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Summer clouds gathering
- Dominika Fowler

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Tel: (01743) 874923

circuitoffice2803@gmail.com

LOCAL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Mini Moos

Baby and toddler group

Every Monday
10-12 term time

£2.50 per family

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

Diddlebury Village Hall

Find us on Facebook
Mini Moos baby and toddler group

Weekly Whist Drives

Every Monday
All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm
Start 7:15pm

£3 to include half time refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
SY7 9JL

ENJOY SINGING?

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

WHO?

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

WHEN and WHERE?

Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall during school term times

WHAT?

We sing an eclectic mix of harmony songs with a supportive, friendly and fun group of local people.

We have an annual summer concert and support a carol service in church at Christmas time. And we raise money for good causes at the same time.

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

Or join us any Monday evening for a taster.

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

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

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

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

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

Next Meeting: Thursday 9th July 2026

Corvedale Artists

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

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

£8.00 per session

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

For further information telephone 01299 832 603

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP

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

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

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

RSPB Events

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

WALKS

Thursday 9th July
Aston Locks, 10:30am

Sunday 9th August
The Bog, 10:30am

Sunday 20th September
The Long Mynd (west side), 10am

TALKS

Will resume in September.

Culmington Lunch Club

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

All for just £12

Bar

Raffle

Every third Thursday of the month
12.30pm for 1pm

Culmington Village Hall

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

WHY NOT JOIN THE Friends of Diddlebury Village Hall

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

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

Whichever you choose just email us at diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com and we'll send you all the details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2026

Thu	2nd	**Messy Church**	St Peter's Church, Diddlebury	3.20pm
Sat	4th	**Diddlebury Fête**	School Field & Village Hall	12-3.30pm
Sun	5th	**Tabletop Sale**	Culmington Village Hall	10am-2pm
Mon	6th	**Maggie's Desert Island Discs**	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Tue	7th	**Culmington Parish Council Meeting**	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
Wed	8th	**Munslow WI Outing**	Dudmaston Hall	TBC
Thu	9th	**RSPB Walk**	Aston Locks	10.30am
Thu	9th	**Westhope Clover Club Outing**	Ashlea Pools, Hopton Heath	3pm
Thu	9th	**Corvedale Book Group**	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Thu	9th	**Hayton & District WI Meeting**	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	11th	**Corvedale Garden Group**	Cuckoo Hall, Montgomery	10am
Sat	11th	**Un-finished Objects (UFO) Craft Morning**	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
Sat	11th	**Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert**	Ticklerton Village Hall	7pm
Mon	20th	**Corvedale News Copy Deadline**		
Tue	21st	**Caring for God's Acre Churchyard Task Team**	All Saints Church, Culmington	10am-2pm
Tue	21st	**Brown Clee PPG Meeting**	Ditton Priors Village Hall	7pm
Fri	24th	**Puddings and Pimms**	Abdon Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	25th	**Coffee Morning**	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
Sun	26th	**Diddlebury & Westhope WI**	Heath House Garden	TBA
Wed	29th	**Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting**	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm

AUGUST 2026

Sun	9th	**RSPB Walk**	The Bog	10.30am
Wed	12th	**Community Lunch**	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
Sun	23rd	**Culmington & District Flower & Produce Show**	Culmington Village Hall	TBA

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Every Mon	**Corvedale Choir**	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	**Coffee Morning**	Culmington Village Hall	10am-11.30am
Every Mon	**Bridge Club**	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
Every Mon	**Whist Drive**	Westhope Village Hall	7.15pm
Every Mon	**Mini Moos - Baby & Toddler Group**	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	**Blue Hills Choir**	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	**Corvedale Artists**	Munslow Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	**Zumba**	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Tues	**Yoga**	Westhope Village Hall	9.45-10.45am
Every Weds	**Yoga (Currently Suspended)**	Culmington Village Hall	6pm
Every Weds	**Line Dancing**	Onibury Village Hall	5.45 - 8.45pm
Every Weds	**Pub Night**	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	8pm
Every Thur	**Tai Chi**	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Thur	**Pilates Beginners/Intermediate Class**	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Fri	**Physiotherapist-led Pilates**	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

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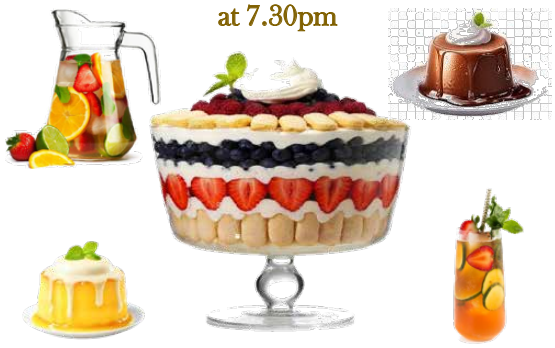
The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 20th July 2026

PUDDINGS AND PIMMS

Friday 24th July in Abdon Village Hall

at 7.30pm



Donations £10 – to try a selection of puddings and enjoy a glass of Pimms

(Tea/ coffee also available)

In aid of the Corvedale Group of Churches

Please book in advance by contacting Rev'd J Beesley (revjbeesley@gmail.com) or Margaret Buckingham (mabuckingham20@gmail.com)

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Table top sale

Sunday 5th July
Open 10.00am to 2.00pm
Set up 9.15am
Refreshments will be available

Pitches inside / *NOW SOLD OUT*
Pitch outside ***£10*** per 5.0m wide car park space

Information and booking
Avril Lines 07958 957408
culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com
Payment in advance required.

UPCOMING EVENTS At DVH

October

Friday 2nd
Fashion Show by Bodenhams & Oska of Ludlow
Wednesday 14th
Movie Night

November

Sunday 1st
Tabletop Sale back by popular demand
Friday 13th
Colour Analysis Demo Evening by Practical Style
Wednesday 18th
Movie Night

December

Friday 4th
Pub, Food & Band Night with ROCKFALL
Friday 18th
Carols by the Diddle Brook

Nights at DVH

Wed 23 September
Wed 28 October
Wed 9 December

Teams of 4 – £10 a team

Already taking bookings for September !!!

Message or email to book
07396 730342
diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com

DATE FOR THE DIARY

5TH SEPTEMBER

SHROPSHIRE HILLS VINTAGE CLUB

annual working day

HERE ON THE FIELD
AT STANTON LACY
VILLAGE HALL

kindly hosted by the Gatehouse family

WORKING DAY IN THE MORNING

BACON BAPS

CUPPA TEA & COFFEE

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE EVENING

ALL WELCOME

Time for the live entertainment in the evening to be confirmed

Diddlebury Church

Sausage Sizzle, Fete and Dog Show

Saturday July 4th

12:00 – 4pm

Diddlebury Village Hall and School Field

Sausage Sizzle from 12:00
Dog Show at 1:30
Duck Race at 3:30

Folk Fiddle Workshops

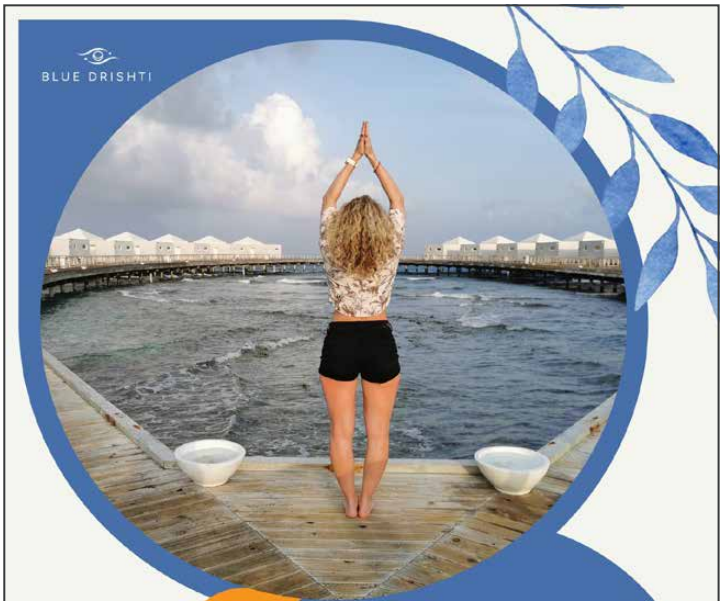
with Kitty Greenwood

Thu 20 Aug (experienced): **FiddleSavvy**
Fri 21 Aug (novice): **FiddleFriendly**

£75 per day, lunch included

10.00 – 16.00

Westhope College
Craven Arms
SY7 9JL



£5

Thursday:
4-5pm

For Booking
contact Dani:
07973178377
Call, text or whatsapp to
book a class

SLOW FLOW YOGA

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL
SY7 9DH

THURSDAY 16TH JULY

£5 FIRST CLASS OFFER
£10 PER CLASS PAYG
CLASS PACK £85

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

QUIZ NIGHTS

23rd September

28th October

9th December

Christmas Quiz

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

MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesdays

14th October

18th November

QUIZ NIGHT	**We are already taking bookings for our September Quiz!** Come and see why we have such fun at DVH quizzes and why we have such a loyal following. Message or email us to save a table	**Wed. 23rd Sept** **Bar Open 19:00** **Quiz Starts 19:30**
DVH FASHION SHOW	We are thrilled to announce our first ever fashion show featuring the new season's fashions from **Bodenhams** and **Oska** of Ludlow. *Tickets on sale soon – keep a lookout!*	**Fri 2nd October**
TABLETOP SALE	**Back by popular demand** Have lots of 'stuff' to get rid of? Then book a table at our next sale and sell it! Homemade cakes, bacon baps and hot drinks on sale too!	**Sun. 1st November**
	The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice Contact: Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com	**Thursday** **9th July** **19:00**
	Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group – term time only £2.50 per Family	**Mondays** **09:30 -11:30**
	The Corvedale Choir. Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	**Mondays** **19.30 -21.30**
	The Blue Hills Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	**Tuesdays** **10.00 - 12.00**
	Zumba Contact Cat: zumbawithcat@outlook.com /07817 448832	**Tuesdays** **18.00**
	Tai Chi Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250275 hello@goldenthreadscic.com	**Thursdays** **10.00 - 11.00**
	Pilates with Tina Bookings only via pilateswithtina@outlook.com	**Thursdays** **18:00 – 19:00**
Pilates	**Physiotherapist-Led Pilates** Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412	**Fridays** **9.15 - 10.15**

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

Our hall's current improvements are now complete. We had our inaugural opening with our memorial race day to Ellie on Sunday 14th June which over 100 people attended. The weather was glorious; both the Pizza Girls and Hoof and Scoop Ice cream did a roaring trade and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time!

As this report had to be submitted by 15th June, we are unable to let everyone know how much we raised for Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis and Brain Tumour Trust in time for the July Corvedale News but would estimate that over £4000 was raised on the day and we will publish the final figures on our Facebook and Diddlebury parish website pages. Huge thanks to everyone who attended, the incredible contributions from our sponsors and for your amazing support both before and during the event.

We still have a few upgrades planned and are hoping for additional grants to facilitate these necessary improvements.

We can now accept payment by card and phone. Due to unreliable internet at the hall, we may have to accept transactions without being able to connect to the customer's card provider, so have put a £100 ceiling on transactions.

The QR code to the right links to our page on the Diddlebury parish website

REGULAR EVENTS

Weekly Whist Drive
Every Monday, 7pm for 7:15pm start.

Weekly Yoga
Every Tuesday, 9:45am
Enquiries Sue Pugh 07432 349 933.

Monthly Skittles Evenings
Every 2nd Friday, 7:30pm
May – September.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Lunch
Wednesday 12th August, 12:30 for 1pm
Two-course home cooked meal with tea/coffee, £12pp. Booking essential.

Harvest Supper
Saturday 17th October.
Three-course home cooked meal with tea/coffee, £15pp. Country music entertainment. Booking essential.

Newtown Male Voice Choir
Saturday 5th December, 7:30pm.
£15pp. Booking essential.

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

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

More events being organised...
All events include a licenced cash bar.
Enquiries and booking details to Betty *07860 447 397* or Moira *01584 861 663.*

WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB

The Clover Club met again on Wednesday 3rd June to enjoy another delightful and delicious Westhope community lunch. It was a lovely gathering.

Our next meeting is **Thursday 9th July** at Ashlea Pools, Hopton Heath for afternoon tea at 3pm.

Kath Woodhouse, *01584 841 254*

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

REGULAR EVENTS

Coffee Morning
Every Monday, 10am - 11.30am
Come along for a cuppa (coffee or tea) for just £1. Good company, free refills and biscuits!

Bridge Club
Every Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm
Contact Richard Smith *richard.smith404@btinternet.com*

Yoga - Please Note: Currently Suspended
Contact Jennifer Gennard *07968 817 643*

JULY EVENTS

Tabletop Sale
Sunday 5th July, 10am – 2pm
Lots of goodies for sale so come and grab a bargain! Plus, tea, coffee and cakes to enjoy.

Outside pitches still available at £10 per space. Inside pitches now sold out.

To book contact Avril Lines *07958 957 408* or email: *culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com*

FUTURE EVENTS
Please note there is no Lunch Club in July, August or September. Lunch Club will return in October.

Culmington & District Flower & Produce Show
Sunday 23rd August
Get preparing your entries now! Schedules from Culmington Village Hall, All Saints Church or Cyril Bason. Contacts: Sue Lewis *07800 820 194*, Joy Williams *01584 861 849* or Jo Mear *07872 109 936*.

STANTON LACY VILLAGE HALL

Follow us on Facebook - Stanton Lacy Village Hall Events

WHAT'S ON IN JULY

Bar Night Every Wednesday
The hall is open from 8pm. All welcome.

Shropshire Hills Vintage Tractor Club
3rd Wednesday of the month, 7pm

Community Coffee Mornings
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
For more details contact Phyllis *01584 823 426.*

Hayton and District Women's Institute
2nd Thursday of the month – 7.30pm start.
For more details contact Phyllis *01584 823 426.*

Lil's Walk
Wednesdays 8th and 22nd at 6.30pm.
Walks start from village hall car park.
Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome.

ABDON VILLAGE HALL

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group
Saturday 11th July, 10.30am - 12.30pm
The UFO craft group will meet on the second Saturday of the month, as usual.

UFO will NOT meet in August for a summer break. We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday 12th September**, 10.30-12.30 as usual.

Coffee Morning
Saturday 25th July,10.30am - 12.30pm.
Our coffee mornings continue on the last Saturday of the month. Lively chat, coffee and, of course, cake!

Abdon Village Hall Bookings
Contact Margaret Buckingham:
abdon.villagehall@gmail.com or *01746 712 296*
or visit our website for the booking form and details:
www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

MUNSLOW PARISH HALL

On Saturday 6th June a nature walk was started from the hall on a showery but bright afternoon. Thirty or so folk from Munslow, Aston Munslow and Corfton spent a fascinating afternoon walking on footpaths through the Millichope Estate looking at insects, birds, and plants. This event was organised by our local Nature Recovery group.

The walk was followed by an afternoon tea prepared by our brilliant volunteers. We spent a lovely couple of hours with delicious food socialising with our friends and neighbours

It is always great to have these get togethers which are so enjoyable.

Further upcoming event dates to follow.

Lesley Dobson
On behalf of the parish hall committee

BURWAY LANE OPEN GARDENS

Burway Lane Open Gardens on 17th May was a huge success with more than 550 people attending and raising over £5,000 for the Ludlow Assembly Rooms.

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

I'm not sure who decides these things, but I discovered the other day that July is designated as 'National Picnic Month', which, an internet search tells me, is 'celebrated annually in the UK'. I have to say it's the first I'd heard of it: I can't say I'd noticed everyone else celebrating in years past, but this year I shall be more alert and will try to join in (assuming it stops raining for long enough).

Thinking of eating food outdoors reminds me that there are two opportunities coming up when we can share food with others whilst supporting the churches. On **Saturday 4th July** we have the fete at Diddlebury which will have a different format this year and which will begin with a sausage sizzle from 12 noon. After that we'll have stalls, the dog show and a duck race. On **Friday 24th**, from 7:30pm, we have Puddings and Pimms at Abdon Village Hall: another chance to share food and enjoy the company of friends and neighbours.

As we read the gospels, we find various occasions on which Jesus and those around him shared food and whilst such gatherings fulfilled a practical function in that people need to eat, they are more important in other ways. We might think particularly of the Last Supper in which Jesus gave the basic ingredients of bread and wine a new meaning, commanding his followers to 'do this in remembrance of me' – something which, almost two thousand years later, we still do each week in one or more of our churches in the services of Holy Communion.

Gathering for a shared purpose is part of what makes us a community, as opposed to just being a group of individuals who live in the same area. Sometimes we gather because of a shared interest – perhaps music or a sport – but gathering to share food is, perhaps, different because it's something in which we can all share, whatever our talents may be.

Perhaps National Picnic Month is something which ought to be better known!

Rev'd John Beesley

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church will be on **Thursday 2nd July** at 3:20pm in Diddlebury Church. Come and join us for crafts, story and food as we think about Saints and Special People!

Rev'd John Beesley

FLOWERS & BRASSES - JULY

5th Megan Speight
12th Megan Speight
19th Liz Jones
26th Liz Jones

REGISTERS

BAPTISM

7th June Reggie Sam Chad Bateman Diddlebury

WEDDING

24th May Monica Lea and Eliot Broadbridge Diddlebury

WEDDING BLESSING

4th June Janet and Sam Oyelayo Diddlebury

DIDDLEBURY SUMMER FÊTE

THE SCHOOL FIELD & VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY 12 - 4PM

There is such a lot going on in the world and in our lives that sometimes it's good to slow down and enjoy a Saturday afternoon of simple summer loveliness! St Peter's Church Diddlebury and Corvedale School presents the opportunity to do just that.

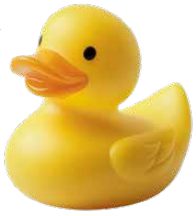
Come along to our fete and find something all the family (and the dog!) will enjoy.

The DOG SHOW is at 1.30pm with lots of fun classes. Can your dog catch a sausage the fastest?

Not to be outdone a SAUSAGE SIZZLE BBQ will serve up delicious local butcher's sausages to humans too from 12 noon! Tea, coffee, and delicious homemade cakes will also be on sale.

STALLS that you can wander round and pick up a bargain from Corvedale honey, cakes, plants, and games. Do you have a craft business? Tables are available to join us at £10.00 each. We would really welcome more stalls, email *lizandmartinj@gmail.com* to book.

An exciting new activity this year is the DIDDLEBURY DUCK RACE. Buy a plastic duck for just £1.00 and it will enter the race down the Diddle brook at 3.30pm. The ducks will be launched near Glebe Farm by kind permission of Alison and Tom O'Boyle. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd to make it over the weir! Come and cheer your duck on by the brook in Mill Lane.



There will also be a BOUNCY CASTLE too for the children!

So come and join us and for a while enjoy an afternoon of a traditional English Summer Fete!

Sharon Constable

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CULMINGTON CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

Volunteers will be working in Culmington churchyard on

Tuesday 21st July from 10am to 2.30pm

with the summer tidying of the grounds around the church.

All are welcome - no expertise is required – just come along and join in for as long as you would like to.

Refreshments provided.

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

ATHELSTAN

My plan this month is to give you a heads-up for a big anniversary in July 2027. As you have probably picked up if you read my monthly articles, I am very fond of Anglo-Saxon history. We are very blessed in Shropshire, as many remains of 1500 years ago are still here for us to see. On 12th July 927 one person had managed to bring together all the little kingdoms and was crowned as the first ever King of England. Athelstan was his name.

Athelstan was the grandson of Alfred the Great, a man who had inherited the throne of Wessex in a time of upheaval and battles between Vikings and the Anglo-Saxon people. Despite having three older brothers Alfred's turn as king followed the death of his third brother in 871. He decided to calm life down and started to build the kingdom with the development of burhs, town plans, or new towns. He reigned until 899 when the throne passed to his son Edward the Elder.

When Edward died in July 924, his two eldest sons became King of Wessex and King of Mercia, but the elder of the two, Alfweard, died just a few weeks after his father and Athelstan became King of Mercia and Wessex. His coronation was in 925 at Kingston-on-Thames. Until that time the Archbishop of Canterbury would place a helmet on the new king's head, but this coronation was to be different: Athelstan had a crown placed on his head and the rest, as they say, is history.

He took over what his grandfather had started, following the codes of law that Alfred the Great had introduced. He worked to implement them, demonstrating his authority as he went. He encouraged other local leaders to take the ideas on board.

He also saw the advantage of arranging the marriage of his sister to Sihtric, King of York. Luck always seemed to be on Athelstan's side as a year later Sihtric died and Athelstan was on the spot ready to take over, not only York, but the whole of Northumbria. Constantine II, King of the Scots, submitted to Athelstan at Bamburgh.

Next stop was in Hereford, where the Welsh princes made their submissions. So just the Corn-Welsh (that's Cornwall to you and me) to sort out! And Athelstan would then have conquered all. From now on he was known at first as Rex Anglorum, but once the coins were struck, they bore the legend king of the whole of Britain. Saxons were never mentioned again!

Athelstan reigned until 939. The Irish, Cornish and Scots tried to see him off, but he was the victor at the Battle of Brunanburh in 937. He was a very wealthy man when he died. He had never married, so had no children. He was succeeded by his half-brother Edmund I.

Athelstan made a mark on our country, and I think we should be marking him next year and making the 1100 years since he became our first King something to shout about. What do you think?

Anni Holden Calver

Secretary of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group and Trustee of Caring for God's Acre

www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk

www.discovershropshirechurches.co.uk

NEWS FROM BROWN CLEE PPG

(PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP)

Partnership changes at the Brown Clee Medical Practice were announced at the PPG meeting in April, when Dr Clare Bravey introduced herself as Dr Bassett's new Partner and outlined the changes to the system for booking appointments to be implemented the following week. She also told us that Dr Wendy Matthews had resigned her partnership, and Dr Daniel Mulverhill would be starting in June with view to taking up a partnership in the near future.

Patients wishing to see a GP are now asked to use the online eConsult form (found on the front page of the practice website). If patients are unable to use this form, then they can still phone the practice and a member of staff will complete the form on their behalf. The requests will be triaged and appropriate actions taken – some patients will be offered an appointment; others may receive a phone call or a message as a response to their request. This system is designed to ensure that clinical staff determine the urgency of each case to enable the practice to work efficiently, ensuring those with urgent need are prioritised.

The next meeting of the PPG is **Tuesday 21st July** at 7pm in Ditton Priors Village Hall. Any registered patient is welcome at this meeting, and we are expecting to hear about further developments at the practice.

Tina Ranson, Chair BCPPG, *browncleeppg@gmail.com*

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

We have countless miles of footpaths and public rights of way in the parishes of Munslow, Diddlebury and Abdon & Heath and these have hundreds of gates, stiles and footbridges. Some are used daily, some occasionally and some probably never. Many are in good condition, others less so and some do not align with the map or cannot be found.

If you know of a problem or issue with a local footpath, especially if it is on the Corvedale Three Castles Walk or the Shropshire Way, please contact the Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group. To aid identification please use What3Words or provide the Ordnance Survey map Grid Reference or at the very least a good description of its location. A photograph of the problem would also help.

We aim to keep our footpaths accessible to local and visiting walkers and generally have up to three working parties per month. New members are always welcome, so if you would like to join us for a one-off or longer-term commitment, please do get in touch.

For more information, or to report a problem with a local path, please contact Katharine Wale at *katharinewale59@gmail.com* or on *07866 408 897*.

Katharine Wale

GREEN MATTERS

IN DEFENCE OF IVY

Of all the plants which grow in our English countryside ivy seems to evoke more than its fair share of hatred! This attitude is perhaps natural because the dense leathery leaves give the impression that the plant is smothering the tree up which it grows. In some quarters feelings run extremely high, even to the extent of many genuine tree lovers advocating a policy of complete destruction.

But is there nothing to be said in favour of this 'villain'? Let us consider the facts - the pros and cons of ivy – is it true, as some people claim, that ivy can kill trees? This rarely happens and then only if the tree is already diseased and the crown diminished so as to let light into the top. Generally, the shade cast by the crown of a healthy tree will confine the ivy to the trunk and lower branches. Does ivy harm its host? Contrary to very widespread popular belief ivy is not a parasite, it does not live off the tree up which it grows but only uses it as a support. Some may think that the root-like hairs by which it clings to the tree are feeding roots, but this can easily be disproved by cutting the ivy stems at its base whereupon they will quickly die.

From the wildlife point of view ivy has some particularly important advantages. It flowers in late September and October and therefore nectar, pollen and berries of ivy are available as an essential food source for insects and birds, especially during autumn and winter when little else is about. It also provides shelter for insects, birds, bats, and other small mammals. The high fat content of the berries is a nutritious food resource for birds, and the berries are eaten by a range of species including thrushes, blackcaps, wood pigeons, and blackbirds.

Ivy is particularly important to many insects before they go into hibernation. Some of the main insect species which forage on the nectar and pollen of ivy are bees, hoverflies, and common wasps. Its' stems, branches, and evergreen leaves also support many other species of insects throughout the year thereby helping to provide a supply of food for higher animals.

It is an important food plant for some butterfly and moth larvae such as holly blue, small dusty wave, angle shades, and swallow-tailed moth. Many rare insects are attracted to ivy flowers, including the golden hoverfly.

The ancient Greeks and Romans believed that wearing a wreath of ivy leaves around the head would prevent one from getting drunk! The Roman god Bacchus, the god of intoxication, was often depicted wearing a wreath of ivy and grapevines. Ivy was also a symbol of intellectual achievement in ancient Rome and wreaths were used to crown winners of poetry contests. Wreaths were also given to winning athletes in ancient Greece. Ivy was a symbol of fidelity and so priests would present a wreath of ivy to newly married couples. Today it is still the custom for bridal bouquets to contain a sprig of ivy.

Ivy, like all our indigenous broadleaved trees and bushes has evolved over millions of years and has become, like the oak and willow a vital plant to large numbers of insects, birds, and animals.

Sue Steer

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

We were delighted to welcome Russell Brooks of West Midlands Ambulance Service back to Diddlebury village hall to present his extremely informative and useful training session to a group of twenty-four local residents. This course was a refresher for some and an initiation for others, following the recent acquisition of a defibrillator for the Corfton community.

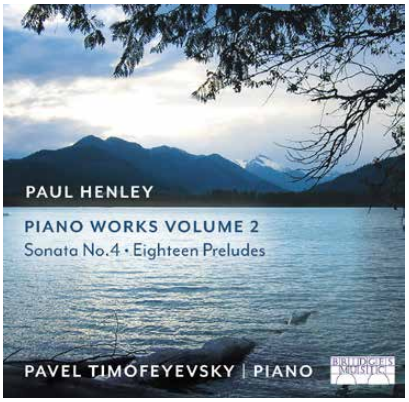
Russell started by giving us some interesting statistics about cardiac arrest before moving on to demonstrate the techniques of CPR. After a short break for coffee and delicious pastries and cakes kindly provided by Jacqueline and Mark Turner we moved on to learning how to use the defibrillator itself.

The audience was enthused by Russell's presentation, and I think we all left feeling much better equipped to deal with a cardiac arrest. We hope to repeat the session in around four years' time.

Sara Thompson

PIANO WORKS VOLUME 2

A new CD featuring music by local composer, Paul Henley, has been released recently. Paul was the artistic director of the Corvedale festival, which he established along with his wife, Ruth. The CD features two works for piano - the Sonata No.4 dating from 2020 and the Eighteen Preludes, written last year. The recording took place in St Michael's Church, Munslow last November and features world-class pianist, Pavel Timofeyevsky. The recording engineer is Michael McCarthy, a former BBC sound engineer and recipient of two BAFTA awards and a Royal Television Society Lifetime Achievement award.



The CD includes a twelve-page colour booklet. It is priced at £10 and may be obtained by contacting Paul Henley directly at *p.a.henley@aol.co.uk*. There are more details of the composer's work available on his website at - *www.paulhenley-composer.com.*

Ruth Henley

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

MUNSLOW WI

In June, we learned from our speaker, Rosie Watkins, about Sekem, a sustainable development project at Belbeis in Egypt – a project far more wide-ranging (and exciting) than the epithet 'sustainable development' would suggest. Sekem is the brainchild of Ibrahim Abouleish who was born into the family of a Cairo businessman in 1937. Ibrahim studied in Austria as an industrial chemist and went on to hold leading positions in Europe with pharmaceutical companies but in 1977, having absorbed some of the philosophical ideas of Rudolf Steiner, and combining these with Islamic values, he was inspired to renounce his comfortable lifestyle and return to Egypt with the aim of transforming the desert and providing work and education at a time when many in Egypt were living in poverty.

This must have seemed an impossible dream when he first surveyed the 177 acres of barren land he acquired on the desert edge of the Nile delta 17km north-east of Cairo. By 1978, however, he had built his house and six years later, with the help of local Bedouin people, he had laid roads and planted 120,000 seedling trees. Sekem is now a stunningly beautiful oasis, living up to its name, which means 'the power of the sun to give life.' The original site has expanded to over 672 acres and four farms are being developed in other locations, one by Ibrahim's grandson in an even harsher environment in the western desert.

Wells seventy metres deep draw on an extensive aquifer in the sandstone below. Irrigation is by drip-feeding to reduce evaporation. Islam has a concept of 'exquisite food,' meaning food that is nutritious and wholesome, and which is produced in harmony with the land. Thus, the farms produce their own rich compost, and all cultivation is organic and based on biodynamic principles.

Sekem employs over 2,000 people from surrounding villages. Many work in the factories packaging and selling foodstuffs such as vegetables, honey, dates, herbs, spices, edible oils, and herbal teas. Healthcare products and organic cotton are marketed in Egypt and overseas. Remarkably, every employee is given 10% paid time each week to pursue an interest – perhaps music, drama (there is a theatre), pottery, painting – or to learn a new skill such as cookery. There is a kindergarten, primary and secondary schools with equal opportunities for girls and boys, and a flourishing university and research centre.

Ibrahim's special genius was his ability to connect and communicate with everyone, from children to the government officials who sometimes stood in his way. He initiated the practice of gathering for a brief time as a Sekem community every Thursday morning to sing together and greet each other. The practice has continued since his death in 2017.

Ibrahim's vision was certainly realised and, indeed, lives on: his son Helmy Abouleish and the Board of Sekem directors have developed a further 'Vision for 2057' to spread the Sekem ideas of sustainable development more widely through Egypt.

Our next meeting will be a visit to Dudmaston. Please contact our secretary, Val Hardwick at *sparchford@btinternet.com*, if you would like more information.

Wendy Brogden, *wendy@brogden.info*

HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

Thank you to our guest speaker Jo Ward, Senior Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) and author of *'Every Contact Leaves a Trace'*. Jo drew us into her life as a CSI straight away and we were hooked from the start. She shared the painstaking process of collecting evidence and then the consequences of seeking justice for the victims and their families. Jo also spoke candidly about the challenges she has overcome personally, which was a deeply moving and honest account on both her physical and mental health. The bedrock to her career and being a full-time working mum has been the unwavering support from her husband and family. Jo left us with a newfound respect for those who work tirelessly to uncover the truth. Her talk was excellent & inspiring. On a personal note, having just read *'Every Contact leaves a Trace'* I found it to be a fascinating and informative read.

On behalf of Hayton & District WI we extend our heartfelt gratitude for all the support and contributions we received which ensured that the evening was a great success.

Upcoming Event:
Jenny Lack, Brooke Working Horse & Donkey Charity.
Thursday 9th July 7.30pm at Stanton Lacy Village Hall.

We are delighted to welcome Jenny Lack as our guest speaker for the evening. Jenny has raised over £190,000 for Brooke, an international animal welfare charity dedicated to improving the lives of working horses, donkeys and mules.

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

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Secretary: Jennette Arnold OBE -
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Pam Macintyre

DIDDLEBURY AND WESTHOPE WI

We met in Culmington Village Hall on 10 June for a DIY evening - an informal evening with a theme of Wales! Food came in abundance: Welsh cakes by the plateful, some of them still warm from the oven; Bara Brith; Welsh cheese; and other tasty morsels tempted us all. Lots of chat and the fun challenge of a well-constructed quiz from Jacqui which was enjoyed by all.

There was much to discuss including the group dinner on **17th September** and our next craft afternoon trying our hand at knitting, always a challenge for some of us - by which I mean primarily me! Hoping for a dry day this year, we agreed our next garden visit on **26th July,** meeting at Heath House garden. Joy and Jayne gave a brief report on attending the 'watch party' in Shrewsbury for the National

Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) Annual Meeting. Alongside the business side of that meeting there were inspiring guest speakers: Mary Lewis who worked with Jane Goodall for over 45 years and still continues her work with chimpanzees and gorillas and projects led by young people through her Roots & Shoots programme; Michele Dougherty, professor of space physics at Imperial College London and the sixteenth Astronomer Royal, the first woman to hold that role, spoke with great enthusiasm about her work leading uncrewed exploratory missions to Saturn and Jupiter; and Anne Boden, a Welsh tech entrepreneur and the founder and CEO of Starling Bank. What inspiring talks they all gave! The next NFWI Annual Meeting will be held in Hull and will provide a proper opportunity to meet in person.

Our next WI meeting on **Wednesday 8th July** will be a craft evening. As always, if anyone would like to come along to our meetings either as a visitor for the evening or to join as a member you would be very welcome. Visitor fee is £4. Please do ring Joy Williams, our secretary, on *01584 861 849*, if you would like any further information.

Jayne Disley

CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP

PITCHFORD HALL

On Saturday 13th June, twenty-four members of the garden group visited Pitchford Hall for a tour of the house and gardens. Each group of six had its own guide, who shared the history of the house, garden, and 17th century treehouse (the oldest in the world) both outside and inside for those who were brave enough to climb the stairs! The visit ended with delicious coffee and cake in the orangery accompanied by the confident crumb loving peacocks, the peahen, and her beautiful peachicks.

Pitchford Hall is Grade I listed and one of England's finest Elizabethan half-timbered houses. The name derived from a naturally occurring pitch, or bitumen, well by the Row Brook within the grounds and is one of the few such wells in the country. The bitumen was used for waterproofing and protecting the exposed timbers of the house. Opposite the pitch well is a ford across the Row, hence Pitchford.

The estate is first recorded in the Domesday Book (1081–86) and records suggest that a medieval manor house stood somewhere on the site between at least 1284 and 1431. The Colthurst family owned the estate for five hundred years until the house and contents were sold in 1992 due to financial difficulties. Several members of our group remembered the sale and wondered whether any family members had bought items from it and were going home to find out.

The house was purchased by a Kuwaiti Princess in 1992, who used the stables for a stud farm with the 42-room house standing empty for twenty-four years. In August 2016, Rowena Colthurst and her husband James Nason bought Pitchford back from the Princess and the renovation and preservation began. This has been taking place gradually - one thing at a time. as James explained during our tour. The hall now offers holiday accommodation and hosts events and there are plans for restoring more of the house to do the same. We were treated to see the remnants of the Victorian range and a bedroom that has a ghostly presence – all waiting for renovation and for use as holiday accommodation (I wonder if they will mention the possible ghosts?).

Since the restoration started James and Rowena also began the exciting project of trying to source some of the house contents sold in the 1992 auction, with quite a lot of success, and we were lucky enough to see some of the paintings that have been returned to their original home. The library has been reinvented as it was an empty room, and the 'Harry Potter' style is innovative and fun and was mostly made by Shropshire craftsmen. The books, both old and modern, looked very inviting as did the children's corner and two comfortable chairs by the fire.

James told us how the summer house in the corner of the garden had been completely hidden by brambles and nettles. They began pruning until they discovered what lay beneath, then restored it: it looked ideal for that quiet moment. We also saw the priest hole where Prince Rupert once hid from the Roundheads and Kate, and a few others were brave enough to climb down. Another notable visitor was the young Queen Victoria who came at the age of thirteen. She enjoyed meeting Shropshire gentry, exploring the countryside and playing in the treehouse. In the bedroom where she slept, there was a sketch she had made during her stay, alongside a collection of paintings of the house.

The garden which was overgrown when the house was purchased in 2016 was Victorian in style underneath the weeds and brambles and they have maintained this style for now. There are simply planted beds around the house using traditional English plants including lavender, nepeta, alliums and roses all providing gentle colour and scent to attract the insects. There are plans at some point to design a more Tudor-style garden but the focus for now is the house restoration and somehow the current garden sits very well in the Shropshire landscape.

If you want to know more or go and visit, follow the website *www.pitchfordestate.com*

The next garden visit is on **Saturday 11th July** at 10am to Cuckoo Hall in Montgomery. This is a 1.5-acre garden designed by retired nursery owners and RHS gold medalists. We will see island beds of grasses and shrubs, three ponds, a streamside garden, herbaceous colour coordinated borders and roses. The cost is £11. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the garden group at *corvedale.garden.club@gmail.com*

Alison Benbow

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL
has up to 100 chairs available to hire for £40. To be collected and returned by the hirer.

Contact
07396 730 342
WhatsApp, text or phone.

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

THE FORTY RULES OF LOVE BY ELIF SHAFAK

Published in 2010 this novel by multi-award winning Turkish British author Elif Shafak tells three interlinked stories. One is about Ella, a forty something housewife and mother of three teenagers living in Massachusetts in a seemingly loveless marriage with a husband she knows is unfaithful. She takes a part-time job as a reader for a literary agency and her first assignment is to read a manuscript set in the 13th century entitled *'Sweet Blasphemy'* from a debut author, Aziz Z Zahara living in Amsterdam. It tells the story of the Sufi poet Rumi and the wandering Dervish, Shams of Tabriz. Ella is at first daunted by this assignment, but when she reads about the author, she knows this book will change her life.

The second story is about the relationship between Rumi and Shams. Shams is a Dervish and a Sufi, sworn against violence, interpreter of dreams. He has invented the forty rules of love and has a vision telling him to go to Baghdad where he believes he will meet his spiritual companion. Rumi is well known today as a spiritual Sufi poet and at the time Shams met him was also a mystic, philosopher, and theologian. This relationship was to have a profound effect on both men and the people around them. The third, less detailed story is about the author of the book Ella read. Aziz is a self-confessed Sufi. As he begins a communication with Ella her life begins its transformation.

There is much attention to detail. Each chapter begins with the letter 'b' representing bismilahirahmanirahim (in the name of Allah, the Benevolent and Merciful). Shams espouses multiple readings of the Koran, and Shafak slips in two diametrically opposed contemporary translations of the Al-Nisa, the Koranic verse which M H Shakir interprets as justification for male subjugation of women, whereas Ahmed Ali translates it as a verse extolling respect for women. Elif Shafak expounds a populist rather than a scholarly Sufism, providing us with an introduction to Sufi thought. A review in *'The Independent'* describes the novel as an *'engaging vision of a gentle non-judgmental Sufi path to Islam that rejects religious fundamentalism and is accessible to all, from medieval drunks and whores to 21st-century Scottish drifters and American housewives'*. It made the novel a Turkish bestseller.

Both Rumi and Ella, through their relationships with Shams and Aziz, are forced to question and then abandon the apparent safety and security of their lives. Neither Shams nor Aziz can offer anything like a promise of lasting happiness. What they can offer is a taste of mystical union, divine love, and the deep harmony that arises when the false self, constructed to meet society's demands for respectability, is shed and the true self emerges. Along the way, Shams imparts the forty rules of love, essential Sufi wisdom that Shams both preaches and embodies. He repeatedly defies social and religious conventions, putting himself in danger and drawing down the scorn and wrath of the self-righteous literal-minded moralists who surround him. He inspires Rumi to become the poet he was meant to be; one of the world's most passionate and profound voices of wisdom. Similarly, Aziz and his story of Rumi and Shams inspire Ella to step out of a marriage that has become emotionally and spiritually stifling for her. It is not an easy story that Elif Shafak tells, nor an entirely happy one. There are costs, she seems to say, to living an authentic life. But, as the novel shows, the costs of not living one are far greater.

The complexities of this novel and its subject matter were inevitably going to lead to a stimulating and interesting discussion, but I had not anticipated there would be such diverse and opposite opinions and interpretations of this book. Such is the nature of book groups! We don't all have the same tastes, and this is to be welcomed. It makes us think more about what we have read and challenges us to think again. Some of us really liked the story and rated the writing and structure highly. We thought the short chapters about additional characters in Konya – all told in the first person – were clever, as each had a distinctive style and tone. They gave us a picture of life in 13th century Turkey, particularly about the treatment of and attitude towards women. We enjoyed learning about Sufism and its place within Islam and more about Rumi and how he was inspired by a stranger to become a poet.

Some members of the group did not enjoy the book and particularly did not like the modern story about the American Ella. They felt annoyed with her and did not feel that her story added anything to the book. Some questioned whether the portrayal of Sufism was accurate and believable. Others felt that it probably was given the calibre of the author who is known for her meticulous research. Some thought that Ella's story in which she, like Rumi, is forced to question and then abandon the apparent security of her regular life for the uncertainty and heartbreak of love was a good device used by the author to illustrate how relationships and experiences can be transformed in any time and place.

We all agreed that the character Shams of Tabriz was the most impactful though we did not particularly like him. While he lived as a Dervish and a Sufi telling stories about being kind, non-judgmental, pious, and loyal to illustrate his forty rules of love, he himself was often antagonistic, knowing there would be a detrimental outcome for those he cared about. An example of this was when. after the first performance of the Sema (in which the Dervishes swirl as if in a trance), a dance which is still practiced today, Shams rejects the money given to Rumi by the sovereign causing Rumi humiliation and earning the contempt of the community. Shams also agrees to marry Kimya, the young student of Rumi's who was in love with him, but then on their wedding night he rejects her, realising he has made a mistake. The consequences of this lead to tragedy. We felt that the relationship between Shams and Rumi while intensely spiritual for them was ultimately rather selfish and excluding.

The book led us to discuss the nature of religion and spirituality and the similarities within distinct cultures and beliefs. As Shams says, all regions are like rivers. They all flow to the same sea.' The stories told by Shams to illustrate the forty rules were like the parables written in the Bible. The rules themselves were each deserving of a discussion, and we agreed they often contained good advice, were aspirational and sometimes inspirational. However, they still did not help us to fully understand love! Rumi himself says that love cannot be explained, it is what it is. We ended with a reading of a poem called The Guest by Rumi, a beautiful poem well worth looking up.

Corvedale Book Group meets at Diddlebury Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month.

Elaine Gardner

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

The recent joint summer evening concert on Saturday 6th June featuring the Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir and the Serendipity Ladies Choir from Narberth, Pembrokeshire delivered a captivating, cross-border celebration of choral music. Performing to an enthusiastic audience at Holy Trinity Church Much Wenlock, the evening successfully blended rich local tradition with vibrant Welsh guest artistry.

The concert paired the deep, resonant power of the Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir with the bright, expressive, and melodic delivery of Pembrokeshire's Serendipity Ladies Choir. The program offered a balanced mix of traditional Welsh choral pieces, sacred music, moving spirituals, and uplifting selections from popular musical theatre. The historic, stone-walled setting of Holy Trinity Church provided natural amplification, allowing both the quiet, emotional harmonies and the combined choir finales to fill the space beautifully. Both choirs enjoyed the collaboration, and we hope to sing in Pembrokeshire in the future on a return 'fixture.'

Our final concert of this season will be at Ticklerton Village Hall, near Church Stretton, on **Saturday 11th July**, at 7pm. The concert is a charity event to raise money for Parkinsons UK.

Why we are singing for Parkinson's UK…?
Did you know that singing is a powerful therapy for people living with Parkinson's? The condition often affects facial muscles, speech, and swallowing. Group singing has been clinically proven to strengthen vocal control, improve respiratory muscles, and massively boost mental wellbeing. If you enjoy listening to us why not come and join us? We practice on Tuesday evenings at William Brookes School, Much Wenlock.

By supporting our choir's performance, you are helping Parkinson's UK fund its network of local therapeutic groups and specialist Parkinson's nurses. Together, we are raising our voices to raise vital funds, ensure no one faces the condition alone, and back groundbreaking research to find a cure. Thank you for helping us make a difference through music!

Tickets are £15 each including tea/coffee and cake. Please contact Gill or Brian Joseph on *07885 644 291* or email *g.joseph17@btinternet.com*, or *07885 290 390* or email *josephbrian886@gmail.com*.

We will then be taking a summer break before beginning preparations for our Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir tour to Kent in October. More about that later!

Peter Smith

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CORVEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Corvedale Church of England Primary School and Nursery it has been an eventful and positive Summer term. It has been packed with enrichment activities such as our Wonderful Wednesdays. These days begin with our fabulous singing and music sessions across school. The afternoons are also incredibly special, the children joining together in their house groups to engage in Spirituality & Wellbeing sessions, digital literacy and coaching linked to communication, social skills, and teamwork.

Together the whole school celebrated David Attenborough's 100th birthday with some brilliant costumes and well-thought outfits. There was even a spontaneous singing of Happy Birthday by the whole school as we came together for a photo!

Our Oaks, Robins, Kingfishers and Owls have enjoyed class religious education (RE) workshops. Cathy from 'RE on Demand' filled the hall with artefacts for the children to explore, sharing stories and facts from world religions in a child-friendly and engaging way.

Our Stay and Play sessions on a Friday morning in nursery for pre-school aged children have been extremely popular and we have made many new friends. Gardening club is flourishing with many beautiful flowers and tasty vegetables being tended by the children under the guidance of Colin, Jo, and Jackie. In addition to this Colin has been working hard developing our wonderful wellness garden. Sport continues to be a strength of our school, and we are immensely proud to announce that so far, we have achieved Rounders South Shropshire Small School Champions and will now go forward to the county finals. Well done to all the children and adults involved.

Finally, we are delighted to share the wonderful outcome of our recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection. The report celebrates the many strengths of our school and recognises the dedication, care and commitment shown by our pupils, staff, governors, and families. One of the notable strengths included by the inspector was the fact that *'pupils and adults thrive in an infectious atmosphere of love and joy'* commenting that *'Corvedale is a nurturing place where people are welcomed and treasured for their uniqueness.'* This achievement reflects the hard work and support of our entire school community. We would like to thank our staff for their dedication, our governors for their guidance, our pupils for being excellent ambassadors for the school, and our parents and carers for your continued partnership and support. We would like to finish with a final quote from the report of which we are immensely proud: *'Pupils at Corvedale Church of England Primary School develop confidently as whole and cherished individuals. This close-knit community of school leaders, staff, pupils, church, and families thrive as they learn to love and love to learn.'*

If you would like to join our friendly school community, we are looking for someone to come and work with us here at Corvedale at lunchtime and to support our wraparound care offer. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the school office.

Mrs Susan Rook, Headteacher

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SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

I was lucky enough to spend time at the annual Shropshire Hills National Landscape Forum at Clun Memorial Hall last month and as a member of the newly formed Advisory Committee could see first-hand the commitment from so many individuals who are working tirelessly, mostly as volunteers, to ensure that this special area is not only protected but is improved. After several thought-provoking presentations and chatting at the stand representing Acton Scott Heritage Farm, I joined a small group on a tour of Black Hill where a project has been set up to regenerate several acres of former heathland.

The Shropshire Hills National Landscape is one of the most beautiful protected areas of England. As Corvedale and Apedale residents it's the area we call home and at times take for granted. Stretching from the Welsh border in the west to the Wrekin in the northeast it encompasses 23% of Shropshire, primarily the Clun Hills and Clun valley, the Stiperstones and Stretton Hills, Wenlock Edge, the Wrekin and the Clee Hills

Officially designated as an AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) in 1958 and renamed as Shropshire Hills National Landscape in 2023, it is one of thirty eight protected areas in the country. Funded by National Government (DEFRA), Shropshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council there is a shared responsibility to conserve and enhance its natural beauty. Some projects are supported by the Shropshire Hills Trust, a charity that raises funds to protect, conserve and improve the natural beauty of the area. More recently Shropshire Council has promoted schemes to improve accessibility to some of the most iconic viewpoints in the area including walks suitable for those with restricted mobility.

What can we expect from our National Landscape team?

- Sustainable tourism – the aim is to make the Shropshire Hills a nationally recognised destination for sustainable tourism.
- Restoring habitats – working with The National Trust, farmers and landowners to connect wildlife habitats with so-called wildlife corridors between the Stiperstones, Long Mynd and Stretton Hills.
- Ancient woodland restoration – supporting management and protection of some of our ancient woods in partnership with the Woodland Trust.
- Young rangers – helping young people (aged 12-16 years) to develop skills in conservation projects building their teamwork and leadership abilities.
- Research – working with landowners, Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Natural England a large study is under way to understand the importance of the boggy peatlands particularly in the Clun catchment uplands. This work will provide more information on the role of peaty soils and boggy areas - how water is stored naturally and the impact on local flooding.

If you want to find out more, please visit: *www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk*

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOLLOWED BY ITS COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2026 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs D Hedgley, R Povall, S Povall, A Watson, R Morgan and W Watts.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A Rattu, C Martyn, and T O'Boyle.

In attendance: The Clerk, Shropshire Cllr C Stanford and five members of the public.

Annual Parish Meeting: Reports were delivered by the Chairman, Shropshire Cllr Stanford, Cllr C Martyn (Flood Action Group, and on his role as Website Manager), and Cllr O'Boyle on the Louisa Powell Almshouses. The reports are available on our website.

At the Committee Meeting following the Annual Parish Meeting: Cllr Hedgley was elected Chairman for the year 2026/2027 and Cllr Robert Povall Vice-Chairman. Other elected roles were Cllr Clive Martyn to the Flood Action Group and also as the DPC Website Manager, Cllr S Povall as Tree Warden, Cllr T O'Boyle as the Louisa Powell Almshouses Representative and Cllr W Watts as DPC's representative at the South Shropshire Area Committee.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd April 2026 were approved.

Matters Arising: The Chairman advised that the planning issue of an air heat source pump at the school was not yet resolved. National Grid refused to re-site their new cabling through the fields behind the school but relied on their easement rights to dig a trench across the Diddlebury Village Hall car park.

Public Involvement Session: A resident of a privately owned property at The Moors, Diddlebury, sought assistance from DPC. Without giving any notification to or consultation with him as required by civil law, Connexus, the owners of the house adjoining his, had scaffolding erected preparatory to re-roofing the adjoining property. This had implications as the roofing tiles and guttering may not match his, his solar panels may be damaged, the join may cause leaks, and birds currently nesting in the roof would be disturbed. The Chairman had sought advice from the planning department and was advised that it was not a planning issue; nevertheless, it was a crime to disturb nesting wildlife, so the resident was advised to contact the Police. It was learned that many of the Connexus residents were also affected by scaffolding being erected without prior notification to them. The parish council would lodge a strong objection to Connexus concerning this matter.

Planning: 26/01638/FUL – an application for the siting of a temporary marquee of alternative design/form at wedding venue (retrospective application) and retention for a further ten year period at Delbury Hall, Diddlebury was approved by the councillors

Communications and Correspondence: Twelve items were considered and noted. An issue concerning possible pollution of the stream by the pumping station in Diddlebury was raised, considered and advice was given.

2025 - 2026 Audit: Councillors considered the report prepared by the auditor on the 2025 - 2026 Audit. The various sections of the AGAR return were considered, approved, and then signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Public Rights notice would be on DPC's website on 1st June 2026 and the form seeking exemption from an additional audit lodged with the External Auditors.

Finance Report for May 2026: Cheques totalling £1,624.00 were approved for payment, leaving DPC with funds of £21,786.37. Cllr Watson approved the cash book/bank statement reconciliation.

Any Other Business: The possible outcome of works at Westhope quarry would be investigated and raised at a later meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on 24th June 2026, at Westhope Village Hall.

Agendas and full copies of the minutes are on the Diddlebury Parish Council website at *www.diddleburyparish-pc.gov.uk* or from the Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett at No 12 Church Road, Brampton Bryan, SY7 0DH *Tel. 01547 519282*
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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2026

Welcome: Cllr Stuart Rowbotham (temporary Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting, including two members of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Val Fotheringham, Chris Meeson and Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

Munslow Parish Nature Recovery Project: Mr Mike Kelly reported that the project had now received funding from the Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund for the 'Species on the Edge' Nature Box Scheme. They were in the process of publicising the project and were designing an application form to be completed by those interested in receiving a nature box. They were also considering providing dormouse boxes. There would be a page about the project on the Parish Council website. 'Men in Sheds' in Craven Arms would be making the boxes. Locally, 17 households were involved in a bird watch and 7 in the 'Big river water'. On 6th June there would be a nature walk with experts from the Discovery Centre, followed by tea at Munslow Village Hall. A 'build a box' day would be held at the village hall on 10th October.

Shropshire Council's Partnership Working Agenda: Shropshire Council was working with Town and Parish Councils to transfer some non-statutory services. What would this mean for the residents and the parish council precept? The Clerk went through a report which was available on the Parish Council website. It was not clear at this point the cost of the services that Shropshire Council would no longer provide from April 2027 would be. This item would be on future agendas to discuss what services the Parish Council could offer and how this would affect the precept.

Annual Reports: *Vice Chair* – Cllr Ed Povey said a copy of the report would be available on the Parish Council website.

Munslow Village Hall Committee – Cllr Nigel Dobson reported that the village hall had not been as busy as in previous years but they had hosted the winter coffee mornings and the WI meetings. On 11th October they would be providing the tea and cake stall at the Millichope Open Garden, which raises money for the hall.

Shropshire Council – Cllr Colin Stanford had sent a report. Council leaders had decided to uphold the law and remove flags that had been placed illegally on public property. Shropshire Council had officially recognised that, along with over 50 other English counties, it could not meet the requirement for provision of food waste collection which was required from April this year: the costs were too high at £3.6 million. Thanks to the British Heart Foundation a new defibrillator has been installed in Corfton (to the left of the garage doors at Lower House, Lower Corfton). This cabinet was not locked. The Corvedale had won two prestigious West Midlands tourism awards recently, for the Westhope Country Retreats and Acton Scott Camping and Glamping site.

The Council has received exceptional financial support, but, as a condition, it had to undergo a 'Finance and Governance Review' which was undertaken by an independent body.

The Council was also working on a new Corporate Plan. The devolution agenda has been started and four councils had adopted all or part of the new responsibilities on offer. Shropshire Council would retain overall governance to meet statutory duties, but decision making and basic funding would be devolved to town and parish councils taking on these added responsibilities. So far, no new arrangements had been agreed with parish councils although some were in discussions with the SC to understand past expenditure thought to be erroneously attributed to their parish. A clear understanding of the costs of any future responsibilities that parish councils might want to undertake seemed an essential starting point.

Open Forum: A local resident wanted to thank the Parish Council and Cllr Stanford for their support with a recent planning application. There was also a request for the layby in Munslow to be cleared to allow for parking.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6TH MAY 2026

Present: Cllrs Richard Arnold, Nigel Dobson, Sara Kelby, Ed Povey, Stuart Rowbotham and Graham Williams. In Attendance: Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Cllr Stuart Rowbotham and Cllr Ed Povey were elected as Chair and vice Chair respectively.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Val Fotheringham and Chris Meeson, and Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2026 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

General Power of Competence: It was resolved to confirm that the council was eligible, as a majority of councillors were elected and the Clerk had a Certificate in Local Council Administration.

Appointment of Representatives: Cllr Dobson and Cllr Meeson were appointed as Munslow Village Hall and South Shropshire Area Committee representatives respectively.

Adoption of Policies and Procedures: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and the Scheme of Internal Controls were adopted.

Environmental Maintenance: Review of the contract was deferred to the next meeting. It was confirmed that the Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire Council for 2025-2026 was spent in accordance with the grant conditions.

Finance: Options to replace the current laptop were reviewed and a new one costing no more than £250 would be purchased from the reserves budget.

Cllrs Dobson, Povey and Meeson would be retained as full signatories and the clerk as a delegate user. Two signatories were required to authorise all expenditure.

Standing Orders and Direct Debits were: Lloyds Bank Fee £4.25 per month, Hugo Fox Website £143.86, Hugo Fox Email Fee £2.99 (inclusive of VAT).

Income received was: £704.49 for from Shropshire Hills for the Nature Box Scheme and £7,373 precept had been received.

Payments were authorised to: D Lewis (environmental maintenance) inv 982 £60.00, asset maintenance (bus shelter in Aston Munslow) inv 985 £20.00, Shropshire Association of Local Councils affiliation fee £254.44.

Ordinary Meetings for the forthcoming year: Consideration of the dates was deferred to the next meeting.

Items for the next meeting: a. Devolution of services from Shropshire Council, b. Dates of ordinary meetings for the forthcoming year. c. review the environmental maintenance contract

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 2ND JUNE 2026

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

In Attendance: Cllr C Stanford (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Mr Ian Alderson (Vice Chair).

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

Rural and Business Crime Officer, Wildlife Crime Coordinator, West Mercia Police: Graham Donaldson reported that he was seen as a single point of contact for rural communities, particularly regarding crime prevention and supporting victims of crime. 70-80% of rural crime was committed by organised crime groups. Hare coursing was still occurring, and landowners were unlikely to press charges due to the threats from the coursers, but he would encourage them to report it. The issue of speeding vehicles, particularly motorbikes, on the B4368 was raised and he would take that back to his team. He encouraged anyone with dashcam footage to report incidents on Operation SNAP. Prosecuting speeding motorbikes was difficult, but Operation SNAP was very useful for this. He did have funding for trackers for rural business vehicles and equipment, so he encouraged local businesses to contact him for support. The police were very reliant on local knowledge in rural areas, so he encouraged members of the public to report anything unusual or suspicious.

Public Involvement Session: No member of the public were present.

Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings held on 5th May 2026 were accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the chair.

Reports from Members: *Shropshire Council* – Cllr Colin Stanford reported that the collection of food waste by Shropshire Council was likely to be delayed until 2039 despite it being a legal requirement from this April. Highways continue to work on potholes across the area. Tania Miles had been appointed a Chief Executive after serving as the interim since last year.

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Mear reported that the AGM had been held on 19th May and they had welcomed a new committee member. There was an enthusiastic and dedicated team. She could confirm that they would begin working on the extension later in the year. Their biggest function at the hall in November would raise money for the extension and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Flood Action Group – Cllr Disley reported that the Property Flood Resilience installations were almost complete. The next multi-agency meeting would be in July.

Shropshire Local Plan Consultation: Shropshire Council was beginning to consult on the new version of the local plan.

Update on the Proposed Solar Farm at Norton: Cllr Seabrook had attended the Onibury Parish Annual meeting in May at which two representatives from the developers of the proposed solar farm at Norton did an awareness session. A Public Consultation was planned for September, and they intend submitting proposals to Shropshire Council in November.

Finance: The Internal Auditor's Report was noted.

The Annual Governance and Accounting Statements were considered and signed.

The Certificate of Exemption was signed.

The dates for the Notice of Public Rights would be from 22nd June to the 31st July 2026.

The Annual Report was noted.

Payments were authorised to: H Coonick and HMRC, (Clerk's pay April-June £855.85, and travel £33.75), D Lewis (environmental maintenance) inv 1006 £85, Tavi Meeson (internal auditor) £150.

Vehicle Activated Sign: The sign had been repaired and was ready to be returned to the unit. It was decided not to purchase the Bluetooth connection as this would cost in the region of £200.

Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 7th July 2026: a. update on Vehicle Activated Sign b. Local Plan Review.

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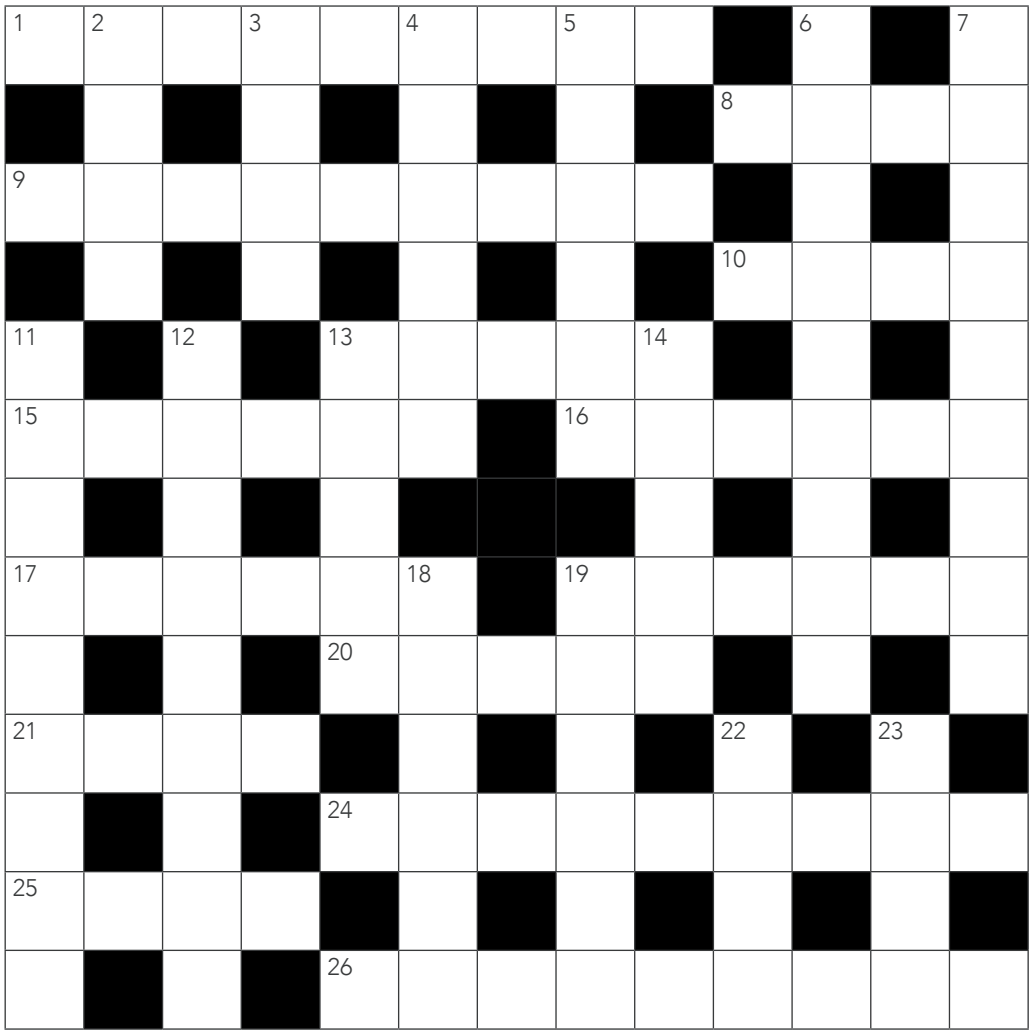

ACROSS

1) Bowling area hit in protected land (5,4)

8) Turn over cash box (4)

9) Cried 'fire!' Stirring Asian food (5,4)

10) Female on American ship causes a commotion (4)

13) In a precursor it may come round again (5)

15) In Ealing, Eric may hang around (6)

16) Looped around the dog (6)

17) A cut from a butcher's knife that's sharp (6)

19) Nerves of iron perhaps, one's told (6)

20) Light gold seen on ancient city (5)

21) & 25) Support team at bottom (4,4)

24) Talk at simple illicit watering hole (5,4)

25) *see 21 across*

26) Hot shape in this communist place (3,6)

DOWN

2) Not common to see the artist about (4)

3) First woman. Right as always (4)

4) Hot spot on the range (6)

5) Jail sounds hair-raising (4,2)

6) Tequila I'd shaken during wind up (9)

7) Spotted famous surgeon in bed (9)

11) Highwayman's ride for the dark queen (5,4)

12) Negotiate to bury editor in church (9)

13) Rise up among the harebells (5)

14) The car for a wanderer and his dog? (5)

18) Disturb politician in law (6)

19) Artist in a moss bog (6)

22) Fellows begin university and get course list (4)

23) Make sure to change the operator (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1) Green belt 8) Till 9) Fried rice 10) Fuss 13) Recur 15) Linger 16) Poodle 17) Clever 19) Mettle 20) Luxor 21) & 25) Back Side 24) Speak easy 25) See 21 26) Red Square

DOWN: 2) Rare 3) Ever 4) Burner 5) Lock up 6) Liquidate 7) Blistered 11) Black Bess 12) Intercede 13) Rebel 14) Rover 18) Rumple 19) Morass 22) Menu 23) User

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THE CORVEDALE GROUP OF PARISHES

CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY 2026

	5th July Trinity 5	**12th July** Trinity 6	**19th July** Trinity 7	**26th July** Trinity 8	**2nd August** Trinity 9
Abdon		9:45 HC		6pm Compline	
Broadstone			8:30 HC		
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm Evensong	8:30 HC (BCP)	11:15 HC
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	*No evening service*	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	9:45 HC
Holdgate	8:30 HC				8:30 HC
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC	6pm EP
Tugford			9:45 HC		

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

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