

THE CORVEDALE NEWS

JUNE 2023
The Corvedale's Community Magazine



Aurora Borealis over Diddlebury
Kim Simm

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01742 280 019

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Helpline:** 0808 223 1133

FREE Universal Credit: Help to claim:
0800 144 8 444

On the web
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

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There is a wealth of information and resources available on the Shropshire Council website:

www.shropshire.gov.uk

From information about household recycling, planning applications, and highways to help with Cost-of-Living and Benefits. Help and information can also be obtained by phone: **0345 678 9000**.

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EDITOR'S NOTE If anyone knows of other events taking place within their immediate area in the next few months, could they please let the Editor know so these may be included in the Dates for Your Diary.

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WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE



CORVEDALE TOTS

For Bumps, Babies, Toddlers & Parents!

MONDAYS 10AM - 12PM
TERM TIME ONLY

BABY AREA, TODDLER AREA, BALL PIT, PLANNED ACTIVITY
AND SELECTION OF RIDE ON TOYS.
HOT DRINK AND CAKE INCLUDED.



£2.50 PER FAMILY



WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL,
WESTHOPE,
CRAVEN ARMS,
SY7 9JL



Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday
All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm
Start 7:30pm

£3 to include half time
refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
SY7 9JL



CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

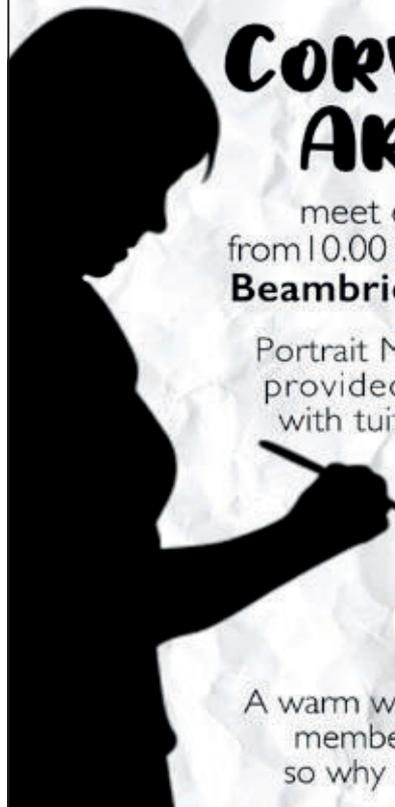
Corvedale Book Group welcomes new members! It costs less than £5 a month to cover room hire fees and Shropshire Library loan fees.

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 8th June 2023



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 832608

Corvedale Folk Club

at The Seven Stars, Broadstone
on Monday 26th June
at 7.30pm

All are welcome to perform or listen to and enjoy
acoustic music, recitations and story-telling.

Meetings will be the 4th Monday of each month

For further information contact Ian on 01584 841 331
or email ianfotheringham@btinternet.com

RSPB Walks & Talks

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



WALKS

Saturday 10th June

Wenlock Edge – 10.30am

Sunday 25th June

Whixall Moss and Prees Heath - 10am

Talks will recommence in September 2023

Card craft Cottage Workshops

Come and spend a relaxing afternoon with friends at one of my card designing workshops in our beautiful cottage nestled in the South Shropshire countryside, where with my guidance you will learn various techniques for making your own cards, gift bags and tags, using my gorgeous selection of hand-carved wood blocks, stamps and stencils with paints, inks and embellishments. Novices especially welcome. Tea and home-made cakes during the session makes our afternoon even more appetising!

Total cost, to include all materials:
£30.00 per 3 hours (or group discounts)
E-vouchers available

**Currently booking the
following date:**

18th June

2pm to 5pm each day.

Please phone Julia or email
to book: 07973 783 506
cardcraftcottage@hotmail.com



Ludlow
Fringe
Festival

Summer
2023

Ludlow Fringe is proud to present a star studded fortnight
of music, comedy, talks and events at venues
throughout Ludlow, from:

17th June - 2nd July

BOOK NOW!

At: www.ludlowfringe.co.uk

A Midsummer Night's Dream

by Flabbergast Theatre

Watch a timeless tale in the stunning setting of the inner bailey.
Performances daily from: 17th - 24th June | Ludlow Castle



Nick Owen Interviews David Davies OBE

'Life with the England Football Team'

Sunday 25th June | 3.30pm | Ludlow Assembly Rooms

'Talking Tennis' with John Inverdale

John is interviewed by Alistair McGowan.

Friday 30th June | 6.00pm | Ludlow Assembly Rooms



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Launch Event

for

The 2nd Corvedale Festival

15th to 23rd September 2023

International in Scope - Local in Feel

The

Jarualda Quartet

Haydn: Op. 77 No. 1

Shostakovich: Quartet No. 11 Op. 122

Schubert: Quartet in D Minor (Death & the Maiden)

Alex Postlethwaite & David Joyce ~ Violins

Jane Park ~ Viola & Ruth Henley ~ Cello

Saturday 3rd June 2023 ~ Diddlebury Village Hall, SY7 9DH

6.00 pm Buffet ~ 7.30 pm Concert

Tickets £20 including Finger Buffet (Bar Available)
obtainable from

The Festival Office - Tel: 07745 825700

E-mail: corvedalefestival@gmail.com or online @

www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-festival (booking fee applies)

& Aston Munslow Garage Shop

www.corvedalefestival.org

Arts@StLaurence – June 2023

Further information: [Recitals and Concerts – St Laurence \(stlaurences.org.uk\)](http://Recitals and Concerts – St Laurence (stlaurences.org.uk))



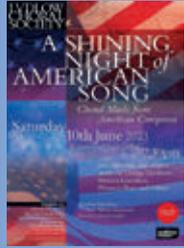
Organ Recital

Saturday 3 June
1.00pm

Rebecca Okpoti

Associate Organist, Leeds Cathedral

Free Entry – Donations Welcome



Saturday 10 June
7.30pm

Ludlow Choral Society

Saxophone - Josh Dean
Piano - Marion Bettsworth
Directed by Nicola Starkie

Tickets £15: www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk



Organ Recital

Saturday 1 July
1.00pm

Elli-Mae McGlone and Godfrey Leung

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

Free Entry – Donations Welcome

Wild about Westhope

Summer Family Event

Sunday July 2nd

10.30am — 1.00 pm

The event is free to all

Willow Workshop

Decorate your own willow butterfly

Build a Den

Explore the woods and build a Den

Wildflower discovery

Explore our amazing wildflower meadows

Charcoal making

Watch how charcoal is made from our woods.

The sound of Summer

Listen to the birds that visit each summer.

Woodland camp café

join us around the camp fire and enjoy a hot drink and cake.

Parking at Westhope College SY7 9JL.

All donations will be used to buy tools for nature conservation

For further information email: Wildaboutwesthope@gmail.com

Corvedale Choir Celebrates Wednesday 5th July 2023 Diddlebury Parish Church

Come and enjoy an evening that celebrates the Corvedale choir who meet each Monday night in term-time to share their love of music and joy of singing out loud, together. This evening will celebrate what they have achieved in 2023 and much more! You will leave with a smile and an uplifted heart!

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30 start. Donations Funds raised for Ukraine Red Cross Fund & Corvedale Group of Parishes



Culmington and District Flower and Produce Show

in Culmington Village Hall
SY8 2DA



Sunday 20th August



Fruit & veg

Flowers & plants

Cookery & drink

Floral art

Arts & crafts

Children's classes

Eggs & herbs

Family class

Superb prizes in our sponsors' raffle!

Refreshments

Schedules / entry forms available in June from
Culmington Village Hall, All Saints Church, Cyril Bason,

Judy McNally 01584 861 403
and Janet Stuart 01584 861 289

Clee St Margaret OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 25th June

11am - 4pm

in aid of Historic Churches

Parking available at the village hall with toilets, refreshments, and craft exhibition.

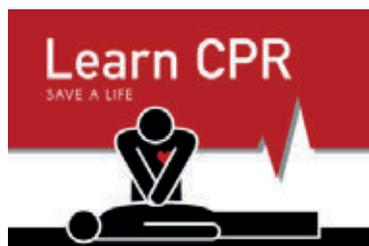
CPR TRAINING

Wednesday 28th June 2023

7pm at Beambridge Club Room

Munslow Parish Council has arranged CPR training at Beambridge Club Room, Lower Millichope, SY7 9HD on Wednesday 28th June.

If you would like to attend please contact the Clerk before the 20th June on 07817 607 355 or munslowpc@gmail.com as places will be limited.



HEAVENLY WALKERS

VISIT TO
HURDLEY HALL GARDENS

Following on from the Garden Group's visit to Hurdley Hall, the Heavenly Walkers group is also visiting this garden on **Thursday 15th June**.

If anyone is interested in joining us, the cost is £10 per person (includes tea/coffee/cakes). The property is located just outside Churchstoke, about 20 miles from Diddlebury and we aim to be there for 10.30am.

To book places and for any further details please contact me, Ian Fotheringham, 01584 841 331 or email ianfotheringham@btinternet.com by the evening of Monday 6th June, so I can give numbers to the owner.

Blue Hills Choir SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 17th June 2023 at 3pm

at Stanton Long Church, TF13 6LQ

in aid of Stanton Long Church

Following the huge success of last year's sell out concert, the Blue Hills Choir is returning to Stanton Long for an entertaining programme of classical choral pieces.

Tickets are £10 per head to include a glass of Pimm's, wine or non-alcoholic beverage and a bowl of strawberries and cream, served after the concert. Free entry to children under 16.

If you enjoyed last year's concert, or missed it for any reason, it is suggested that you buy your tickets in advance, to avoid disappointment - tickets are limited!

Tickets available on the door or from:

Gordon Grant: 07817 023 742
gordon_grant1951@hotmail.com

Ragni Whitlock: 07890 911 992
ingar.whitlock@gmail.com

Rona Markland: 07903 494 079
rjmbrookfarm@hotmail.co.uk

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

The current planned dates are as follows:

JUNE: Wed 21st, Fri 23rd, Sun 25th



CLEE ST MARGARET VILLAGE HALL

Clee St Margaret Village Hall committee is working with a team of environmentally aware individuals to screen 'green' films and to host 'green' talks specially selected for everyone interested in the countryside.

The inaugural event is on **Thursday 8th June** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The film is entitled 'Kiss the Ground' which is an inspiring and positive piece about our soil ecosystems and how management of the soil can help mitigate the effect of climate change. The film has received glowing reviews.

All are welcome! £3 on the door includes tea/coffee and biscuits after the film.

ABDON VILLAGE HALL



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - JUNE

Meditation Group

Tuesday 6th, 7pm

Just turn up and give it a try. Free of charge, all welcome. Tea, biscuits, and a chat to end the evening.

UFO (Un-Finished Objects) Craft Morning

Saturday 10th, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Bring along your unfinished projects. Join us and learn a new craft skill or teach your craft skills to someone else. Please supply your own materials.

Meditation Group

Tuesday 20th, 7pm

Just turn up and give it a try. Free of charge, all welcome. Tea, biscuits, and a chat to end the evening.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 24th, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Join us for coffee, cake and a chat. Everyone welcome!

Abdon Village Hall Bookings

Contact Helen Audin:

01746 712 365 or abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

Or visit our website for the booking form and details:

www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - JUNE

Coffee Morning Returns!

Monday 5th and every following Monday, 10am

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat. £1 for tea or coffee with free refills plus a biscuit or two. Catch up on village gossip and put the world to rights.

WI Italian Evening

Wednesday 14th, 7:30pm

Enjoy Italian food with us.

Please contact Joy Williams on 01584 861 849 for details.

Return Of Lunch Club & First 100 Club Draw

Thursday 15th, 12:30 for 1pm

Join us for a two-course delicious meal for only £10. There will be a raffle and a bar. Plus, the very first draw of our new 100 Club. Please contact Gwyn Edwards on 07891 904 501 or 01584 861 666.

Fish and Chip Night

Friday 30th

Enjoy a plate of fish and chips to celebrate the start of the weekend. The bar will be open. Please contact Gwyn Edwards on 07891 904 501 or 01584 861 666.

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL



Our Coronation celebration on Sunday 7th May was enjoyed by many. We had a beautiful buffet with an abundance of savouries, cakes, tea and coffee and a complimentary glass of bubbly to toast our new King and Queen. The children really enjoyed the variety of games and competitions with prizes for the best art. The winning scarecrow was Martin and Clare who did a fantastic job. Thank you to all for supporting this momentous occasion.

Our good old fashioned rummage sale in April was again a great success raising much needed funds for our ongoing improvements. Thank you for all the donations we received and most of all to the ladies who helped organise the rummage and their valued help on the day.

The next community lunch is on Thursday 1st June 12.30pm for 1pm. A two-course meal with tea/coffee. £10 per person. We look forward to welcoming you to this new venture. Everyone welcome. Please call Betty on 07860 447 397 or Kath on 01584 841 254. Booking is essential by Monday 29th May.

We had a great skittles social evening on 12th May, with the licensed bar and hot dogs for refreshments. The next one is on Friday 9th June 7.30pm. Come along and join the fun.

The next cash bingo will be Friday 30th June: eyes down 7.30pm.

Our weekly whist drives continue every Monday at 7.30pm and Tots and Toddlers every Monday 10-12 (term time only).

Betty Manley

All enquiries contact: Betty on 07860 447 397 or Amie on 07486 414 742. Our village hall is available to hire with a licensed bar and catering if required.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Corvedale Tots

Mondays 10am - 12 noon. Term time only

Yoga With Sue Pugh

Every Wednesday 4.15pm - 5.15pm.

Monthly Bingo

Last Friday of each month, doors 7pm. Eyes down 7.30 pm.

Westhope Clover Club

Thursday 1st June. All enquiries to Kath, 01584 841 254.

Whist Drives

Every Monday at 7.30pm. Very popular, all abilities welcome.

Community Lunch

Thursday 1st June, 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

2 courses for £10pp. Book by Monday 29th May.

Social Skittles Evening

Friday 9th June, from 7.30pm.

Open to everyone. £1 admission.

Licensed bar and refreshments available.

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



WHAT'S ON AT DVH?

The Lost King¹²
Searching for Richard III
 Sally Hawkins, Steve Coogan
 7.45 pm Thursday 15th June
 Diddlebury Village Hall
 Doors & Bar Open: 7.15 pm

art alive FLICKS & STICKS

Diddlebury Church Summer Fête - Saturday 1st July at the Hall

Tai Chi Chuan

Invest in your health & well-being NOW!

Why not come along and put Tai Chi to try. These slow fluid movements, originating from oriental martial arts, relax the upper body and mind while strengthening and challenging the legs and core muscles.

Amongst other benefits, participants report improved balance, lower blood pressure and generally feeling re-energised. Call for more information and to book a class. No previous experience required.

Thursdays – 10-11am
 with Enid @ Diddlebury Village Hall

To book a class: 07903 014498
 hello@goldenthradescic.com

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6 pm every Tuesday
 £5 per class
 To book contact CAT
 07817 448832
 @zumbawithcatx
 zumbawithcat@outlook.com

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Call 01584 841265
 Email dvhallbookings@gmail.com
 Facebook @diddleburyvillagehall
 www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

The Corvedale Festival with the Jarualda Quartet



On 3rd June the Quartet will hold a 'taster' session with buffet for the Festival which will be running from 15th-23rd September.

Artwork © Yvonne Appleby

	The Corvedale Choir is a mixed-voice community choir whose members enjoy singing a wide variety of music, whilst not taking themselves too seriously. Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	Mondays 19.30-21.30
	The Blue Hills Choir meets weekly to sing classical music. All are welcome to join this friendly choir. Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	Tuesdays 10.00-12.00
	Kung Fu for Kids is a self-defence martial arts class for 5-12 year-olds led by Brian Nelson, three-times European and World Champion. Contact/booking essential with Sally Woodhouse: sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk .	Tuesdays 15.30-16.15
	Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance workout that is primarily an aerobic workout — and it's all about having fun. Contact Cat: zumbawithcat@outlook.com /07817 448832	Tuesdays 18.00
	Tai Chi — benefits include improving balance, lowering blood pressure, feeling calm and energised, and improving core strength. Contact Enid Gill: enidgill21@hotmail.com	Thursdays 10.00-11.00
	The Corvedale Book Group enjoys lively discussions of the books obtained from the Shropshire Library Service. Contact Cath Burley: cathburley@hotmail.com	2nd Thursday each month 19.30
	Physiotherapist-Led Pilates. Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412	Fridays 09.15-10.15

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Every Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10am - 11.30am
Every Mon	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Corvedale Artists	Beambridge Club Room	10am
Every Tues	Kung Fu for Kids	Diddlebury Village Hall	3.30pm
Every Tues	Zumba	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Thur	Tai Chi	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Fri	Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

JUNE 2023

1st Thu	Community Lunch	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
1st Thu	Clover Club	Westhope Village Hall	12.30pm
1st Thu	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Beambridge Club Room	7.30pm
3rd Sat	Organ Recital	St Laurence's, Ludlow	1pm
3rd Sat	Corvedale Festival Launch Event	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
6th Tue	Meditation Group	Abdon Village Hall	7pm
6th Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
8th Thu	Corvedale Book Club	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
8th Thu	'Green' film - Kiss the Ground	Clee St Margaret Village Hall	
8th Thu	Hayton & District WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
9th Fri	Skittles Evening	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Sat	Garden Group	Hereford Cathedral	10am
10th Sat	RSPB Walk	Wenlock Edge	10.30am
10th Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
10th Sat	Ludlow Choral Society	St Laurence's, Ludlow	7.30pm
14th Wed	Italian Evening	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
15th Thu	Heavenly Walkers Garden Visit	Hurdley Hall	10.30am
15th Thu	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
15th Thu	Flicks in the Sticks - The Lost King	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
17th Sat	Blue Hills Choir Summer Concert	Stanton Long Church	3pm
17th Sat	Shifnal Male Voice Choir	St Peter's, Diddlebury	7pm
18th Sun	Card Craft Workshop		2pm
20th Tue	Meditation Group	Abdon Village Hall	7pm
24th Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
25th Sun	RSPB Walk	Whixall Moss and Prees Heath	10am
25th Sun	Open Gardens	Clee St Margaret	11am - 4pm
26th Mon	Corvedale Folk Club	The Seven Stars, Broadstone	7.30pm
28th Wed	CPR Training	Beambridge Club Room	7pm
28th Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
30th Fri	Bingo Night	Westhope Village Hall	7pm
30th Fri	Fish and Chip Night	Culmington Village Hall	7pm

ACTIVITIES & CLASSES:

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The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 19th June

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY



Just under half of the church year is taken up by specific seasons, such as Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. At these times of year the altar and other hangings are in a specific seasonal colour, and services are structured to reflect the mood of the season. In Lent, for example, the hangings are purple, and services have a penitential feel, whilst at Easter hangings are gold or white, and services are more celebratory.

The rest of the year, that part of the year which is not a specific season, is the time referred to as 'Ordinary Time'. During Ordinary Time the hangings and vestments used are predominantly green, and readings from the gospels are mostly chosen to take us through the life and teaching of Christ. This is the part of the year we will move into this month, and it will last until the day before Advent Sunday. During this part of the year there are still things which vary the pattern – perhaps especially saints' days, along with events such as Remembrance in November.

My dictionary defines 'ordinary' as 'with no special or distinctive features; normal', but it leaves me wondering about designating any period of time as 'ordinary'. Living here we are reminded all the time of the changes that happen around us. Today I noticed that the oil seed rape around the house has lost the brilliant yellow it had only a day or two ago – by the time you read this it will be different again. Every day brings something special or something new to notice. Each week in church our readings remind us of something that Jesus did or said, something that his followers thought was important enough to write about, so that 2000 years later we can hear about it too. Should we really describe any of this as having no special features or as normal?

I am reminded of one of the ways in which we can sometimes begin services in church: *This is the day which the Lord has made – let us rejoice, and be glad in it!*

Rev'd John Beesley

ST PETER'S, DIDDLEBURY

On **Saturday 17th June** the **Shifnal Male Voice Choir** will be giving a concert in Diddlebury Church, starting at 7.00pm. Tickets, costing £8.00, are available from Rev'd John Beesley 01584 841 488 or myself 01584 861 238. They include nibbles and a glass of wine or a soft drink. Proceeds will be in aid of the Corvedale Group of Churches.

The **Diddlebury Church Summer Fête** will take place on **Saturday 1st July** in Diddlebury Village Hall from 2pm onwards. All of the usual stalls will be there.

Unfortunately there will be no Dog Show this year.

Liz Jones



ST MICHAEL'S, MUNSLOW

Thank you to all those who have helped with the working parties at Munslow Church following the recent Quinquennial Inspection. Fantastic progress was made at the first one, with far more being cleared than we anticipated could be done in the time. At the time of writing the second morning hasn't happened, but we have decided that, given how much has been done already, we will **postpone** the third date (advertised for 10th June) for now. We may look for another date later in the year – weeds have an awful tendency to grow back!

We have confirmed that this year's **Summer Fête** will be held on **Saturday 19th August**. We hope to have a range of stalls and activities for you to enjoy. If you would be able to help in any way with the fête, please get in touch with either myself (841 488) or Barbara Bowers (841 348). Thank you!

Rev'd John Beesley



HOLDGATE CAKE WALK

On 22nd April we held the Corvedale Cake Walk in association with the Marches Long Distance Walking Association.

The association organise everything and provide marshals for the two routes. The walk is listed on the internet on January 1st and participants enrol and pay online from all over the country. This year we had 150 entries (30 more than last year and booked to capacity). The walkers start at Holdgate and either do a 'short' walk to Clee St Margaret village hall (10 miles) or a long walk which continues to Eaton-under-Heywood (22 miles) both routes returning to Holdgate. We provide refreshments - drinks and sandwiches and cakes for which we have earned a considerable reputation! We find that participants want to re-book immediately for the following year. We haven't received the final figure yet, but we should raise in the order of £1,500. This fundraising is vital to church finances.

All this would not be possible without the help of the help and enthusiasm of our team of helpers. The photograph shows Judith Brick, Maggie Teague, Barbara Bowers, Fran Howells, Louise Hobbs, and Margaret Buckingham who ran the Clee St Margaret checkpoint. Thank you everyone, from the cake bakers to Robert and Diana Hartley who provided parking on the day and cooked all the sausages and to all those who contributed by way of donations. It is all well worth the effort!

Claire Brentnall



FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

11th May	Doreen Billingsley	Diddlebury
12th May	John Holder	Diddlebury

FLOWERS & BRASSES

June 2023

4th & 11th	Wendy Ross	18th & 25th	Liz Beazley
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MIDSUMMER AGAIN

It is nearly midsummer day. Where did that year go? At the end of the month half the year will have happened already! According to history and tradition, midsummer day falls on 24th June – but history and tradition have a lot to answer for!

1752 is a very significant year because before then we followed the Julian calendar, and on that calendar midsummer day was definitely on 24th June. But astronomers and mathematicians had learned a lot more about the relationship between sun, moon and earth and the new Gregorian method of dating was much more accurate, and so it was decided that Great Britain would adopt it. So, in 1752 the 2nd of September was followed by the 14th of September, and the start of the year changed from March to January. The Gregorian calendar is the most common and used more widely than any other today.

But what about midsummer day and all the fun and frolics that went with it? It soon became clear that, to ordinary people, midsummer day was on the 24th of June with midsummer eve the night before whichever calendar was used; and so, it continued. This was a time of sun worship and light. Bonfires were originally 'bone fires': yes, bones were being burned. With alcohol flowing, leaping over the fire was a happy pastime. If you leapt without harm, you were blessed with luck which would protect you from the evils of witchcraft!

People from the village would sit up on midsummer eve in the church porch to see the spectres of those who would die in the following year. The ghosts would arrive and knock at the door in the order of their dying. It must have been a bit of a shock to see your own spectre!

More exciting for the young women of the village was their annual chance to assess the future of the current boyfriend. This involved picking flowers and putting them in a pot, leaving them overnight and then checking. If the stalks had fallen to the left it was time to dump him: if they fell to the right, then happiness was guaranteed for life.

St John's Wort, a pretty yellow flower found in many local churchyards, was also gathered on midsummer eve, the feast of St John the Baptist falling on the 24th of June. It would be left near the door or window, giving protection against spirits and the dangers of thunder. You have been warned.



This year, eve and day fall on Friday and Saturday so do not be surprised to spot Morris dancers and more. For churches dedicated to St John the Baptist it's a double celebration. The patronal festival can be marked by a special service while the rest of the time is free for music, dancing, singing, and drinking and having an enjoyable time socially. Is it too late for your village to organise something?

Anni Holden Calver,
Trustee of Caring for God's Acre,
Member of the Churchyard Task Team and
Secretary of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group

Congratulations to our Year 6 for getting through a difficult week and performing admirably in their SATS tests in the middle of May. We were very pleased with the effort they all put in during the week. We prepared the children well; it was a difficult week, and the tests were challenging but perhaps not as bad as some would make out. Well done to all! Also, a big 'thank you' to the parents who volunteered to organise a delicious SATS breakfasts of croissants, cakes, and fruit each morning. I'm sure this played a big part in making the week a little less painful for the children involved.

This half term we said a sad farewell to the Special Educational Needs Coordinator Mrs Reed who reluctantly left us due to a family relocation – we wish her all the very best in the future. We have appointed Mrs Adelaide Knight who will be joining us one day per week in September. Mrs Knight is an experienced SENCO currently working at another primary school in Shrewsbury.

We had a lovely day in school commemorating the Coronation of King Charles III on the Friday prior to the event. The children dressed in red, white, blue or as Royalty. We were lucky enough to be treated to a special coronation lunch from Heather in our kitchen, which included jelly, cake, and ice cream for pudding. The afternoon was rounded off with a fun time of royal themed games and even more cake for the whole school.

Our oldest children are looking forward to a short residential trip in a few weeks' time. We're repeating a visit we've done a number of times now, walking from school to Wilderhope Manor for an overnight stay.



There are about 30 children on the trip accompanied by 6 staff members. We shall be walking from school a distance of just under 6 miles over the fields and tracks to Wilderhope. This will take most of Thursday morning and into the afternoon. Once we've settled in the rest of the time will be based in and around the local woodland with forest school type activities such as den making and bridge building with other exciting challenges too. The children will be collected from Wilderhope on Friday afternoon, probably very tired so mums and dads may have a quiet weekend! I am hoping that the weather picks up for the visit. Whatever it's like I'm sure it won't spoil the trip.

For all the young families out there don't forget our popular Baby and Toddlers group Tuesday mornings from 9.30am – 11.30am: £2 per family per session. Mums and dads do come along for a coffee, cake, and natter while your little ones play.

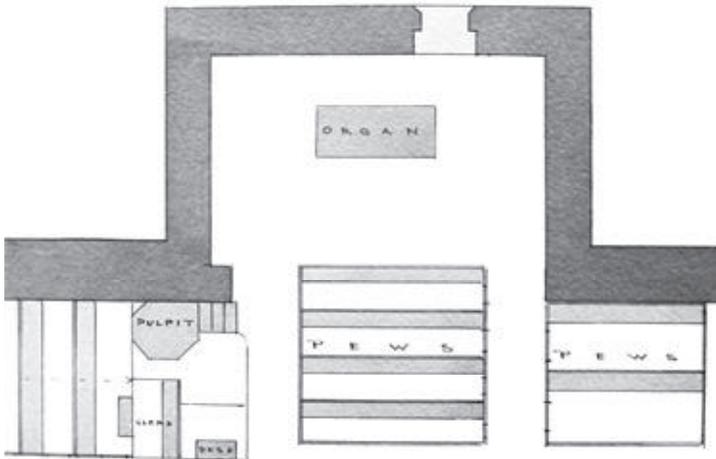
For more information on what's going on, to keep up with the latest happenings/news at school, visit the school website www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk or follow us on Facebook. SOCS and Nursery have their own pages and on Twitter @CorvedaleSchool.

Jonathan Brough, Headteacher

ORGAN MOVEMENTS

PART 2: FURTHER ORGAN MIGRATIONS

As I mentioned last month, Munslow's were by no means the only Corvedale organs to have moved around, and I shall start by looking at Diddlebury. Like most country churches Diddlebury had unaccompanied singers in the eighteenth century, and these were joined by instrumentalists early in the nineteenth. Their replacement by an organ was not a traumatic event like that described in Hardy's *Under the Greenwood Tree*, as the impetus seems to have come from the parishioners rather than the vicar. In 1836 an organ fund was started, but it would seem to have taken a long while to raise the necessary funds, and indeed to find a place to put the instrument once it was acquired. The opportunity came when the church underwent a partial restoration in 1859-60. As the Cornwall family had ceased to live at the Hall, their family chapel (now the vestry) was turned into an organ chamber. The plan made at the time shows that the organ took up a lot less space in the vestry than its replacement, which was acquired in 1925.



The new instrument had been made in 1853 by the firm of Gray and Davison, whom I mentioned last month, and was a finger and barrel organ. Barrel organs played tunes from a roll with a fairly limited repertoire of metrical settings of the Psalms. The effect would have been similar to the fairground organs which may still be seen at vintage rallies and had the advantage of not needing a trained organist, only someone to turn the mechanism. A finger and barrel organ also had a keyboard, which could be used instead of the barrel if there was an organist available. Very few barrel organs now survive in playable condition, for most, like Diddlebury's, were later converted to manual operations. Diddlebury retained its old instrument until 1925, when it was replaced by the present noble Nicholson organ. The old organ then migrated to Aston Botterell, where it remains to this day. It has a very handsome case in the Gothic style, and well worth a visit.

It was only last summer, when visiting Kinlet church, that I came across another Corvedale organ. This is a much grander affair than any I have dealt with so far and came from the music room at Millichope Park in 1894. The church guide in fact contains a photograph of the instrument in its original home, where it looks quite majestic – as indeed it should, for a maker's plate announces that J C Bishop, the organ builder, held an appointment to William IV. This dates the organ to between 1830 and 1837, for later instruments bear plates of appointment to HM the Queen. The firm of J C Bishop was founded in 1795, and rapidly built up a reputation for work of the highest quality, which it maintains to this day. Charles Baldwyn Childe of Kinlet also owned Millichope, which he finally managed to sell in 1896, which suggests that he brought the organ to Kinlet rather than including it in the intended sale.



I had not realised that we had another migratory organ in the Corvedale group until I received an email from Andrew Pike to say that Culmington's organ had also done service elsewhere before moving to its present home, and I am most grateful to

Andrew for allowing me to use his notes for this article. The Culmington instrument dates from the late nineteenth century and was formerly in Aconbury church in Herefordshire. It was made by Ingrams, a Hereford firm which was established in the 1870s. Aconbury church had been made redundant in the 1960s and was for many years the diocesan store: one wonders what treasures lay behind its doors, and what has become of them. The organ was acquired by Culmington in 1971 and rebuilt the following year. Forty years later it had a second rebuild to bring it up to full working order once again.

The Corvedale is fortunate to have such interesting and historic organs in its churches – and even more fortunate to have skilled organists to play them. May this continue for many years to come.

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WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



Kath welcomed seventeen members to the Coronation meeting in May. The refreshment table was tastefully laid with Coronation plates and serviettes thanks to Phyllis.

Kath then welcomed Mel who gave a delightful talk on making saddles, and explained the many uses of leather, including the suspension straps underneath the golden coach, which the King rode in for his Coronation. Most of the things Mel now uses is imported, which is such a pity as the West Midlands was once a hive of busy industrial businesses.

Next month on **Thursday 1st June** at 12.30pm, the Clover Club will once again join the community lunch at Westhope Village Hall.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

Our May meeting commenced with the committee bringing us up to date on business and news, including our Secretary, Amanda, outlining an IT training course and upcoming events organised by the Shropshire WI Federation. Interested members will be able to sign up for any of these events. Amanda also reported that we have lost five members this year, so for any ladies out there considering joining the WI, we would welcome you. There are always plenty of events to choose from and enjoy throughout the year – and we're a friendly bunch – so do come and join any of our meetings and try us out. Just come along to meet new friends and enjoy our evenings, which include different and interesting speakers.

We were delighted to welcome two guests this month, Karen and Amanda, who, having read our last monthly report, were keen to hear all about *The Biscuit Club* from Vic Graham, retired Lieutenant Commander, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing. Vic's talk, telling us all her experiences as a 'Doris' in her important and full-on role as part of the medical team during her six-month tour of Afghanistan, went down a treat. She brilliantly described the conditions she and her colleagues lived under in Afghanistan – their accommodation, uniforms, their jobs, how they all coped. By the end we fully understood what *The Biscuit Club* was all about, and we will continue to enjoy the packs of biscuits she donated to our group to accompany our refreshments in future meetings.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8th June** at 7:30pm at Stanton Lacy Village Hall and will include a talk by our very own member, Jennette Arnold OBE. Jennette was born on the Caribbean Island of Monserrat. Her family emigrated to the UK in the early 1950s settling first in Birmingham, then London, and finally in Leeds. Growing up, they instilled in her a simple but powerful message: *'We are all created equal in the sight of God and if you set your mind to a goal and work hard, you will be successful.'* Jennette will share how that simple message has shaped her life in nursing, activism, and politics. We look forward to seeing our members, their guests, and all ladies who are available and interested to join us.

Louise Gough

DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE WI

Members of Diddlebury & Westhope WI met, together with members of Munslow WI and with other friends, in Munslow Village Hall on Wednesday 10th May, for our monthly meeting.

After a brief business meeting members heard a talk from one of our own members, Jacqui White, about her life as an Air Traffic Controller. We were very surprised to hear that it takes up to three years, and a great deal of money, to complete the training of these people who are so vital to our safety when we choose to fly.

Jacqui had begun her career in the RAF and gave one pilot a big surprise when she first replied to him, as at that time female air traffic controls were very rare in the RAF. She left the RAF for civilian life, working at Luton, Gatwick and Birmingham, and a spell at Biggin Hill where a French pilot went badly astray (not Jacqui's fault!) and was eventually found at Gatwick. These hugely complicated air corridors

with hundreds of daily take-offs and landings are hard to comprehend for those of us who happily go off abroad, giving little thought to this complicated web of traffic above our heads, but felt amazed that one of our members had understood how it all worked, and held so very many lives safely in her hands during her working life.

The meeting ended with tea & cake all round, and a lot of interesting questions for Jacqui to cope with.

If you feel you would find our meetings the fun we do, and would like to meet new friends, we always welcome visitors to our monthly meeting, in Culmington Village Hall at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

Mary Holland

MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

Our coffee mornings have come to an end for the time being. However, we hope to restart our warm hubs with coffee mornings in November.

We have had a busy few weeks this Spring. The village hall committee provided tea and coffee and homemade cakes at Millichope Park on Saturday 29th April for an open gardens event. Many volunteers from Munslow provided wonderful homemade cakes, setting up and taking down tables and the gazebo and serving tea and cake to several hundred visitors. Our thanks to them and to Mr and Mrs Bury for inviting us to be part of this lovely event.



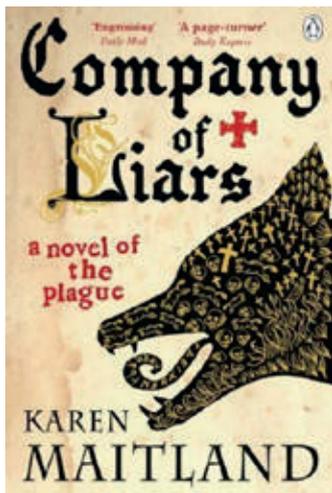
We held a very well attended event on the occasion of the Coronation of HM King Charles III and Queen Camilla. This included the live streaming of the coronation, followed by a delicious buffet lunch, kindly prepared and provided by Munslow WI, and funded by Munslow Parish Council. We are most grateful to all those who cooked and helped out on the day serving tea and coffee, setting out the buffet,

and of course, washing up! We enjoyed a day I am sure we will all remember. There was a great atmosphere in the hall while sharing this historic event with friends and neighbours. Our thanks, of course, to all our guests for coming along and for their generous donations for the village hall.

As you can see, we are a busy village hall, and the committee works hard to make these events successful. If you have enjoyed the coffee mornings and other events at the hall we would be delighted if any of you would like to join the committee. If you are able to contribute a little time, your ideas and expertise, please get in touch with Peter Turner at pturner767@msn.com or Lesley Dobson on 01584 841 457.

Lesley Dobson

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP



COMPANY OF LIARS BY KAREN MAITLAND

This novel is set in the Middle Ages at the time of the plague or the Black Death. People reacted very much as we did during the Covid pandemic with fear, superstitious remedies, lockdowns and 'bubbles'. One such bubble was formed by the group of characters in this book. An unlikely group of social misfits, displaced people, travelling together for protection and

company. They were all trying to stay ahead of their past: a conjuror with a horse and cart; a Camelot – a scarred trader in so-called holy relics; a midwife; a couple who are expecting a baby; a young, rune-reading girl; a one-armed storyteller; and two musicians who have seen better times. All have secrets they don't want to share. Together they make up all the criteria for the protected characteristics covered by The Equality Act (2010). The story is told from the point of view of the Camelot who assumes a level of leadership. The group need each other for their individual skills and resources. They are refugees, homeless and dispossessed. As they move north and east to escape the increasing spread of disease, each begins to reveal more about themselves and why they are all to some extent 'hiding in plain sight.' The stories (or lies?) they have woven around the versions of themselves which they share with the group gradually unravel. Some members come to blows, others support each other. Good and bad things happen.

The characters were well drawn and those who listened to the book on Audible enjoyed the narration by David Thorpe. Others found the written version overly lengthy and repetitive, lacking editing, and presenting an unreal picture of how people reacted to things. Just how many times could you fall into an icy river in winter with no ill effects when starving and with poor shoes and clothing? Despite that, it is a page turner, professionally written, and raising a number of philosophical questions: Who are we? Which version of ourselves is real? How does it differ in different company? What is truth? Is lying ever justified? When, where, why and how do we all lie? For what? Are there times when you don't, or can't, protect the old, the sick, the disabled, children, pregnant mothers? Which values matter most and why do we hold them? How do we react when they are challenged by dislike, hunger, cold, lack of shelter, extreme fatigue or poor physical or mental health? What is the 'home' they were all looking for, and how would they know when they found it?

It's a fascinating book although the content at times is miserable, horrible, grotesque and bleak. There is also a great deal of care, teamwork, support and sharing, overlaid with magic, superstition, and dread. People then, as now, lived with a great deal of prejudice and managed it in ways we, mostly, now wouldn't. The people who were supposed to help, the priests, the well-to-do, those in power, those with

homes, food, other resources, very often didn't.

The story in some ways is a 'who done it.' There are clues throughout the book to the disrobing of each character. There are a number of grand reveals, some of which we spotted coming and could make sense of, but some of which we couldn't. The book weaves in mythology, allegory, and contemporaneous language to help create the dramatic tension. In that day and age superstition and ritual had power to protect, people hoped, against the strong sense of malevolence which some characters seemed to exhibit. The church, which was supposed to protect and save the vulnerable, didn't live up to expectations. Who takes the difficult decisions about what they have to do to survive? Which of the nine survive and how? You will have to read it to find out. It's worth it.

When we next meet on **Thursday 8th June** we will be discussing **The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell**. It is the story of Lucrezia Borgia, another tale about facing and overcoming evil and about marriage not always being what it seems to the outside eye, even when you appear to live amongst plenty.

Cath Burley
cathburley@hotmail.com

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

Our most recent concert was in support of the fundraising efforts at Rodington Village Hall, where we tried out our newly arranged version by Richard Fox of Chattanooga Choo Choo, a steaming success!

This month we will be at The Priory Hall to provide a short 'workshop' session for the Much Wenlock and Cressage Community Care Support Group. We intend to promote the benefits of singing together as a means of relieving stress, exercising the brain, improving health and confidence, and making new friends! Hopefully, those attending will be able to join in with some of our pieces and have a worthwhile and fun afternoon.

We are then booked to sing at the church of St Mark in Frodesley on **Saturday 24th June** at 7.30pm. Built in 1809 on much earlier foundations, St Mark's is one of the smallest churches in Shropshire and is located in a most fabulous rural position beyond Acton Burnell. Although small, there is room for the choir and a good-sized audience, and it will be the perfect place to spend a summer's evening. With a super acoustic, the music should be pretty good too! As usual, tickets are available from choir members or via the number listed below. Money raised at the event will go towards supporting the church, however the choir also needs to raise funds for itself, to pay for its commitments, for example, for venue hire, music copies and professional fees. Our recent bingo evening brought in a small amount, and we would like to invite all of you for a coffee and perhaps a cake on what I'm sure will be a lovely sunny Saturday morning in Much Wenlock on **Saturday 15th July**, venue Holy Trinity church, when you may also wish to purchase a raffle ticket or two to help us continue our good work! See you there.

Dick Langford
chairmanmwmvc@gmail.com, 01952 728 758

CORVEDALE PAST & PRESENT

AN ENGLISHMAN, A FRENCHMAN AND... WELL ANYBODY YOU LIKE, REALLY

To some it's an intriguing daydream. Yes, although we are told the wandering mind is a bad thing these days, it can be sometimes highly creative.

You may love to saunter through our local countryside and wonder what it was like 100, 200 or 300 years ago. Myself, I like 800 and 900 years ago, but we all have our little ways! If you are a 6,000 to 7,000 years ago person, you will speculate on how man first came to cease tribal hunting, foraging, and wandering to settle to an agrarian life. Some would have us believe that by so doing they thereby enslaved themselves to the land. It's interesting to speculate, in south Shropshire or anywhere else. Whether the pattern we see in the countryside today is the ultimate reflection on the decisions of pioneer farmers or the later planning by power wielding big shots; Saxon, Norman or Angevin etc. Traditionally, the switch to settled farming is seen as a single event: others, though, have criticised this view and have found evidence to show it was a far more nuanced, variable, untidy and interesting transition.

Now, what may seem a bizarre change of gear – please forgive! How we see the world and even how we speculate on the past is governed by our senses. These largely rely on twelve pairs of nerves, and these tell stories and give instruction directly to and from the brain. They are called cranial nerves and they are captivating. They are given Roman numerals – I to XII – and two of these nerves intrigue as they may have played a really big part in our past and have a massive future of potential interest. One is unique and one is simply bizarre! Cranial nerve I, olfactory in name, is unique as it gives smell and taste information directly to the brain without going to a 'relay centre' where it would have to negotiate with other senses, sight, sound, hearing etc. These non-olfactory, mutually supporting senses you might think of as part of the 'mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight'. Our smell and taste are, so you therefore might think, primal, a 'sense extraordinaire', not part of the harmony of the senses, but an all-important solo voice.

The bizarre nerve (actually there are two, one on either side of the body) is X – vagus. Nothing to do with slot machines and roulette in the Nevada desert, the word comes from the same root as vagrant... wandering. All of the cranial nerves are paired, right and left, and apart from X, deal only with our heads and necks. The vagus, the wilful beast, originates in the brain like the others but wanders off into the chest, talks to the lungs and heart and then enters the belly where it had (and perhaps still has, for all I know), a mainly negative connotation. It was regularly surgically cut in the past as it appeared below the diaphragm to reduce acid production in the stomach, when peptic ulcers were far more fashionable than they are today. Fortunately, we may now think, this procedure (vagonotomy) was not a terribly effective operation and I think fell off theatre lists some years ago.

As to why these two blighters, nerves I and X, might be so important... that will have to wait till next time: I feel your editor's breath on my neck.

On the Englishman and Frenchman etc: Jean-Jacques Rousseau, an enlightenment thinker, characterised our far-distant human past as a naïve, enchanted simplicity, eventually dispersed by farming, money, rulers, their standing armies, and temples and priesthoods. A very contrary view had been expressed in a book in 1661 by Englishman Thomas Hobbes 'Man's life was solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short...the primitive or natural state of mankind is violent and cruel.'

Interestingly these two eminent men reached entirely opposite conclusions, both using **their** senses to observe the world and no doubt read many other varying opinions from many other people also using their senses, interpreting what they saw and heard and probably considering little no objective evidence. Do you think it is the Hobbesian view that still lurks in our minds most prominently?

These days things are far different and new discoveries in archaeology and anthropology may make us think very differently about our origins and probably reject these extremities.

To be continued...

Peter Cornah

SHROPSHIRE HILLS DISCOVERY CENTRE



EVENTS THIS JUNE

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 10th June

2pm - 4.30pm

£5 per boot.

Pre booking only, to book please call 01588 676060.

Refreshments available.

EARLY SUMMER BIRDWATCHING WALK

Saturday 17th June

10am - 12pm

Join local nature leader Dave Pearce for a walk around Onny Meadows and Stokesay Castle pool area to listen and discover the local spring migrant birds.

£10 per person, £9 for members.

Booking essential, book at reception or call 01588 676 060.

Please let us know when booking if you would like to borrow binoculars for the walk.

JUNE WILDFLOWER WALK

Wednesday 28th

10am - 12.30pm

Join local ecologist Caroline Uff, for this wildflower walk around Onny Meadows. Find out the identity and past usages of some of the plants.

£10 per person, £9 for members.

Booking essential, book at reception or call 01588 676 060.

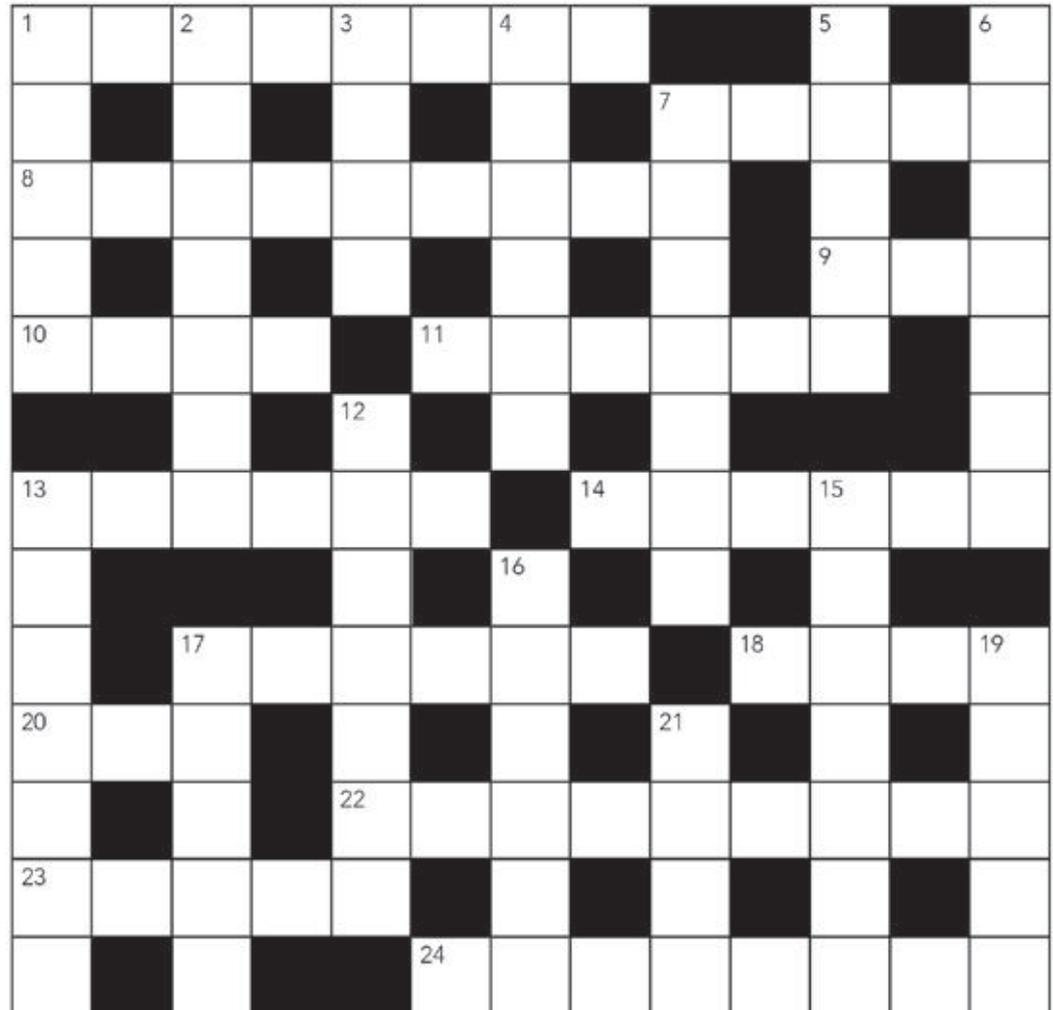
JUNE CROSSWORD

BY ARTEMONAS

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

ACROSS

- 1) It might mean one's upset about flowers (8)
- 7) Pretend to dress (3,2)
- 8) Needed to live in the wild, wild glens (9)
- 9) Tear I partly shred (3)
- 10) Old thing is on the way out (4)
- 11) Cornish bride is ancient English (6)
- 13) Temple back at a party space (6)
- 14) Some of these win German needlework (6)
- 17) Byes, for example, may be on the film set (6)
- 18) The old ruler was vermin (4)
- 20) Confuse animal (3)
- 22) Coming back together again, but changing as well (9)
- 23) Chooses the actors from worms? (5)
- 24) Perhaps Poms ride as agreed (8)



DOWN

- 1) A theologian swamped in drink might go rotten (5)
- 2) Levelling off before nightfall (7)
- 3) Just on Leap Year for starters (4)
- 4) He has trees around the North (6)
- 5) Keep in the shop (5)
- 6) Shooting at a piece of parsnip in green sauce? (7)
- 7) Holy book to rest in lap perhaps (7)
- 12) Purchased it or sent it to some book producers (7)
- 13) Almost ideal, but still in charge (7)
- 15) Drums into places where whiskey might be, they said (7)
- 16) Rage about a very loud boss (6)
- 17) Be the former first one (5)
- 19) Rebecca was old, and ranted (5)
- 21) Doctor's morning tipple? (4)

KING CHARLES III'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE CORVEDALE





CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP



At last, the sun came out and it was warm, really warm, after a cold week with heavy thundery showers, for our visit to Hurdley Hall, Churchstoke on Saturday 13th May. Despite the unexpected roadworks challenging everyone's navigation skills and their knowledge of the roads in and out of the Welsh border, we all arrived to find the most exquisite garden and a fabulous setting below Roundton hill.

The grade two listed timber framed house was built around 1630, with the porch as a later addition. This is inscribed with a carving 'John and Elizabeth Jones: ano 1718'. The front of the house also has a 'Sheela-na-gig,' a carving of a naked human figure thought to be a fertility symbol (like the one you may have seen on Church Stretton church).

The two-acre garden has been created from a largely derelict farmyard by the owners since 2005. The front of the house, facing Roundton hill, is formal, graveled with walls and paths of recovered local stone and topiary. It sets the scene for the tranquil atmosphere which this garden holds. The main pond, now flaked by 'lakes' of soft blue camassia, was dug out in 2006 and faces the drover's road of the Kerry Ridgeway which runs along the Welsh/English border. Nearer the house is a more formal rectangular pond with fish. The long, herbaceous borders were planted in 2008 and other shrub and perennial borders added in 2012. There was a beautifully tended vegetable patch.

After buying additional acres beyond the formal front garden the owners created Montgomeryshire's Coronation meadow. (The scheme was started by Charles, Prince of Wales to create a new meadow in every county). Seed was collected from Montgomeryshire's wildlife meadow at Ty Brith, Llansantffraid. By following the mown paths, we could see the wildflowers and grasses beginning to populate the grassland, now free from over-grazing. It was lovely to see

the lilac ladysmock (*Cardamine praetensis*), glowing in the sun. To the left of the meadow the walk follows the lower slopes of Todleth hill through ancient woodland alongside Roundton brook. To the right, the orchard of seventy-four named fruit trees was planted in 2016 and, beyond, a mown track rose up the hill between a further five acres of bluebell and cowslip meadows. Heading back to the house from the orchard, the mown path follows through the meadow and turns into a narrow path through woodland with knee-high grasses and native flowers, full of blossom and bird song. This path emerges halfway up the steep drive and crosses over into the bank above the formal garden, coming down to the lawns and fishpond below. Tables and chairs were scattered through the formal gardens and on the terrace. Everyone collected drinks and made difficult decisions about which of the delicious cakes we should try and we sat and chatted in the sunshine, not wanting to leave this peaceful haven.

Hurdley Hall is open for the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 11th June and Sunday 9th July when Simon Cain and Simon Quin would be delighted to share their garden with you. Ian Fotheringham is also running a trip from the Corvedale there this summer - see the article on page 7 for details and contact Ian if you would like to join them.

On **Saturday 10th June** the garden group will be visiting Hereford Cathedral and its gardens. We have been lucky enough to have been given a slot to visit not only the cloister gardens but also the rarely seen Bishop's gardens and Vicar's gardens. Following a brief comfort break/drink we will then have the opportunity for a guided tour of the cathedral, the chained library and Mappa Mundi in small groups. The discounted visit will cost £19 (or £7 for gardens only). If you would like to join us, please confirm with me by 6.00 pm on Wednesday 24th May. Replies after this date will not be allowed to join the group as volunteer guides will have been especially requested to attend for our visit. Please arrive before the start time of 10am so you can be allocated to your groups.

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ACROSS: (1) Anemones; (7) Put on; (8) Dwellings; (9) Rip; (10) Exit; (11) Isolate; (13) Pagoda; (14) Sewing; (17) Extras; (18) Tsar; (20) Fox; (22) Reforming; (23) Casts; (24) Promised

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2023 AT 7.30PM

Attendance: Cllrs I Steele (Chair), A Pike, M Holland, M Seabrook, J Turley, J Mear and J Watts; Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr C Byng.

Notice Convening The Meeting: In accordance with Statute, the notice convening the meeting has been duly published on the Council's Notice Boards and elsewhere throughout the Parish.

Annual Reports of the Parish Council and other groups/committees for the year 2022-23

Chairman of the Parish Council: (Full report available on the Parish website or by contacting the Clerk) Cllr Steele commented on the very different year compared to the previous 12 months, having now come out of lockdown. He thanked Cllrs Mear and Byng for representing the Council on the Village Hall Committee and the Flood Action Group. He also thanked H Coonick (Clerk), Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council), Dave Lewis (Environmental Maintenance), Jeff Williams (Parish Paths), and Hugh Disley (Flood Action Group). He also thanked the councillors for attending the meetings and having a say in how our community is being run.

Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley reported that it was indeed a very different year coming out of Covid but also the changes at National Government level. She thanked the parishes for their efforts to provide 'Warm Welcome' events and this demonstrates the strong community spirit in the parishes. There is pressure from National Government for County Councils to become more involved in devolution. The council's finances are difficult but there are no plans to make dramatic cuts to services. Her role has changed during the year, and she is now portfolio holder for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Communities. She is impressed by the teams running the Children and Adult services, and the Mobile Health and Welfare Hub is visiting cattle markets to make health care more accessible to farmers. The council has applied for money under the levelling-up fund but was not successful for the Craven Arms area. Despite this they are trying to get demand-responsive public transport for rural areas. The Boundary Commission has proposed that Cardington be included in the Corvedale division. She proposes a meeting between chairs and clerks to discuss the parish boundary review which will need to be complete by October this year.

Village Hall: Cllr Mear reported that the village hall had returned to normal after the Covid lockdowns and she thanked all of the committee members for their efforts in making that possible. They have obtained planning

permission for an extension to have a bar, so will be fundraising (including a parish ball) and applying for grants. They had a very successful promises auction and tractor run last year which raised money for the MS society. They have improved contacts with other local groups, have a Facebook page and have events planned. A burst pipe damaged the hall during the winter, and it has been closed since, but will reopen in mid-May. The AGM is on 20th June.

Flood Action Group: Cllr Byng had given her apologies. Cllr Steele reported that the Group continued to monitor drains and ditches and regularly attended the National and Shropshire Council Flood Forum meetings.

Culmington Footpath Group: Mr Jeff Williams sent a report. A grant had been obtained from Shropshire Council footpath team and some more tools had been purchased. After the break for his hip operation the team replaced a stile on Mulberry Lane in Lower Hayton followed by a series of stiles, and a footbridge on the Culmington to Hayton footpath at Barracks Farm with the Shropshire Ramblers. There is one more stile to replace at Lower Hayton before they concentrate on footpaths around Burley and Medley Park. He has tried to advertise for help in Ripples but has had no response. He thanked Andrew Pike and new recruits Hugh Disley and John Preston.

Community Governance and Boundary Review: Cllr Motley had mentioned earlier in her report that the Boundary Commission had not agreed to Shropshire Council's request to increase the number of divisions and had proposed that Cardington parish join the Corvedale division. Members of the public can make comment upon this proposal. Culmington Parish Council will continue to consider its parish boundaries including Vernolds Common, The Pheasantry, Sparchford, Elsich, and Seifton Bache.

Parish Plan: The last plan was completed in 2016. Cllr Motley suggested that the Local Plan officer is asked if anything has changed which may require the plan to be updated. Infrastructure Projects for Inclusion in the Place Plan: this item will be included in the agenda for the next meeting. Potential projects include flood prevention, speed limit extension, village hall extension, transport service, faster broadband for the village and village hall and improvements to the sewage and drainage systems in the village.

Open Forum: There were no members of the public present.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING ON TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2023

Attendance: Councillors I Steele, Mr A Pike, Mrs M Holland, Mrs Jo Mear, Mr M Seabrook, Mr J Turley, Mrs J Watts. Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk).

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson: Cllr Steele stated that he would not stand for chair again this year. Cllr Motley thanked Cllr Steele for his work over the last six years, especially as it had been a very difficult time due to Covid. No nominations were received for

the position of Chairperson. Cllr Pike was elected as Vice Chair and chaired the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr C Byng.

Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None.

Minutes of the meeting on 4th April 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair.

Appointment of Representatives: Village Hall – Cllr Mear. Flood Committee – Cllr Byng. South Shropshire Area Committee – deferred to next meeting.

Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Freedom of Information Publication Scheme: These were all reviewed and adopted.

Matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting: The Parish Plan and Boundary Review would be on the next meeting agenda.

Infrastructure Projects for the Place Plan: These would be deferred to the next meeting.

Finance: Annual Report: The income for the year was £6,785.54, plus a carry-forward of £7,028.08. Expenditure was £6,700.50 leaving a carry-forward of £7,113.12. The holdings for environmental maintenance and parish paths total £3,443.78 leaving a reserve of £3,669.34. The reserve includes money set aside for repairs, particularly for the Vehicle Activated Sign (which is no longer under guarantee). The council assets total £6,119 with a replacement cost of £8,635. The Parish Council continues as the Custodian Trustee for Culmington Village Hall, but this is only for the purposes of holding the property title. The Annual Report was accepted.

Council's Assets and Insurance: The insurance is sufficient to cover the assets, and payment to Zurich of £363.83 (fixed) was authorised.

Payments were authorised to: Diddlebury Village Hall £20.00, D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £42.50, J Williams (parish path tools reimbursement) £61.98, H Coonick (clerk – reimbursement, stationery, inks, domain, antivirus software). The precept of £4,864.96 had been received from Shropshire Council.

Dates of the Ordinary meetings for the forthcoming year were agreed.

Update on the Vehicle Activated Sign for the Eastern Entrance to Culmington: The Police and Crime Commissioner had authorised the grant to purchase the sign. Shropshire Council's highways engineer had proposed a site for the post which the council would prefer closer to the speed limit sign. The clerk will request that the engineer reconsiders the site of the post.

Items for the next meeting: a. Election of a chairperson, b. Items for the Place Plan, c. Consider renewal of the Parish Plan d. Vehicle Activated Sign.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th June 2023 at Culmington Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MUNSLOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON THE 4TH MAY 2023

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Ed Povey (Vice Chair), Nigel Dobson, David Marston, Val Fotheringham, Chris Meeson, Graham Williams.

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

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Antonia Bury.

Notice Convening the Meeting: In accordance with Statute, the notice convening the meeting had been duly published on the Council's Notice Boards and website.

Annual Reports: Chair's Report: Cllr Archer reported this has been a very busy year for the council which had held ten parish council meetings. Members had a number of planning applications to consider, some large and some small, but they had all been looked into carefully. One of the major issues which was still ongoing was, of course, speeding along the B4368. On a positive side they had changed the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at the North end of Aston Munslow and the new one appeared to be working well. They had, with the help of a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner, bought a mobile VAS which was, at the moment, being used in Munslow, but would be moved around the parish every few weeks. After many requests to Shropshire Council, the VAS sign at the south end of Aston Munslow, which apparently was now beyond repair, would be replaced with a new one within 4–6 weeks. The parish now has a defibrillator in Munslow. Please look out for information as to when there would be a training day on how to operate it. The defibrillator was donated by the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust. Finally, a reminder that the Parish Council was there to serve the community and residents were always welcome to come to the meetings.

Village Hall: Cllr Dobson reported that the village hall (aka Beambridge Clubroom) was slowly picking itself up after Covid. There had been a change of most of the committee. There had been coffee mornings as part of the 'Warm Welcome' initiative raising £113. There had been various improvements to the building, including the drainage. £400 was raised for the village hall at the Millichope open gardens.

Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley reported that it had been a hectic year, especially with the changes in government, the cost-of-living crisis and industrial action. A Levelling-up Shared Prosperity Fund bid for Shrewsbury had been successful, but an application for Craven Arms had not been successful. The council had a historic debit of £50 million but was trying to reduce the debt without making major cuts to services. She thanked the parishes for providing 'Warm Welcomes' which had been very successful. Her role had changed, and she was now portfolio holder for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Communities. She remained on the executive of the Rural Services Network and was vice chair of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The transport manager for the council was planning a demand-responsive public transport service for rural areas. The Health and Wellbeing Hub had visited Ludlow cattle market offering health checks for farmers and would provide regular sessions. The Local Government Boundary Commission had not agreed to an increase in divisions and was proposing that Cardington parish join the Corvedale division. Members of the public could make comment upon these proposals. She would organise a chairs

and clerks meeting in June to consider parish boundaries which needed to be agreed by this October.

Update on the Parish Council's work to reduce the speed of vehicles through the Parish: A road survey was conducted about 18 months ago after much negotiation with Shropshire Council and a lot of background work was done by the members of the Parish Council. This is still ongoing since the engineer who requested the survey is very unhappy with the report as it bears little relation to what he wanted doing. This has to be rectified but it is not known how long this will take. All the parishes along the B4368 were concerned about the speeding problem and the Council was in contact with them.

Updating The Parish Plan: Cllr Motley suggested that the clerk contact Vicky Turner, Shropshire Council Community Enablement Officer to check if funding is available to renew the plan.

Infrastructure Projects to Include in the Place Plan: There was concern over the lack of drain jetting in the parish. Also, the issue of traffic calming could be added to the Place Plan proposals. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Open Forum: No members of the public were present.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023 AT BEAMBRIDGE CLUB ROOM

Attendance: Cllrs Barbara Archer, Ed Povey, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, David Marston, Chris Meeson, Graham Williams, Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk).

Election of the Chair and Vice Chair: Cllr Barbara Archer was elected Chairperson and Cllr Ed Povey was elected as Vice Chair.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Antonia Bury.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Appointment of Representatives: Beambridge Clubroom – Cllr Dobson was appointed. South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Archer was appointed.

Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Freedom of Information Publication Scheme: These were reviewed and agreed.

Dates of the Ordinary Meetings for the forthcoming year were agreed.

Items Raised at the Annual Parish Meeting: The Place Plan will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Beambridge Village Hall Lease: A new lease is not yet available. The Parish Council requested changes to the draft lease so the Parish Council is Custodian Trustee rather than tenant. Cllr Dobson will discuss this with the Millichope Foundation.

Defibrillator at The School House, Munslow: Sally Angell-James, who represents the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust, met with Cllr Archer to publicise the installation of the defibrillator in Munslow. Defibrillator training will be arranged as soon as possible.

Highways: The VAS sign will be moved to Broadstone for a period. It has a battery life of ten days.

The Traffic Calming Report by Shropshire Council will not be published. There have been several speeding fines from police operating in Hungerford. The clerk will write to the

other parishes along the B4368 to inform them that the report on the survey carried out in 2022 will not be published and a request for another study is being investigated by the Shropshire Council traffic engineer.

Advertisement of the Vacancy and Co-option: The clerk will publicise the vacancy for a councillor on the website, Corvedale News, notice boards and Facebook

Finance: Payments were authorised to IDP Solutions (defibrillator installation) £222.00, D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £42.50 and H Coonick (clerk, reimbursement

stationery, stamps, and domain name for 2023-23) £44.64.

Items for the next meeting: a) fundraising for the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust b) Repairs to the Community Car Park, c) maintenance of notice boards d) infrastructure projects for the Place Plan.

Next Meeting: Thursday 1st June 2023 at Beambridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome.

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DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2023 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr D Hedgley - Chairman, Cllrs R Povall, A Watson, T O'Boyle, A Rattu, C Martyn, S Povall.

Apologies: Cllrs R Morgan, T Pardoe, Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council).

In attendance: The Clerk and two members of the public.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd March 2023 were approved by councillors and three matters arising were dealt with.

Reports: The Chairman reported on his response to a public information service consultation. Responding to a query from a resident, he had spoken to the headmaster at Corvedale School about the possibility of the playground being opened up for evening/weekend use by local children, but security and insurance obstacles meant this could not happen, other than use of the tarmacked forecourt. He had made many efforts to progress SC's awaited remedial work on the damaged bridge and the collapsed wall in Bouldon. He had affixed Coronation plaques around the parish. He had attended a Zoom meeting on the revised Place Plan and said that DPC had 12 weeks in which to consider its infrastructure priorities and make an application for CIL Funding. He proposed discussing the matter at the May meeting.

Flood Action Group: Cllr Martyn said the Bouldon/Peckledy flood gauge has been repaired. He had liaised with a landowner in Bouldon about the collapsed retaining wall affecting the stream. He reported on the responses received to his two recent articles in the Corvedale News

Westhope Village Hall: Cllr Watson confirmed that events were planned at Westhope Village Hall on 7th May 2023, to celebrate the Coronation. Renovation works were progressing: three new exterior doors had been fitted and plumbing works completed.

Diddlebury Village Hall: Cllr Rattu reported that bookings were good and the Zumba classes were very popular. The DVH Committee AGM would take place the following week.

Planning Applications: 23/00605/FUL - Application for alterations to existing permission re19/03896/FUL - namely for conversion of former malthouse building from storage to use as a residential dwelling, at The Malt House, Delbury Hall, Diddlebury. The parish council supported this application.

23/01302/LBC - Application for listed building consent for internal alterations to stud walls and the erection of a boiler house/log store affecting a Grade II listed building, The Malt House, Delbury Hall, Diddlebury. The parish council supported this application.

23/01039/FUL - Application (part retrospective) for overboarding at Lower House Farm, Middlehope. The parish council was unable to support this application.

23/01497/VAR - Application for variation of Condition 16 (fencing to buffer zone) attached to permission 23/03100/FUL related to the housing development at Bache Mill. The parish council supported this application in principle but with provisos.

Highways/Environmental Issues: The problems with the bridge and collapsed retaining wall in the stream at Bouldon were further discussed. Work is promised for the latter issue in June/July and it is believed traffic lights will be used. Blocked drains causing flooding on the B4368 in Diddlebury and Corfton will be reported to Highways.

Communications & Correspondence: Fifteen items of correspondence were considered. Insurance renewal documents were considered and approved. Investigations will be carried out to see if a children's playground can be sited in The Moors. The school forecourt can be accessed out of school hours via the small gate as a play area.

Finance Report: The Finance Report for April 2023 was considered. Cheques totalling £1,753.59 were approved for payment. DPC holds a balance of £14,822.03 following payment of the approved cheques. Cllr O'Boyle approved the Clerk's reconciliation between HSBC bank statement 368 and DPC's cash book.

Preparations for the Audit & Annual Return for 2022-23: Councillors considered and approved the statement for Section 1 of Annual Governance & Accounting Return and the VAT reclaim.

Any Other Business: The Chairman reminded everyone that the Annual Parish Meeting is on 24th May 2023 and asked for all who report at the meeting to let the Clerk have copies of their reports as soon as possible. Cllrs Rattu and S Povall gave their apologies for the May meetings.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 28th June 2023 at Westhope Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

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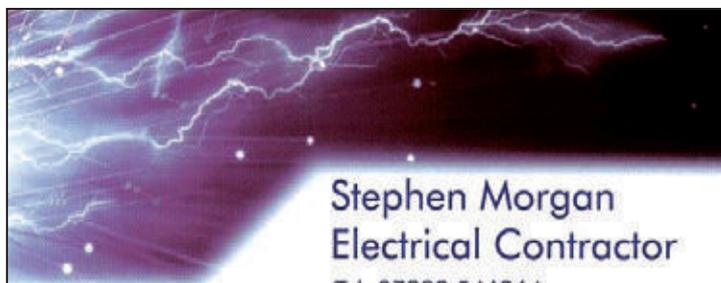
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	4TH JUNE Trinity Sunday	11TH JUNE Trinity 1 / St Barnabas	18TH JUNE Trinity 2	25TH JUNE Trinity 3
ABDON		9:45 HC		6pm EP
BROADSTONE			8:30 HC	
CULMINGTON	11:15 HC		6pm Compline	8:30 HC (BCP)
DIDDLEBURY	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS
HOLDGATE	8:30 HC			
MUNSLOW	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC
TUGFORD			9:45 HC	

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

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