent having started on February 17th and Easter coming in early April. As we remember the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness following his baptism it is traditional to give up something we might enjoy - biscuits perhaps, or chocolate, or alcohol. I think it is probably fair to say that in most cases the things we give up for Lent do not lead to real hardship - it turns out that biscuits are not really an essential food group.

During this month we will come to the anniversary of the beginning of the first lockdown and in the past year we have had to give up on many of the things we enjoy in a completely different way. Clearly the things we have had to give up are not absolutely essential to life in that we haven't starved or suffocated, but some of the things we have been unable to do turn out to be more important to us than we might have realised and doing without them has undoubtedly been challenging.

I'm writing this in mid-February and with a big announcement about changes to the Coronavirus restrictions expected in about a week from now, so I don't know whether more activities will be possible by the time you read this, but as life begins to return to something more normal I wonder if we might have a new appreciation of things we previously took for granted? I wonder, too, about the extent to which we should try to get back to 'normal' as it was before. What are the good things that have come

out of being locked down that we might want to continue? Are there things we were doing before that we could either abandon or do in new ways?

Lent ends at Easter, and Easter was an event which, for those who believe, changed the world and our relationship with God forever. We cannot be sure yet when or how the lockdowns and restrictions will come to an end but we can perhaps begin to ask ourselves about the future we want to see - should it be the same as it was before, or can we use the experiences we have had to change the world and make things better, not only for ourselves, but for all people?

Rev'd John Beesley

Flowers and Brasses - Diddlebury



March 2021

7th	Mrs Clinton	14th	Mrs Clinton
21st	Mrs Worthington	28th	Mrs Worthington

Brasses Only

Please only do this if you feel you are able to

From the Registers



Funerals

29th January	Mike Greene	Diddlebury
9th February	Lindsay Cooper	Abdon

Mary Kirkby



In the December 2020 edition of this magazine we noted that Mary Kirkby had stepped down from being the Corvedale News Team Secretary. Sadly, as many of you will know, Mary has now died.

Most of you will remember that until comparatively recently the magazine was printed as individual A4 sheets and stapled together. Mary invariably helped with this, operating the rather temperamental stapler and counting the completed magazines. For those collating the several thousand pages involved it was always a welcome relief

when she called out 'Half way there!' and the last half didn't seem to take as long as the first. The next task was 'bagging up' which involved counting the magazines into bags for the individual distributors and taking them out. Mary assisted with this, too, and also distributed a number of magazines herself.

In the last few years Mary had been our Secretary. She always had sensible, practical suggestions to make. On the day after the meeting – or the day after that, at the latest – the minutes would arrive: clear, concise and accurate.

Of course, Mary was involved in many community activities besides the Corvedale News. A talented flower arranger herself, she was a judge at the Corvedale Show. And although she was not a churchgoer she not only organised the flower rota for St Peter's, Diddlebury but frequently did the arrangements herself, especially if someone had to drop out at short notice. She could also always be found helping at church fundraising events.

Mary will be greatly missed by her many friends. Our thoughts are with Steve, Sarah and Alex.

The Corvedale News Team

Lockdown #3

Many of us have found lockdown #3 much harder than the previous two lockdowns. Darker, colder days and with nothing like Christmas on the horizon to look forward to people have struggled to remain positive. However, with the vaccination programme now proceeding at pace and the days getting a bit lighter there does seem to be some light at the end of the tunnel.

In the meantime, here are a few of our suggestions to keep you occupied!

- Many national museums and galleries are offering virtual tours of their collections online, home schooling and family activities events e.g. Science Museum, Natural History Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum or closer to home Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery or Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery.
- Pick a place on your map or globe and take a 'virtual visit' by looking the place up on Google Earth and reading up about it.
- Learn a new language (although when we may be able to put these new skills to use is a different matter!) - there are several online platforms, some FREE, some require a subscription.
- Try a new walk (see our article below).
- Encourage children to try their hands at planting vegetable seeds ahead of the growing season.
- Find a new recipe to cook each week – see the Corvedale Kitchen on page 11 for inspiration.
- For those of you missing trips to the cinema or theatre the National Theatre, Birmingham Royal Ballet and Royal Opera House to name a few are all offering streaming services (payment required).
- Learn a new skill / hobby / craft - again plenty of online tutorials e.g. knitting or crochet.

Walking Shropshire

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Shropshire www.walkinginshropshire.co.uk is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, **FREE**, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John says 'There is so much walking information on the web but it can be difficult to find. Walking in Shropshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites

(www.walkinginengland.co.uk) - one for each county in England) has brought all the information together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.'

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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John Harris's Walking in England

Walking in Shropshire

All the information you need to get walking in beautiful Shropshire

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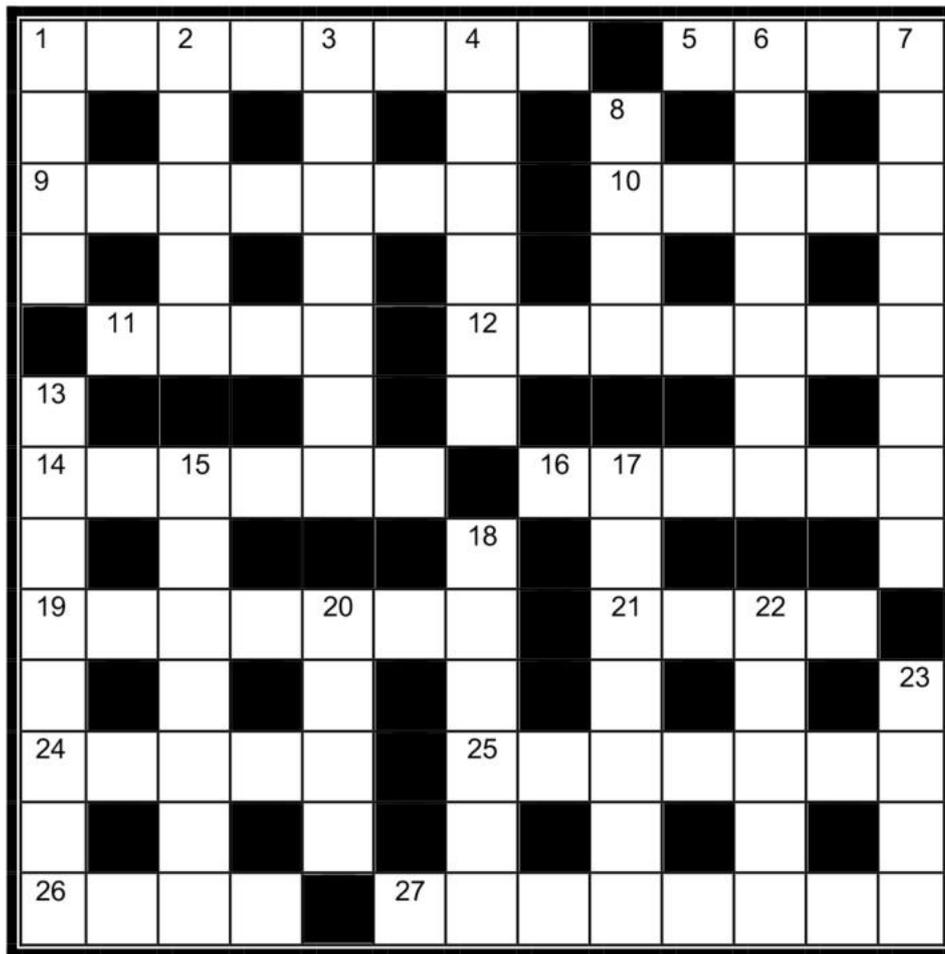
You are only a couple of clicks away from masses of free walks, all over the beautiful Shropshire countryside. Simply click on one of the options for Shropshire walks, maps, walking club details and walk books.

Free walks to
Download and Print

Need a map
for your walk?

Find a
Walking Club

How about
a book
of walks?



*Each answer begins with a different letter of the alphabet as indicated.
Answer the clues and then fit them into the grid jigsaw-wise.*

- | | | | |
|---|-------|---|-----|
| A) If a tract could be man made.... | (8) | N) Is one breaking an unwanted sound? | (5) |
| B) Some Laurel and Hardy finally in a fable that's been rewritten | (3,4) | O) Speaker or a hill | (6) |
| C) Clown has a hot drink | (5) | P) Some of a science I used for old art of medicine | (6) |
| D) Recognise poor Sid, who's at the laboratory | (7) | Q) Dock opener I hear | (4) |
| E) Old business where I replace a necessity | (8) | R) Changes about the actors? | (7) |
| F) Students' fathers surround Surrey town | (8) | S) Extra chopped fruit | (5) |
| G) Small weight might spoil school | (7) | Embroiders four points | (4) |
| H) TV Dukes losing last dangers | (7) | T) Gloucester racecourse includes has a patio | (7) |
| I) Nell's is possibly a disease | (7) | U) Some rerun literary classic in the dark | (5) |
| J) It's out when matter's under consideration | (4) | V) Long live the exam! | (4) |
| White ball was round Don's birds | (8) | W) I saw a first bud in the Japanese plant | (6) |
| K) Vegetable with a thousand beers | (4) | X) Co-ordinates the French North East | (6) |
| L) In angle at angle! | (7) | make into chemical compound | |
| M) I lead alien creature to fixture | (4) | Y) Not one gay does the exercise | (4) |
| | | Z) Invigorating part of fruit? | (4) |

ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY CROSSWORD:

- Across:** 1) Blackcap; 5) Stye; 9) Red Kite; 10) See 24 11) Trot; 12) Anagram; 14) & 16) Yellow Hammer; 19) Sparrow; 21) Dire; 24 & 10) Green Finch; 25) Decibel; 26) See 23 down; 27) Estrange;
- Down:** 1) Bird; 2) Adder; 3) Knit Two; 4) Arenas; 6) Tantrum; 7) Ephemera; 8) Offa; 13) Eyesight; 15) Leanest; 17) Adducer; 18) Swedes; 20) Rant; 22) Robin; 23) & 26) Blue Tits

Sweety Quiz - Answers

1	Wogan's medal.	Terrys All Gold	16	Olde worlde musicians	Minstrels
2	George Cross Islanders.	Maltasers	17	Two layered transport	Double Decker
3	Horsey set's favourite sport	Polo	18	Maybe the best Oxford, Regent or Bond	Quality Street
4	Hunter's reward.	Bounty	19	Leo's favourite drinking place.	Lion Bar
5	Long Run	Marathon	20	Man or dog he follows the clues.	Tracker
6	Clever Clogs	Smarties	21	American coin	Dime
7	Dining Al Fresco	Picnic	22	The cows pathway to the parlour	Milky Way
8	Wobbly little ones.	Jelly Babies	23	Scrooge's favourite word	Humbug
9	Giggle	Snickers	24	Not so loud	Whisper
10	13th letter doubled.	M & Ms	25	Planetary Ban	Mars Bar
11	Nutty Politician.	Walnut Whip	26	Rotate	Twirl
12	Ten Pins.	Skittles	27	Quenchers	Refreshers
13	Subject	Topic	28	Lift up	Boost
14	Gem of orange perhaps	Opal Fruit	29	Joins things together	Matchmaker
15	Man at the races	Tic Tac	30	Brave people	Heroes

Wordsearch – Shropshire Towns

*We thought we would make this a bit harder this month, by not giving you the list of towns to find!
There are 14 for you to find in total, answers will be in the April magazine.*

E R E M S E L L E Y M O O K V
 B P H M D I N D R T G E P X T
 M S U W V E Z U L Y X I W D I
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 T J C P H S I Y I W T H K C Z
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 C C J R I M R T I Y K B C X E
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 I R O N B R I D G E B B Z G O

Poetry Corner

Some verses for March. 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

Scott Donovan: The Woodland Path

A local and topical poem by a local poet

Through the woods a winding path leads me on
open eyed, expectant, and full of hope.
A traveller in time following nature's cycle.
A visitor to this ancient world that so few see.
Along this path the forest first puts on a leafy mantle
then as seasons change it sadly casts it off.

In Spring the woodland gently opens its eyes and ears
as Nature's spirit unlocks the key to new life.
Snowdrops the end of winter first portend.
The forest slowly puts on a new welcoming face
as flora and fauna burst forth from winter depths.
Now the winding path is full of birdsong and growth.

In Summer's dry heat nature draws breath and sighs
as trees resplendent wear their leafy cloaks with pride.
Whilst birds and animals a cacophony of sounds do make.
But where now the blossoms and springtime rush of life.
where now are those earlier wishful hopes.
Now the winding path is slower and more hesitant in pace.

In Autumn nature says enough as fresh winds blow.
The woodland trees fearfully lean and look on askance.
They know their leafy mantles they must shortly shed
to carpet the still green woodland floor once more.
Faunae know for them the winter cold is not far away.
Now the winding path looks ahead to colder times.

Winter arrives ushered in by driving northern winds.
Its cold presence gripping and chilling the woodland life.
Icy blasts leave many a tree with coats stripped bare.
Only the evergreens defiant refuse to throw off their mantle.
Save for muted bird song silence everywhere abounds.
Now the winding path is still again as the forest falls asleep.

This poem is in the public domain

**Pam Ayres: Teeth**

*Given the current difficulty in seeing a Dentist,
this seems very apt*

Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth,
And spotted the perils beneath,
All the toffees I chewed,
And the sweet sticky food,
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.

I wish I'd been that much more willin'
When I had more tooth there than fillin'
To pass up gobstoppers,
From respect to me choppers
And to buy something else with me shillin'.

When I think of the lollies I licked,
And the liquorice allsorts I picked,
Sherbet dabs, big and little,
All that hard peanut brittle,
My conscience gets horribly pricked.

My Mother, she told me no end,
'If you got a tooth, you got a friend'
I was young then, and careless,
My toothbrush was hairless,
I never had much time to spend.

Oh I showed them the toothpaste all right,
I flashed it about late at night,
But up-and-down brushin'
And pokin' and fussin'
Didn't seem worth the time... I could bite!

If I'd known I was paving the way,
To cavities, caps and decay,
The murder of fillin's
Injections and drillin's
I'd have thrown all me sherbet away.

So I lay in the old dentist's chair,
And I gaze up his nose in despair,
And his drill it do whine,
In these molars of mine,
'Two amalgum,' he'll say, 'for in there.'

How I laughed at my Mother's false teeth,
As they foamed in the waters beneath,
But now comes the reckonin'
It's me they are beckonin'
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.

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Corvedale Book Group*The Eyre Affair* by Jasper Fforde

The Eyre Affair was a book few of us would have naturally picked up and was seen as a bit of a 'marmite' book. Nevertheless, once we got into the rhythm of the writing, most of the group got something from it. It was humorous in places and full of literary allusions, some of which I'm sure we missed. There was a lot of word play and juggling with names e.g. Millon de Floss. It is hard to categorise as it crosses many genres, oscillating between fantasy, science fiction and literature. It shares characteristics with books by Terry Pratchett, JK Rowling and Philip Pullman, as well as Monty Python-esque humour, in creating other, often dystopian worlds. It set challenges about intellectual truths and copyright and who had a duty to police them. For us it linked to our earlier reading too of *Fahrenheit 451* which also focussed on the importance of books in society.

The story is set in 1985. The heroine, Thursday Next, is a lowly literary detective in an understaffed and underfunded government department, the Special Operations network, (SO-27), charged with monitoring the literary integrity of books. The initial chapters feature a book heist where a priceless, well-guarded copy of Martin Chuzzlewit is stolen by Aecheron Hades, a bright and unscrupulous villain with special powers of mentalisation. In this world, the original first book is the key to any automatic changes to all other editions. His playful intellectual challenge is to remove a minor character, Mr. Quaverley, from the plot, dispose of him and wait for the world to notice. He has a trio of dastardly evil henchmen to help him. His ultimate aim, however, is to make off with Jane Eyre. Society is well versed in literature with powerful John Milton, Bacon and Shakespearean groups arguing the finer points of their literary works.

Thursday's father is a member of the 'Chronoguard' that monitors time travel for SO-12 and appears and disappears like the Cheshire Cat at key moments in the narrative. Thursday has inherited some of his ability to time travel effortlessly and as a child encountered Jane Eyre and Mr.

Rochester. This proves to be useful. Thursday's uncle Mycroft is an inventor, who makes a device called a 'Portal' where book worms, if fed a book, can pass you through into the story or poetry. Hades naturally wants to obtain the Portal.

Hades, who should not be named aloud, was Thursday's literature professor and she is the only person who can recognise him. He is the third most wanted criminal in the world. She almost apprehends him, but he wounds her before backup arrives. Confined to bed, she meets her future self in a James Bond type special car with a young man, Bowden, and learns that the rumours of Hades having been killed in a car accident are merely a set up. Instead, Hades has escaped to the People's Republic of Wales and mere Englishers are not allowed to cross the border. (So reminiscent of today!) On recovery, Thursday swaps jobs to work in the Swindon office, buys her car, meets Bowden and sets off for Wales and later Thornfield Hall, thus changing forever the post-fire outcome of Jane Eyre's life.

A subplot has the Crimean war, lasting endlessly, like the 100 years war. Hades is in cahoots with The Goliath Corporation, an arms making multinational working on a weapon to finally end the war. Thursday, her brother and her ex fiancé Landon served in the forces in the war, and we wait to see if Thursday and Landon will become reconciled over an argument about her brother's death and possible culpability in the death of others.

It's a bit of a romp, a light read after you get into the style, but makes some serious underlying points. The group described it as clever, entertaining, funny, quirky, strange, fantastical, superficial, fascinating, pacy, playful and with a strong female lead. Try it!

Our next discussion, by Zoom, at **7.30pm on Thursday 11th March** will consider *The Tiger's Wife* by **Tea Obrecht**.

Cath Burley

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.

Chairman - 01584 841068 Clerk - 07513 780268



FREE SMARTWATER KIT – CULMINGTON PARISH

Dear Resident

As part of the Parish Councils drive to protect our community we are working with West Mercia Police We Don't Buy Crime team to provide each home within the parish of **Culmington** with a **Free of Charge Smartwater Kit** to mark your possessions.

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If you would like a free kit delivering: Email providing your full name, address, post code, telephone number. To: **culmingtonpc@gmail.com** A free **pre-registered** Smartwater kit will be posted to you which also includes door, window and personal item deterrent stickers.

Residents with no email please contact local parish clerk: **Heather Coonick**
Telephone No: **07817607355**. Providing your full name, address, post code, to arrange pre-registration and posting of your Smartwater kit.

All Covid-19 government safety guidelines & data protection requirements will be fully adhered to.

We hope you will join **West Mercia Police/Smartwater** in protecting our community from burglary/theft.

Kind regards

Heather Coonick (Clerk)

Dog Fouling

PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

There has been a notable increase in dog fouling throughout the Corvedale 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, it is 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.

BAG IT, BIN IT !



Corvedale Primary School

Corvedale Primary School continues to function during the current lockdown. We have not closed, and I believe my staff are working harder than ever to provide education for children both in school and at home. To some extent our workload doubles during lockdown, it certainly isn't easier.

We have about twenty to twenty-five children in school each day, whose parents are critical workers and need our services. The staff are providing education for them and preparing daily learning tasks for children at home. We are keeping in touch with families at home through daily emails, and telephone calls in some cases, and when the internet allows, regular Zoom meetings for classes and whole school.

It is incredible to think that twelve months ago I didn't know what Zoom was, yet here we are now using it every other day. Last week I found myself delivering an art lesson from my office to twenty-four children in a classroom and thirty-six other families scattered across the Corvedale. The internet isn't that reliable as I'm sure you'll agree. The next art lesson was cut short before it began when the internet failed 15 minutes before the start.

There is such a lot of talk in the media about 'lost learning'. This phrase makes me cringe. I would argue that it is difficult to lose something that you haven't had in the first place. Children have not suddenly stopped learning, gone

into hibernation or had their memories erased. Use of the phrase 'lost learning' is very damaging to children, their families and us in school as it paints a picture of failure. Children are feeling anxious about everything else going on in the world without this added label. Parents and the children themselves are doing a fantastic job at home, keeping academic skills ticking over and also practising other skills that there just wouldn't be time for if children were in school. Children have told us that they have helped in the kitchen and baked something for the first time or done some gardening. They have had time to explore arts and crafts, music and any number of life skills including their IT skills too! They have been on bike rides and walks or just quite simply had the opportunity to play with toys and games they haven't played with for a long time. We should all acknowledge the important things children have gained during these difficult times and not think about what has been lost. When the children do return to school, my teachers and I will assess where our children are at in their academic learning, adapt and move on from there. That is what we do.

For more information on what is going on, to keep up with the latest happenings / news at school, visit the school website - www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk or on Twitter [@CorvedaleSchool](https://twitter.com/CorvedaleSchool).

*Jonathan Brough, Headteacher
Corvedale CE Primary School*

The Corvedale Kitchen

Rice Krispie Bars

A new contributor this month and a recipe to try with younger members of the family. Claire says – 'Trust me, this is much better than the shop bought ones and as they are so easy to make, its great to do with kids providing you make sure they do not dip their fingers in the hot sugar!'

Ingredients

4oz of butter
4oz of plain dairy toffees
4oz of marshmallows (doesn't matter what colour)
Rice krispies

Method

- 1) Put butter, toffees and marshmallow in a microwavable bowl.
- 2) Put in the microwave on a high heat and stir every 30 seconds until all melted.
- 3) Add desired amount of rice krispies depending on level of gooeyness required!
- 4) Pour into a tray lined with baking parchment and leave to cool and set.
- 5) Slice into bars and enjoy.



Claire Ross

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!

Corvedale Past and Present**The Fish, we can't get away from the fish (but there again we never have!)**

Have you noticed the rash of Cornish fishing programmes on TV? I suppose it's no coincidence that the most knotty negotiation between us and the European Union, and about the last to be settled (or is it?) was over fishing. It's of immense importance to an island nation, and of greater importance than economics alone tells us it ought to be.

Now it turns out that coastal fishing has always been of great importance, and new archaeological evidence is driving the idea forward. It used to be thought that the massive willow baskets used in the Severn Estuary mudflats to catch fish, and known as 'putts' right into the twentieth century, were unique, profiting from the large tidal flow. Increasingly, it is being found, that there is evidence for a widespread catching of estuarine fish in 'weirs' from very early times, and in many parts of the world. These are not only medieval but also prehistoric in date. They were usually V-shaped with an opening at the narrows where baskets, nets or further fences to 'pound' the fish could be placed. The most impressive of the known weirs in England come from the Blackwater Estuary in Essex, where some were hundreds of metres in length and made of wood or stone. It is thought they could have been ruthlessly efficient and led to massive depletion of some fish types.

What, oh what, is this to do with our area?

For well over a millennium this country has been Christian. When the new faith spread north and west, Europe substituted traditional tribal and racial gods for what was in origin a Mediterranean religion.

The new order did not look favourably on meat eating which was regarded as northern, 'heating', and savage. So perhaps it's no surprise that by the later Middle Ages the church was telling the population that it must not eat meat for about a third of the year, observing religious holy days, festivals and fasts.

It is sometimes said that the herring was the mediaeval potato, which sounds strange, but which indicates that it was a staple of diet even in inland areas such as our own. So it was critical for the seas to yield up their produce before drying salting etc. to preserve for transportation. It was probably as well for the general poor population that the sea, the sea-bed, and the shoreline were all deemed to be possessions of the Crown. Had local and powerful secular lords being able to control activities, the poor may have had much less of a look-in! In fact it was often local

monasteries that managed these operations, as they often had a better relationship with the royal regime.

Historic England's aerial view of timber weirs of the east coast, several hundred metres long.



Even so, kings often demanded huge amounts of their 'own' produce. Had you been the Bishop of Ely (Cambridgeshire) let us say in the 13th century, you would have been required to produce colossal amounts of fish (5 feet long pike for instance) obtained from the undrained fenlands in the area (presumably also a Royal 'possession'), to furnish the king's table.

If you are reading this, and even if you find it interesting, it may seem rather remote. However, 'the fish thing' I think was really important here. It is a grossly oversimplified model, but, it is often said that in the Middle Ages, there were men who worked, men who prayed, and men who fought, (and of course their wives and families). What I shall try and do in the next article, with the permission of your long-suffering editor, is to explain what the fish economy might have meant to these people in our bit of the country.

Peter Cornah

Afterthoughts; The Crown Estate to this day still manages the sea bed around the coasts of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and up to half of the foreshore, and presumably ultimately owns them. Does The Crown in a strict sense 'own' the sea and its contents? It would be interesting to know. Though we seem distant from the sea, the Benedictine monks of Tintern on the lower Wye controlled the fisheries with weirs, and we are not so far from the Wye or Severn. I wonder if the tiny village of Brockweir below Tintern is a distant memory of the industry. I understand it means 'weir by the brook'.

Westhope Village Hall

Westhope Village Hall is still closed due to Covid-19 restrictions but as soon as we have the green light to open we will have a varied programme of events to continue our much needed fundraising. We look forward to welcoming everyone back.

Community News

Fundraising Success

Charlie Teague and his wonderful helpers have raised the fantastic total of £315 by making lovely poppy plaques and selling them from a box at Baucott.

Charlie is pictured outside the display box presenting a cheque for £315 to the local 'Help for Heroes' representative.



New Speed Activated Sign for Culmington



After many months of waiting for a post to be erected by Shropshire Highways the Speed Activated Sign has now been installed near Culmington Village Hall just inside the 40 mph speed limit. The Parish Council would like to thank the Police and Crime Commissioner for the grant which funded the sign.

Cllr Ian Steele, Chair of Culmington Parish Council, admiring the new speed sign.

Got a story? Know a community superhero who deserves some recognition? Let us know!

Old Corvedale

This picture was given to the Corvedale News by the O'Boyle family of Glebe Farm, Diddlebury.

Very little is known about the photo which probably dates from the 1950s. If any of our readers knows anything about the gentleman in the photo or the bull, then we would love to hear from you.

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



Diddlebury Village Hall

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org



**DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL'S (DVH) COVID-19 RESOLUTION OF
5TH SEPTEMBER 2020, ONCE AGAIN APPLIES.**

As before the DVH committee will continually monitor the Government's guidelines. If there are alterations or updates to the guidelines, the DVH committee will implement any necessary changes to the proposed use of the hall.



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

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

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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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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

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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

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

      www.shropshire.gov.uk

Diddlebury Parish Council (DPC) Precept 2021/2022

Following the council meeting on the 27th January 2021 the precept for the next financial year was set at £8,666.88. This was an increase of £1,714.88 on last year's figure. The overall increase in the precept will be approximately £6.30 per household.

The extra costs related to an increase in the clerk's salary, as per national scales, of £338.00 and the recoup of the extra costs of £806.88 incurred in the purchase of the additional SmartWater kits needed to supply everyone. Last year we invested £1,500.00 in the purchase of SmartWater kits which we obviously do not need to do this year but we are this year donating £2,000.00 to the Westhope Village Hall committee for the purchase of the freehold of Westhope Village Hall (WVH). The council thought that this was something it should support in principle. However, funding for this will not be released to the WVH committee until DPC has seen documents satisfying the council that it is an unencumbered freehold which is being transferred to WVH committee. The above items and some small increases in

running costs equate to the £1,714.88 increase.

Having committed to the donation to WVH we declined to add any more to the Diddlebury Village Hall car park fund as, along with other parties, the council is exploring other funding routes. Likewise, we felt that we could not contribute to a Defibrillator purchase fund at this time but would encourage any interested party to fundraise for Defibrillators. This has already happened in Bouldon where funds for one have been successfully sourced from a charity.

We are due an election in May but, again, we have put off budgeting for this until next year when we will know the exact costs. The election does not have to be paid for until next year.

Other council costs have largely been kept in line with last year's budget.

D. Hedgley, Chairman



The Precept budget is available to view on the DPC website. www.diddleburyparish.co.uk

Community Led Housing Scheme (CLHS)

Diddlebury Parish Council (DPC) has resolved to investigate a possible CLHS for the parish. Such schemes aim to create entry level properties or small developments which are truly affordable for local residents or for former residents wishing to return to the parish who have previously been unable to find suitably priced properties within the parish. Houses generally can be rented or purchased but must offer a significant discount to market value rents and property prices.

CLHS typically run in conjunction with a specialist provider such as a housing association which has protocols to ensure that they meet the affordable criteria over the long term. The biggest challenge to this scheme is identifying suitable land within the parish. Examples of land that could be used for this purpose are small parts of accessible fields, large redundant gardens or redundant buildings or farm complexes. If you own such a site and are interested in its use for a CLHS then DPC would like to hear from you. People's views on such a project are also welcome.

Contact the clerk of DPC at: *1, Pipe Aston Barn, Pipe Aston, Ludlow, SY8 2HG Tel:01568 770741* or email diddleburypc@gmail.com



*Sutton Court and the Powell family***Part Two: The (Semi) Secret Life of a Conscientious Curate**

As mentioned last month, John Powell succeeded his father as master of Sutton Court in 1731, when he was forty years of age. In 1725 he had married a Bishop's Castle girl, Mary Hodson who bore him eight children in the following sixteen years. Unfortunately, we do not know much about John Powell and his life at the Court, though it is almost certain that the family papers will contain information on this score. Sale particulars dating from 1932 (now in Shropshire Archives) contain photographs of a number of 'Old Bills at Sutton Court' which include one for £11 for supplying wigs to Mr Powell and his sons between 1750 and 1759.

John Powell died in 1769, and is commemorated by a wall tablet in the chancel of Diddlebury church, the first of three identical such monuments. His eldest son, also called John, who succeeded him is a fascinating character. John Powell entered Pembroke College in March of 1746 at the age of 18, and duly emerged with his BA in 1749. How he occupied himself for the following 15 years is not yet known, but in 1764 he entered the Church and was appointed curate of Diddlebury. At this time Diddlebury, like many parishes, was served by absentee vicars, who, apart from occasional visits, left the running of the parish to their curates. Normally these curates would have eventually found livings of their own and moved on, often after a much longer period than is served by curates today. After twenty years Mr Powell did indeed acquire a living, at Pennington in what was the Furness district of Lancashire until it was absorbed into Cumbria in the ill-judged Heath-Walker reforms of the 1970s. He did not, however, give up his curacy at Diddlebury or leave Sutton Court, and must have employed a curate at Pennington. The logic of this arrangement is rather hard to follow.

John Powell remained curate of Diddlebury until 1804, shortly before his death. He appears to have been a conscientious curate, to judge by the many entries in the parish registers which are signed by him. It is possible that on those occasions when duty was done by the vicar, on a visit, or by a neighbouring clergyman that Powell had gone to Pennington to put in an appearance, but without examining the Pennington registers this remains speculation. In addition to his duties at Diddlebury, we know from Archdeacon Plymley's visitation records that in 1793 that Powell was also taking a weekly service at Cold Weston, travelling there and back on horseback.

Rev. John Powell served as a Justice of the Peace for forty years and is best known as the magistrate who examined Molly Morgan, committing her for trial at Shrewsbury and beginning a process which was to have considerable consequences for New South Wales. Traditionally the

Dining Room at Sutton Court has been shown as the room where he dispensed, though it probably dates from the early Victorian rebuilding. It might seem from what has been written so far that Powell was a thoroughly respectable, almost dull figure, but there is more to it than that.

John Powell never married, and employed a housekeeper named Mary Fletcher. She evidently provided a wide range of domestic comforts, for in 1781 she bore him a son, Charles. Three years later Powell found a husband for her, Thomas Reynolds, a farmer from Stottesdon. Perhaps tactfully, Powell did not perform the ceremony himself, and Abraham Rudd, the absentee vicar, officiated – the last marriage he carried out in Diddlebury until 1790. Charles was brought up at the Court, and when John Powell died in 1806, became heir to his father's estates on condition of assuming the surname of Powell. In some ways this was fairly unremarkable, though Mary Reynolds was treated well by the standards of the time. She was bequeathed a life interest in a cottage in Diddlebury, and given an annuity of £30 in the will. Many, but by no means all, women in similar circumstance ended up in the workhouse. It is interesting to note, however, that Charles was not her only illegitimate offspring, for in 1777 she had borne a daughter, Mary Deuxall. This daughter presumably stayed with her mother both before and after the former's marriage, and was also left an annuity of £30 in Rev. John's will.

We shall never know whether Mary Fletcher was a loose woman who set her cap at the curate, or whether she was an unfortunate single mother who was taken in by the clergyman out of Christian charity. She may have insinuated herself into her master's bed, or he may well have taken the initiative. Marriage was, of course, out of the question due to the question of class, so Mary had to give up her son to secure both their futures. Possibly they met in later life, but I fear that they probably did not.

To be continued.

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Lower front lawns at Sutton Court

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Readers' Photos March's theme is 'Winter'



- Andrew Woodall



- Andy Johnson



Snowy Scene in Munslow



- Patsy Rainsford



- Jessica Roberts



Broncroft

- Guy Owens



St Peters in the frost

- Carissa Maskell



- Simon



Witch-hazel at Munslow

- Christopher Gaches



From Lower Earnstrey across
The Corvedale

- Sarah Conolly



Bird Table in snow



- Jill Wardle



- Melanie Banks



- Alison Knott



n Wedgwood



Bache Mill

- Clive Martyn



Nordy Bank from Abdon Village Hall

- Felicity Burchnall



Jean Drakes



PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Thank you for all your wonderful photographs on the theme of 'Winter'. In total we received 126 photographs taken by 24 different photographers. In this edition we have focussed upon photographers whose 'Winter' pictures have not previously featured in the Corvedale News. We shall be keeping all the unpublished photographs in our archive and we expect to return to this theme later in the year. Our next two themes will be:

1. SUNRISE / SUNSET
2. SPRING IN THE CORVEDALE

Please send all photos to:
photos@corvedalenews.co.uk

Parish Councils

CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Culmington Parish Council meeting held on 2nd February 2021

Present: Cllr Steele (Chair), Cllrs Pike, Mear, Seabrook, Turley, Holland and Norton.

In Attendance: Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies Received for Absence: Cllr Alderson.

Declarations of Interest Relating to This Meeting: Cllrs Mear and Turley declared pecuniary interests in item 10.1 (planning application for The Old School, Culmington).

Presentation by Mark Trafford and Clive Leworthy: Airband Community Internet is a 10-year-old Internet Service Provider with 300 masts. At present Culmington has the option of a wireless service. He estimates that at present 45% of the parish are unable to get superfast broadband, but with three masts available to Culmington there is the opportunity for faster broadband. You can also use 'Vonage' for telephone calls over the internet rather than a landline.

Public Involvement Session (Agenda Items Only): Five members of the public attended. They raised the expenditure by Shropshire Council on the plans for the Shirehall and Pride Hill Centre when roads within the county are becoming dangerous due to disrepair. Cllr Motley responded that the Council's plans were to try to revive an area of Shrewsbury Town Centre and they were capital expenditure. The funds for maintenance of the highways come from the revenue budget. The Shirehall is old, single skinned and very expensive to run. The plans for the town centre are to have a smaller council presence with a much more area-based council and more home working. There have been cuts to the highways budget to fund the increasing costs of Social Care. Cllr Motley has reported the issues with highways to the portfolio holder.

Also raised were concerns regarding the planning application for The Old School, specifically the potential increased risk of flooding if Seifton Brook were funnelled a narrower channel. There is a lack of clarity about who owns the boundary where it is planned for a tree to be removed. There is a risk of noise pollution affecting the planned property due to the neighbours working unsociable hours. Concerns were expressed that the parking arrangements would not be adequate and it would be necessary for vehicles to park on the roadside. This is not a S.106 affordable home and so it should not be allowable in Open Countryside. There would be risks to the wildlife from the development, as there are bats and dormice in the vicinity and trout in Seifton Brook. The rooflights would overlook neighbouring properties.

Jack Lines, Architect for the Old School planning application, responded to the above concerns by stating that the plans avoid the hedge line as much as possible and the intention is to keep within the footprint of the original building whilst providing a home for a family. Mr Lines and the applicant are very aware of the flooding risk, having grown up in the village, and The Old School building is raised up on an 'island'. The plans are for mainly single storey buildings no higher than the present and the roof lights are in a single storey section. The parking area would remain the same, which should be adequate for two families. The sewage system would be replaced with a more contained system

which would have a lower environmental impact. He apologised for not discussing the plans with the neighbour.

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2021 were approved unanimously as being a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: Cllr Steele reported that there had been some concern from landowners with the 'Slow the Flow' ongoing maintenance after March 2021. He felt the report he gave at the 5th January 2021 Parish Council meeting was an accurate reflection of the 'Slow the Flow' meeting he attended in December 2020. As a result, Luke Neal from Shropshire Wildlife Trust had stated that 'Slow the Flow' was the responsibility of the landowner post March 2021, which was the end of the project. In the agreement letter signed by landowners with 'Slow the Flow' there is no requirement to maintain, modify or manage structures or installations. It is hoped that landowners will understand the benefit of these interventions and look after them where it is possible to do so. Existing riparian responsibilities for landowners remain unchanged. If landowners require advice in the future they should contact flood@shropshire.gov.uk. Cllr Steele has requested a written report from the Flood Action Group for future Parish Council meetings.

Reports: Cllr Motley reported that the 10 yearly census will occur on the 21st March. The rate of Covid vaccinations is now speeding up. Transport to vaccination appointments is available. Rights of Way are under pressure due to the increase in usage during lockdown.

Cllr Steele (Flood Action Group) reported that a desilting licence was being requested for Seifton Brook on Seifton Lane. However, an extra £150 will be necessary to have an Ecologist in attendance as water voles, newts and crayfish may be present in the brook.

Correspondence: Following a letter from Philip Dunne MP Shropshire Highways had erected a post for the speed sign. He had raised concerns with the Health Secretary Matt Hancock that vaccine deliveries should be prioritised to those areas, like South West Shropshire, which have yet to deploy vaccine for the Priority Group 2 (over 80s).

Finance: The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation were approved unanimously. Also approved unanimously were payments to G Trim £84.00 (Environmental Maintenance) and J Williams (Footpath Group) £27.95.

Planning: 21/00082/FUL - The Old School, Culmington SY8 2DF. Cllr Seabrook raised considerable concerns for the likely damage to the trees on the site as the footprint of the planned buildings breach the protective area of the trees. The trees use approximately 200 litres of water a day reducing the level of water in Seifton Brook and there is approximately 11 tons of carbon stored in the trees which would be released if they were damaged or killed. It was agreed by all the councillors that Tree and Hydrology Surveys should be submitted with the application. They fully supported a young family moving back into the parish but a majority could not support the application in its present form. Cllr Motley suggested the applicant contact the Planning Officer.

Potholes Repairs and Drains Clearance Delays: Cllr Motley

Parish Councils (continued)

reported that the Highways budget had been cut but she had reported outstanding issues to the portfolio holder.

‘We Don’t Buy Crime’ SmartWater Initiative: There are approximately 18 kits needing to be registered before the signs would be erected by the police. Councillors were asked to remind parishioners of the free kits. It was agreed to distribute the 18 kits randomly to members of the parish.

Lorries Parking on the Road: The Clerk reported that she had informed the police of the Parish Council’s concerns. An officer would visit the site and discuss the issues with the owner.

Speed Sign: Thanks to the intervention of Cllr Motley, Graham Oliver from the Police and Crime Commissioners Department and Philip Dunne MP a post had now been erected and the speed

sign is due to be installed on the 9th February.

Review the Environmental Maintenance Contract: The application form was agreed and the Clerk will submit it. It was agreed to work with Stanton Lacy Parish Council in developing a new contractual arrangement for the Environmental Maintenance Service.

Local elections May 2021: They are planned for 6th May. Cllr Mear confirmed that the Village Hall Committee was in discussions with the elections team about opening it for that purpose.

Items for the Next Meeting: Pothole repair and drains maintenance

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd March, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL**Summary of the minutes of the meeting of Munslow Parish Council held on 4th February 2021**

Before the meeting there was a presentation by Mark Trafford, Sales Manager, Airband Community Internet UK.

Present: Barbara Archer (Chair), Linda Charie, Buster Evans, Chris Meeson, Val Fotheringham, Ed Povey.

Apologies had been received from Antonia Bury, David Marston and Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council).

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2021 were approved.

There were no matters arising which were not covered in the agenda.

Reports: The Chair had received an email from Stanton Lacy parish council about the possible appointment of an Environmental Officer and enquiring whether other parish councils would be interested in making a joint appointment. No further details were available: the matter would be discussed at the meeting on 4th March.

The Village Hall lease is coming up for renewal. The Chair, Vice-chair and Clerk will meet and hope to have a proposal to put to the March meeting.

Urgent matters could be raised by members under Matters Arising or after the Chair’s report.

As the Clerk circulates all items of correspondence prior to the meeting by email ‘Correspondence’ will no longer be a routine agenda item.

There had still been no communication from Shropshire Council regarding the 30mph roundels being painted on the road in Aston Munslow, but the Munslow Sign has now been repaired.

Following the Chair’s report it was agreed that Agendas would be sent out seven days before the meeting and urgent items of correspondence (if any) would be included.

Shropshire Councillor Motley’s report had been circulated by email.

It was agreed that Council would discuss the option of a Parish

Council Facebook page at the next meeting.

Finance: The accounting statement was approved. Payments were approved of the Clerk’s salary, expenses and HMRC for January (£156.67, £29.69 and £39.20 respectively).

Planning: There were no new planning applications.

Highways: The Clerk reported that the PCC grant of £4564 had been received and the VAS sign ordered.

Cllr Fotheringham had conducted an email survey of councillors about the Highways Working Group report. Cllr Povey would amend the report and it would be recirculated and reviewed at the next meeting. It would then be sent to Shropshire Council with a view to further discussion.

Census 2021: The Clerk had circulated slides with full details. The census day will be 21st March 2021. Everyone is encouraged to complete the form online but paper copies would also be available, and support for vulnerable groups / individuals would also be available.

Flooding: Cllr Povey reported concerns about flooding in the Square at Munslow during the recent heavy rain. Residents had been given contact details of bodies that would offer support, including the Corvedale Catchment Group and Shropshire Council. Cllrs Fotheringham & Charie reminded Members that they had attended a meeting in January 2020 with the intention of setting up a Flood Awareness Group in the parish but no residents had attended. The Council would continue to monitor the situation.

Community Governance Review: Cllr Motley had held a meeting of Chairs/Clerks last year to review options, including a review of Town and Parish boundaries, and she planned to hold a further meeting following the May elections. A possible area for discussion was the sharing of an Environmental Officer between the parishes: this would be discussed at the March meeting.

Local Elections: at present these are still scheduled to go ahead on 6th May.

Next Meeting: Thursday 4th March 2021

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*Parish Councils (continued)***ABDON AND HEATH PARISH COUNCIL****Draft Minutes of Abdon and Heath Parish Council's Meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2021 via Zoom**

Present: Cllrs R. Price, C. Yarwood, C. Snow (Chair), G. Trim, Cllr C. Motley (Shropshire Council), W. Richards (clerk); Public: M. Buckingham, B. Lewis.

Open Session: Public: Interest in item of minutes from 8th October 2020: Re camp site at Red Barn. The Clerk responded that the Parish Council will not take action on this as it's not yet a Parish Council matter. No application has gone in, nor is there an infringement of planning. They would like the Parish Council to be aware that there are strong objections within the Parish. Cllr Trim agreed to inform B. Lewis and M. Buckingham when further action is taken or there are further developments. Cllr Motley will get clarity on non-planning permission camp sites in the AONB, and consider their appropriateness.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Apologies: Cllr L Durnall (unwell).

Minutes from meeting on 8th November 2020 were presented on screen and read by the Chair. They were unanimously agreed to be correct.

Reports: Some potholes have been filled but many are left. Cllr Yarwood felt it was laughable. Cllr Motley will chase up Shropshire Council if the Clerk forwards her locations and specific problems. The Clerk suggested that residents report them on the Shropshire Council website. The more reports Shropshire Council receive the better. Abdon Top road is now in need of resurfacing after 2/3yrs of neglect. Overhanging hedges have improved and the gritter went around recently. The building up Woodbank Lane, Abdon is being looked at by Planning Enforcement. Willows Café require the marquee to be removed as it is closed again. It was agreed to watch the weather forecast and remove it when appropriate. Cllr Snow, Yarwood and Price will help. Broncroft bridleway has been reported but action is to be confirmed.

Finance: The balance was £5564.49 as at 4th January 2021. There was only £100 income from the marquee. Insurance, due in March, will be around £218. HMO invoice will be due too. SALCs benefits were discussed. The Clerk had received a reduced quote of £75.84 and it was agreed to pay the subscription for 12 months.

The Clerk's wages were discussed. Cllr Snow emailed an annual estimate of £760. The Clerk suggested £9.50 per hour for up to 2hrs per week plus expenses. There would be extra hours at election and audit time. This was unanimously agreed. The Clerk will produce a contract at £9.50 per hour and predicted hours a year.

Precept: This would add a charge to parishioners' council tax. Cllr Trim suggested the Parish Council needed to precept as it will be spending more than its income; furthermore, the marquee is going out less due to Covid. Cllr Price didn't agree as the Parish Council had sufficient funds. The accounts were displayed on screen. Cllr Yarwood agreed not to precept but the Council should look at the situation again in 12 months. Cllr Price said that in the Parish Plan residents wanted no precept. It was agreed that there would be no precept.

Marquee Hire Charges 2021: It was agreed that the price remain at £65, but the marquee would need to be self-erected due to Covid.

Insurance Renewal: this was due in March. Last year it was £218.00. The Clerk will email the quote to Cllrs when received for an email approval.

Planning Applications: 20/05219/FUL (validated: 23/12/2020) - proposed barn conversion adjoining 4 Brookhampton, Holdgate, Shropshire to form one dwelling; erection of detached, part open-fronted double garage; formation of vehicular access with visibility splay and installation of gates; installation of package treatment plant (resubmission).

Applicant: Mrs Rothney (Kingscroft, 4 Brookhampton, Holdgate, Shropshire, TF13 6LN.)

Plans were displayed on the screen. Cllr Motley suggested Shropshire Council may be concerned as it's both a conversion and new build. The redevelopment looked traditional and in keeping. There are currently no public comments. Cllr Yarwood said it was very close to the house. It wouldn't take light or view from other properties. He said it would improve the building as it's currently going into disrepair. The two properties opposite are the closest. Cllr Snow questioned the Parish Plan. Cllr Price said little development had occurred in that area of the Parish. Cllr Price proposed the Council supported the application as there were no public comments to contradict Parish Council thoughts and the materials were sympathetic. This was agreed.

Tree Felling: An update on procedures from Shropshire Council was read by the Clerk. This was discussed and it was agreed there was no need for a TPO. No further action will be taken.

Highways: The Highways Maintenance Grant was discussed, and the cost and work completed. No invoice had yet been received for 2019/20 season. Cllr Trim suggested the Council needed a monthly invoice, although the total invoice previously was only £170 so it may not be worthwhile to have one monthly. Cllr Trim proposes at least bi-monthly invoices. Cllr Yarwood said the job was too large and needed more work than the HMO can offer as the ditches were so neglected, and money is becoming tighter so it's not good enough value for money. Cllr Snow proposed speaking to M&R Groundcare re the invoice and detail of work. Cllr Yarwood said clearing culverts into blocked ditches was pointless. The continuation of HMO is to be considered.

Correspondence: Defibrillator pads are out of date. The Clerk will get quotes for children's pads and order new ones for adults. Cllr Trim will check the defibrillator and the dates on pads in future.

There would be road works from 22nd February to 29th April from Boundary Gate to Upper House. The Clerk will forward details to Cllr Trim. Diversions are posted on website.

Cllr Snow said a resident had reported a breach of lockdown rules at the top of Masseys Bank. The Clerk will forward the Shropshire Council Covid-19 poster to Cllr Snow.

Any Other Business: Cllrs Snow and Durnall will be standing down in May. The Clerk asked Cllrs to talk to residents to encourage candidates, particularly from around the Holdgate/Tugford area, to get a spread of representation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:39

*Parish Councils (continued)***DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL****Summary of the draft Minutes of Diddlebury Parish Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 27th January 2021 via Zoom.**

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S. Thomas.

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

Declarations of interest were made by Cllrs Watson, Worthington and Woodhouse in relation to the proposed grant to Westhope Village Hall committee.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 25th November 2020 were approved and signed and matters arising dealt with.

Reports: The Chairman reported that during the month he had dealt with a S.O. 27 planning application; had considered the latest Local Plan Review; had discussions with Ian Davies about the Community Led Housing Scheme; had discussed a grant application for the DVH car park; had reported a landslip in Middlehope and an erosion to the road in Bouldon to Highways; considered the letter from SC re a proposed Community Governance Review and read up on the law behind and provisions of such schemes.

Unitary Cllr Motley reported on the ramifications of a Community Led Housing Scheme - she will set up a Chairs and Clerks meeting to discuss it. She reminded the meeting that a Census will take place 22nd - 27th February and all households must return their questionnaires by 21st March 2021. She advised that the increased use of footpaths had led to a 215% increase in reports about repairs needed to footpaths, stiles, gates, bridges etc. The Footpaths Team is under considerable pressure to deal with this work load.

Finally, Cllr Motley confirmed she is alive to the many highways problems in South Shropshire and she is in touch with Andy Keyland about them.

Diddlebury Village Hall: Cllr Woodhouse reported that the DVH grant application had been refused by Severn Trent Water as they are not presently considering capital funding applications. More efforts are being made to obtain DPC's CIL funding by him, the Chairman and Cllr Motley.

Flood Action Group: Cllr O'Boyle said the FAG's published data is available on the Diddlebrook gauges. No flooding had occurred in the parish during the recent heavy rainfall.

Planning applications: 20/05271/FUL - an application for a first-floor extension, internal alterations, replacement windows and relocation of PV panels at Bouldon Mill was considered. Councillors supported the application.

20/04972/FUL - an application for an extension following demolition of a cow shed and garage at Red Brick Barn, Corfton was considered by the Chairman and a group of councillors pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 27. A site meeting was held. Councillors supported the application.

Highways & Environmental Matters: the landslip at Middlehope and road erosion in Bouldon were discussed. There are no salt bins in Middlehope or Bache Mill, despite two years of asking SC for such bins to be provided. Cllr R Povall proposed DPC should purchase two bins from its reserves. Proposal seconded by the Chairman and agreed unanimously by the members.

Correspondence & Communications: 13 items of correspondence were considered and noted.

Finance: The Finance Report for January 2021 was considered. Cheques totalling £685.09 were approved. Cllr. O'Boyle verified the cash book/bank statement reconciliation.

Precept Requirement for 2021/2022: A second draft of the Precept Budget for 2021/2022 was discussed at length. Since the November budget discussion a request had been received from Westhope Village Hall committee for a £2,000 grant to assist with their purchase of the freehold of Westhope Village Hall. The considerable debate this request generated is reported in the Minutes which are on DPC's website. Cllr R Povall proposed DPC should make a £2,000 grant; proposal seconded by Cllr O'Boyle. The four members entitled to vote voted unanimously in support of the grant, subject to conditions.

Members approved the sum of £6,666 for DPC's administration and £2,000 for Westhope Village Hall, subject to certain conditions. With one abstention a Precept Requirement for the financial year 2021/2022 in the sum of £8,666 was approved. The Precept budget is available to view on the DPC website.

It was agreed unanimously that the meeting on 24th February 2021 will be conducted via Zoom.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.27pm

**Next meetings: Wednesday 24th February 2021, 7.30pm (but log on at 7.15pm)
Please follow the log-in/joining instructions which will be appended to the Agenda.**

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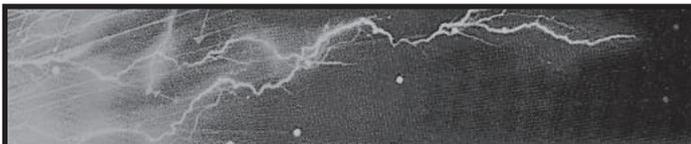
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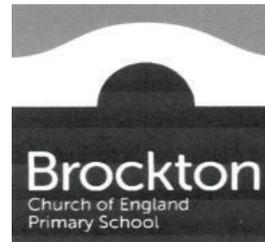
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Please contact Catherine Crowther for dates:

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Catherinecrowther@gmail.com

Contact Numbers for Local Services

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

	Contact	Phone	Email
<i>Local Services and Emergencies</i>			
Electricity Problems/Power Cuts	Western Power	0800 6783 105	
Water Supply Problems	Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444	
County Flood Management	Shropshire Council	0345 678 9006	flood@shropshire.gov.uk
Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group	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	
<i>Clubs and Societies</i>			
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	jc Cedarwood@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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<i>Parish Clerks and Websites</i>			
Abdon & Heath Parish Council Clerk	Wendy Richards	07813 271274	abdonandheathclerk1@outlook.com
Culmington Parish Council Clerk	Heather Coonick	07817 607355	culmingtonpc@googlemail.com
Diddlebury Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Jean de Rusett	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.

The Corvedale Group of Parishes

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SERVICES FOR MARCH 2021

Due to the lockdown there is a change to the pattern of services.

There will be a service of Holy Communion in one of the churches each Sunday at 9:45am:

March 7th	Diddlebury
March 14th	Abdon
March 21st	Munslow
March 28th	Holdgate

If the coronavirus situation changes locally, we may have to cancel some or all of these services.

To check that a 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 have to keep a record of attendance for track-and-trace purposes.

At 11am each Sunday there will be a service on Zoom – please email Rev'd J Beesley if you'd like the link to join these services – everyone is welcome, whether you have joined us before or not. We will continue to upload services to the Corvedale Churches' YouTube channel.

The churches will remain open daily for private prayer, except in the week following a service when we have to keep them closed. Again, this may have to be reviewed if the current restrictions are changed.

