

THE CORVEDALE NEWS

MAY 2023
The Corvedale's Community Magazine



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www.shropshire.gov.uk

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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

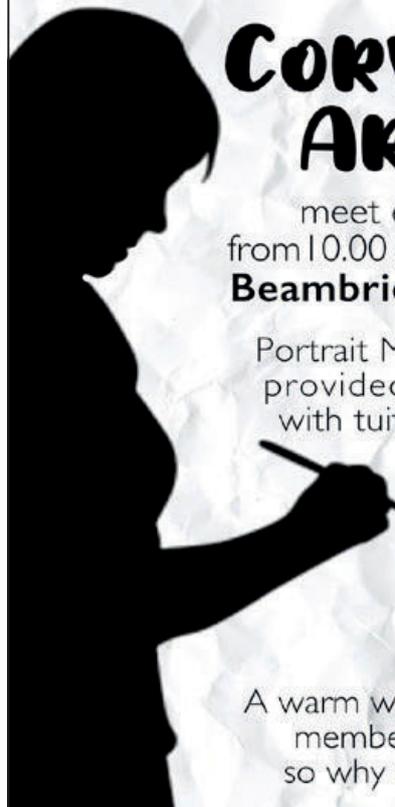
Corvedale Book Group welcomes new members! It costs less than £5 a month to cover room hire fees and Shropshire Library loan fees.

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 11th May 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 22nd May
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



Diddlebury Village Hall
Charity Registration Number: 522511

NOTICE OF AGM

Diddlebury Village Hall
hereby gives public notice of the
Annual General Meeting
to be held **on Thursday 11th May 2023**
at 6.00pm at Diddlebury Village Hall

To transact the following business:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Approval of Minutes of 2022 AGM
4. Committee Report
5. Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts
6. Confirmation of committee members representing local groups
7. Election of committee members**
8. AOB
9. Date of next meeting
10. Close

Jayne Kirk, Secretary, 01584 861 241

**** Three committee members are elected from those living in Diddlebury Parish, aged 18 or over. Anyone wishing to stand for election to the committee should contact the secretary or any of the other committee members as soon as possible and no later than 9th May 2023. Please note that voting is restricted to inhabitants of the Diddlebury parish aged 18 or over.**

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 dates:

21st May, 18th June
2pm to 5pm each day.

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



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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

**Coronation
Sunday on the
Sunday**

Free for all   Free for all

Sunday 7th May from midday
Westhope Village Hall

<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Royal scarecrow competition  Bring a plate of food to share for a picnic lunch  Licensed bar will be open for purchases  Tombola 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Best Royal portrait  Free tea/coffee/squash  Apple bobbing  Games  Free glass of Fizz to toast the King
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For more info contact us on Facebook or 07486 414 742

PIC•COLLAGE

**Royal Scarecrow
Competition**

Design and make your own
Royal scarecrow to celebrate
the Kings coronation.

<p>Scarecrow to be in place no later than Saturday the 6th May ready for judging.</p>	<p>Prize for the best scarecrow</p> <p>Any royal theme</p>
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Let us know via social media or on 07486 414 742 the location of your scarecrow for judging.



PIC•COLLAGE

**ABDON VILLAGE HALL
CORONATION PICNIC**

Sunday 7th May 2023
1pm to 5pm



**FREE ENTRY
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC AND DRINKS
Free tea, coffee, and Coronation cake

Prizes for the 'Best Crown' and 'Best Outfit'
Raffle tickets £1 a strip

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CULMINGTON
CORONATION FLOWER FESTIVAL



SUNDAY 7TH MAY

You are invited to visit our lovely church full of flowers to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.



Refreshments will be available from 12o'clock after morning service and in the afternoon from 2.30 – 4.30 pm.



Plus plants for sale!

If you would like to take part by arranging some flowers, there's still time to get in touch with Avril Lines
01584 861339 or email avril.fossilsinshropshire@gmail.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



He's obviously been to the

Great Diddlebury Church Plant Sale

in Diddlebury Church Room
Friday 19th & Saturday 20th May
10am to 4pm

Tea, coffee and cakes as well!

MAY EVENTS AT ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, LUDLOW

Friday 5th May at 1.00pm

Sheldon Singers perform songs by Rutter, Vivaldi and Reinberger.
Free Entry with retiring collection.

Saturday 20th May at 7.30pm

Ludlow Orchestra will give a concert with soloist Gaynor Keeble Mezzo Soprano.
Tickets £14 on the door or from www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk

LUDLOW PIANO FESTIVAL

Wednesday 24th - Sunday 28th May

Four full days of piano concerts and events in various venues. Full programme and tickets from: www.ludlowpianofestival.com

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ACTIVITIES and EVENTS - MAY

Renovations are underway after the long drying out process required since our flood and Culmington Village Hall will finally be opening towards the end of May.

From June regular events should be back to normal. Lunch Club will run straight throughout the year without the usual summer break. Monday coffee mornings and last Friday of the month social nights will return. Plus much more - watch this space!

Hot Dog Supper

Friday 26th May from 7pm

Come and join us as we celebrate opening our doors again. Enjoy a hot dog, drink and a chat. There will be a bar and a warm welcome!

New 100 Club

For an annual subscription of £10, you will have two chances a year to win with draws in June and December.

1st prize £100, 2nd prize £50 and 3rd prize £25.

Your allotted number will remain yours throughout your membership. The first draw will take place at the Lunch Club in June.

Contact Gwyn Edwards on 07891 904 501 or 01584 861 666.

ABDON VILLAGE HALL



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - MAY

Meditation Group

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm

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



Coronation Party

Sunday 7th May, 1pm to 5pm.

Free entry. Bring your own picnic. Prizes for the 'best crown' and 'best outfit'. Raffle, Coronation cake, free tea and coffee.

UFO (Un-Finished Objects) Craft Morning

Saturday 13th, 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 16th, 7pm

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

Village Hall Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 24th May, 7pm

Everyone welcome to attend.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

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

Abdon Village Hall Committee is looking for new members.

It's a great opportunity to meet people and join in with community events. We meet four times a year to look after the Village Hall and organise events. We are looking for general members, and a new Treasurer and Secretary. Full job descriptions and training are available. If you live near Abdon or are a regular user of the Village Hall and you are interested in joining us, please email Helen at abdon.villagehall@gmail.com or have a chat with any member of the Village Hall Committee. See our website for details www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk and go to the Village Hall section.

Abdon Village Hall is a WARM WELCOME HUB.

This is a place where people can gather to keep warm and receive a warm welcome. We will be holding 'Warm welcome hubs' at Abdon Village Hall on the second and last Saturdays of each month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and join us for coffee, cake, and a chat.

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

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL



Our regular events at the village hall are being well attended.

The new venture of the Community Lunch was a great success with 35 people enjoying a lovely 2-course lunch followed by tea and coffee. Next one will be on **Thursday 1st June, 12.30 for 1pm**. £10 per person. To book your place call Betty 07860 447 397 by Monday 29th May or Kath on 01584 841 254.

By the time you receive the next Corvedale News the Coronation weekend will be upon us. Our celebrations are on **Sunday 7th May** with a fun day, bring a plate of food to share and enjoy the celebrations. Everyone welcome. Design and make your own Royal scarecrow to celebrate the King's Coronation. Please see full details in the separate poster.

The skittles season had now ended, and we have all enjoyed taking part. Unfortunately, we are bottom of the league, but it's been a great social activity and brought a lot of new people to our village hall.

On the second Friday of each month during the summer we are having a social skittles evening which is open to everyone. £1 on the door. Licensed bar and refreshments available.

The next one will be on Friday 12th May from 7.30pm onwards.

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 4th May. All enquiries to Kath, 01584 841 254.

Whist Drives

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



Coronation Celebrations

Sunday 7th May. See advert in What's On.

Royal Whist Drive

Monday 8th May, 7.30pm. £3 admission.

Community Lunch

Thursday 1st June, 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

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

Social Skittles Evening

Friday 12th May, from 7.30pm.

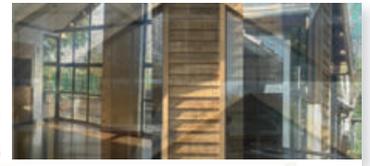
Open to everyone. £1 admission.

Licensed bar and refreshments available.

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



WHAT'S ON AT DVH?



Living ^(12A)
Drama
Bill Nighy, Aimee Lou Wood
7.45 pm Thursday 18th May
Doors & Bar Open: 7.15 pm
Tickets: £5 (Card machine)




KUNG FU For KIDS !!
5-12 years
Instructor: **Brian Nelson**
3 x World Champion
3.30 pm Tuesdays
£5

Tai Chi Chuan

4th May 2023
FREE to try 1st class of term

Invest in your health & well-being NOW!

Why not come along and give tai chi a 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@goldenthreadscic.com



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.

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

Looking for the perfect venue?

DVH is a light, bright, modern venue with large and small halls, dedicated bar, large fully-equipped professional kitchen, excellent disabled access, on-site parking, and full premises licence.

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

	The Corvedale Choir is a mixed-voice community choir whose members enjoy singing a wide variety of music together, 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 Sally Woodhouse: sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk for more information.	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: enidgillz1@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	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
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	6.00pm
Every Tues	Chair Yoga	Culmington Village Hall	
Every Wed	Working at Home Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 2pm
Every Thur	Tai Chi	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Fri	Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

MAY 2023

2nd Tue	Mediation	Abdon Village Hall	7pm
2nd Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
4th Thu	Clover Club	Westhope Village Hall	2.30pm
4th Thu	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Beambridge Clubroom	7.30pm
5th Fri	Sheldon Singers	St. Laurence's, Ludlow	1pm
6th Sat	Coronation of King Charles III		
7th Sun	Coronation Funday	Westhope Village Hall	12noon
7th Sun	Coronation Picnic	Abdon Village Hall	1pm
7th Sun	Coronation Flower Festival	All Saints, Culmington	12noon
8th Mon	Royal Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Wed	Diddlebury, Westhope & Munslow WI	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
11th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
11th Thu	Diddlebury Village Hall AGM	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
11th Thu	Hayton & District WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
12th Fri	Skittles Evening	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
12th Fri	Much Wenlock Choir Bingo Night	Priory Hall, Much Wenlock	
13th Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
13th Sat	Munslow Church Working Party	Munslow Church	10am
13th Sat	Garden Group	Hurdley Hall	
16th Tue	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
16th Tue	Mediation	Abdon Village Hall	7pm
18th Thu	Warm Hub Coffee Morning	Beambridge Clubroom	10.30am
18th Thu	Flicks in The Sticks - Living	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.15pm
19th Fri	Diddlebury Church Plant Sale	Diddlebury Church Room	10am
20th Sat	Diddlebury Church Plant Sale	Diddlebury Church Room	10am
20th Sat	Ludlow Orchestra	St. Laurence's, Ludlow	7.30pm
20th Sat	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir	Rodington Village Hall	
21st Sun	Card Craft Workshop		
22nd Mon	Corvedale Folk Club	The Seven Stars, Broadstone	7.30pm
24th Wed	Ludlow Piano Festival (till 28 May)	St. Laurence's, Ludlow	
24th Wed	Abdon Village Hall AGM	Abdon Village Hall	7pm
24th Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
24th Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
25th Thu	All Saints PCC AGM & Annual Meeting	All Saints, Culmington	3.30pm
26th Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am
26th Fri	Hot Dog Supper	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
26th Fri	Bingo Night	Westhope Village Hall	7pm
27th Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
27th Sat	Munslow Church Working Party	Munslow Church	10am
28th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBC	9.30am

ACTIVITIES & CLASSES:

Abdon Village Hall - 8 Culmington Village Hall - 7 Diddlebury Village Hall - 9 Westhope Village Hall - 8

The deadline for all submissions to the News is Tuesday 16th May 2023.

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY



The big event at the start of May is clearly the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. It's 70 years since the last Coronation, so for many of us this will be the first we have ever known. As I write this the full details of the service in Westminster Abbey have yet to be announced, but as I watched the Queen's funeral last year, I was struck by the way in which the crown, orb, and sceptre were taken from her coffin and placed on the altar of St George's Chapel. At the start of the Coronation Service, they will be on the altar in Westminster Abbey before they are given to the King.

All this, along with the readings we heard on the Sunday after Easter about the apostles being told to proclaim the good news about God, prompted me to thoughts about God's call to all of His people. God calls many of us to serve Him in various ways. It is because of God's call that I was ordained as a priest and that I came to the Corvedale, but God calls us to do many different things in various places. What perhaps unites the various calls is that God calls us to lives of service, serving Him and serving others.

Later in the month, on Thursday 18th, we will mark Ascension Day. We remember the risen Christ ascending into heaven and returning to God. Having had Jesus with them for three years or so, the apostles were left to get on with serving God by themselves, without the constant presence of Jesus physically there beside them. Even so, they knew - and we know - that God walks with us through all that we do and all that we experience, strengthening us and helping us as we seek to serve Him. Even with the presence of God alongside us, service can sometimes be hard and can sometimes be lonely. That is why we gather as Christian communities, Sunday by Sunday, to worship, to pray and to strengthen one another. It is also why on the eve of the Coronation, there will be a service of Compline in Munslow Church in which we will pray particularly for our King as he prepares for the next stage in his journey of service. You are welcome to join us at that, or at any of our services.

Rev'd John Beesley

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

16th April Olive Skyla Morris Diddlebury

Wedding

16th April Abby Bayford & Edward Morris Diddlebury

Burial of Ashes

15th April Peter Drakes Diddlebury

FLOWERS & BRASSES

May 2023

7th & 14th Pat Baynham 21st & 28th Sally Woodhouse

DAFFODIL DAY AT SPARCHFORD COTTAGE

Jeremy and Val Hardwick would like to thank all those who came to admire the lovely display of daffodils on 19th March, and for their generosity. A total of £470 was raised for the Corvedale Benefice. Thanks to all those lovely ladies who baked cakes and helped serve teas. Together with the lovely calm weather the whole afternoon was a great success.

ST MICHAEL'S, MUNSLOW

Once every five years the church buildings have a 'Quinquennial Inspection' by an architect. It gives us a report on the current state of the church building and advises us about works required now and in the future. This spring both Broadstone Chapel and Munslow Church have been inspected. Amongst the things we are advised to do some need specialist contractors, but others are suggested as things that can be done by volunteers. At Munslow these include removing vegetation growth from the French drain and from some of the walls, cutting down ivy growing on the building, clearing water gullies, cleaning/de-rusting/decorating cast iron floor grills, applying linseed oil to the doors, and helping to clear rubbish from the tower. To start to tackle some of these jobs we are inviting anyone who would like to help to join us for working parties on **Saturdays 13th and 27th May and 10th June**, starting at 10am. If you could bring tools for weeding, cutting back vegetation etc we will supply the coffee and cake. Please contact Barbara Bowers (841 348) or me (841 488) to let us know that you are coming so that we can make sure we have enough cake. Thank you!

Rev'd John Beesley



ST PETER'S, DIDDLEBURY

Calling all Corvedale Gardeners! Be sure not to miss our **Annual Plant Sale on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th May**. We are going to return to our traditional venue, the Church Room, and the sale will be open from **10am until 4pm** both days. Amazingly, the Plant Sale has been going for over twenty years, and is a key element in Church fundraising, as well as being a Mecca for local plant hunters.

I am sure that most readers will be familiar with the format, but for those who are new to the area may I explain that all plants will have been grown in our supporters' gardens and will therefore be acclimatised to local weather and soil conditions. Donations of plants are very welcome: please bring them along on the sale days. This year we are going to provide **free tea and coffee** as we used to, and there will be cakes etc. for sale (donations welcome). I expect that, like us, many of you will have lost plants in the bad weather, so here is an ideal chance to restock.

For more information, offers of plants or assistance on the days, please telephone Megan on 841650.

Martin Speight



CONCERT IN DIDDLEBURY CHURCH

The Shifnal and District Male Voice Choir will be giving a concert in Diddlebury Church on **Saturday 17th June** starting at 7.00pm. Tickets, costing £8.00, will be available soon: they will include wine and nibbles. All proceeds will go to the Corvedale Group of Churches. Further details will be in next month's magazine.

Liz Jones

ALL SAINTS CHURCH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual General Meeting of the PCC will be held on **Thursday 25th May** at 3.30pm in the church. All parishioners are welcome to attend and those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote. We look forward to welcoming you.

Churchwardens

BROWN CLEE MEDICAL PRACTICE

SUMMARY OF PATIENT GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 2023

- Over 200 people attended the meeting of the Patient Group, with over 90 more recording apologies. Membership of the Patient Group is now nearing 400 people. Attendance will be limited in future, so pre-booking of a place at the next meeting will be needed.
- Dr Railton's family commitments mean she needs to give up being a Partner with the Practice at Christmas this year, but she will continue to be a Locum GP for as long as it takes to find a new GP.
- Patients were asked if they could help make the Practice vacancy more attractive, by offering free housing for 6 months, or other in-kind benefits. Please contact the Chair if you are willing and able to offer anything.
- Patients were asked to spread the word of a vacancy at Brown Clee to any Doctors in their family or social circles.
- Shropshire Council and the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board have both pledged to help Brown Clee in its search for new GPs.
- A demountable building will be installed shortly outside the Ditton Priors Surgery, creating two new consulting rooms and a small waiting area. This will replace the current file storage building, and will enable additional services to be offered, e.g., Counsellor or Physiotherapist.
- The Care and Share Pantry, which is sited at Oak Farm, is now open 7 days a week and is being well used. Toiletries are particularly useful, and donations can be made to collecting boxes in the Church porch or the Medical Practice foyer.

A new Group has been formed (BCMP Community Group) to look at all the options available for acquisition of the Practice buildings by local people or a locally based charitable organisation. Patients can apply to become a Member of this Group by emailing: bcmpcommunitygroup@btinternet.com

- If a viable plan emerges to buy the Practice buildings, patients may have the opportunity to contribute financially if they wish to, but at this stage no donations can be accepted.
- The next meeting will be **Tuesday 4th July 2023** at Ditton Village Hall. 7-8pm

For more information, or to join the Patient Group, contact: Tina Ranson, Chair of Brown Clee Patient Group: tina.ranson@outlook.com



CORVEDALE SCHOOL



We celebrated Easter at St Peter's church in Diddlebury. The service was led by Father John and involved readings and some wonderful songs from our children.

We would like to thank the volunteers who helped with this year's Easter Egg Hunt and also everyone at Delbury Walled Garden where the event took place. We were very lucky with the weather and managed to pick an afternoon where there was no rain. The children had a wonderful time; it was especially lovely to see the older children helping out those from Nursery. We would also like to thank The Corvedale School Association who kindly donated an easter egg for every child in the school.

We are excited to be starting our swimming lessons in the Summer Term for Class 2 and 3. There is also a busy schedule of after-school sports clubs. On Mondays we will have Multisport for year R, 1 and 2, and Running Club for Year 3 to 6. On Tuesdays we have Netball Club for Year 3 to 6 and on Wednesdays we have Rowing Club for year 3 to 6.

Nine of our pupils attended the Swimming Gala at Ludlow Leisure Centre last month. They all did really well. They behaved brilliantly and put in 100% effort. Everyone at the school is very proud of them. Sophie got through to the year 5/6 back crawl finals and Mia secured herself a place in the year 5/6 front crawl finals.

The Baby and Toddlers Group Tuesday mornings from 9.30 - 11.30am is very popular. £2 per family per session. Mums and Dads 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

MUNSLOW PARISH VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)

Munslow Parish Council has purchased a mobile vehicle activated sign (VAS) with the help of a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner. It can be moved to specific sites around the parish and is set to notify drivers when they are travelling above the speed limit. As you can see from the picture, at the entrance to Munslow village, this car has reduced its speed to just below the limit as a result of the flashing sign. It is hoped that this will help with reducing the speed of vehicles travelling through the parish. The Parish Council also owns the sign at the eastern entrance to Aston Munslow which was again purchased with the help of a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner. The VAS at the western entrance to Aston Munslow is owned by Shropshire Council and is beyond repair so will be replaced by them.

CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP



After a cold and wet Easter week we were very relieved that Saturday 15th April started bright and stayed dry for our visit to Lower House Farm, Sutton, which was hiding in the hills off the Bromyard road out of Tenbury Wells. Luckily, once we were just beyond Sutton, the NGS yellow boards were out to help us find it, up a rough, steep stone track. The views from old farmyard were lovely. The riding stables adjacent were busy and the field near the house was full of sheep and new-born lambs.



The barn to the right of the house had some mossy stone steps, topped with a grimacing lion, leading to the first floor. Entering the garden through a small gate in the hedge the borders under the bay window were filled with forget-me-nots, cowslips, primulas, and pink, yellow, and orange tulips. Roses were scrambling up the side of the window and up the porch pillars. Other beds were bright with loretulum, (the pink Chinese witch hazel), purple pittosporum 'Tom Thumb', the pink/orange everlasting wallflower *erysimum* 'Winter Orchid', blue muscari and yellow and red tulips. The hedge formed a shelter bed from the wind and tucked into the border were two deer made of willow, who probably had watched the squirrels burying and then digging up the hazelnuts as we spotted several half shells scattered on the lawn. Turning a corner there was a small parterre, planted with white tulips.

A path then led into a fruit and vegetable patch with currant bushes and strawberry plants, herbs, and a potting shed. Beyond this was a pretty spring garden with apple and pear trees underplanted with yellow and white daffodils, hyacinths, and beautiful fritillaries in purple and white. The flower beds were home to a colourful metal chicken and a duck. In the corner, a fenced area catered for real chickens who were enjoying their corn and brassica breakfast. Returning to the main garden, a little path led past the water feature to extensive herbaceous beds where a colourful metal peacock warned off other birds. Bees and other pollinators were enjoying foraging on the pulmonaria, lunaria (honesty) and other plants slowly opening out after the earlier warmer days. The garden had several seating areas which we availed ourselves of for tea, scones, and homemade jam, buttered Bara-Brith, and Victoria Sandwich. People chatted in small groups.

After refreshments some of us walked across the field and around the large pond, surrounded by interesting trees and shrubs, more spring bulbs, and bright yellow king cups or marsh marigolds (*caltha palustris*). The pond surface was scattered with waterlily leaves which will be a very pretty area when the plants flower. Heads of reed mace (*typha angustifolia*) were white with cottony down, waiting to be blown away to set seed.

If you missed this visit Lower House Farm is open for the National Garden Scheme on 21st May, and 11th June. (Check www.ngs.org.uk before heading out for the day to confirm those dates still hold).

On **Saturday 13th May** we will be heading to **Hurdley Hall** near Churchstoke, SY15 6DY, to see Simon Cain's two-acre garden set around a 17th century house. The garden features include a Coronation meadow, mixed borders, ponds, topiary, a kitchen garden, orchards, and woodlands. Adjacent to the house is the 18-acre Rounton Nature Reserve to explore as well. Cost £10 including refreshments. If you would like to join us, please let me know by Wednesday 3rd May so I can send numbers for catering purposes.

Cath Burley,
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SECOND CORVEDALE FESTIVAL LAUNCH EVENT

Following last year's very successful inaugural Corvedale Festival we are pleased to confirm that there will be another this year! Preparations are well under way and there is an exciting and varied programme for you to enjoy, with a mix of both familiar and new faces.

As last year, we will be holding a launch event at Diddlebury Village Hall. This will take place on **Saturday 3rd June**, starting with a hearty buffet at 6.00pm followed at 7.30pm by a concert given by Festival Artists-in-Residence, The Jarualda Quartet. They will be playing Haydn Op. 77 No. 1, Shostakovich Quartet No. 11, and Schubert's splendid 'Death & The Maiden' quartet.

This will be your opportunity to find out about the Festival Artists, the programme of events, and to grab the incredible bargain which is the Festival Pass at an even better price! Normally £85 (which is a saving of £77) at the launch you can secure one for £75 - less than half price!

Tickets for the launch are £20 which includes the buffet and concert (bar available). They can be obtained now online from TicketSource www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-festival from the Festival Office by email: corvedalefestival@gmail.com by phoning 07745 825 700 and in person from Aston Munslow Garage Shop.

Please note tickets must be bought in advance in order to cater accurately! Full details of the festival and also the Supporters Scheme benefits can be found on the festival website www.corvedalefestival.org.

Ruth Henley

ORGAN MOVEMENTS

PART 1: MUSICAL CHAIRS AT MUNSLOW

We tend to expect churches, and indeed chapels, to have an organ. These may be noble instruments like Ludlow's great Snetzler, or humble harmoniums, but all are a much-loved feature of our places of worship. Readers may be surprised to learn that this has not always been the case, for although before the Reformation most churches had some kind of organ, these were comprehensively destroyed by Puritan fanatics in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. In country parishes like ours in the Corvedale, the Georgian period was the heyday of village bands and singers, and organs only began to return in large numbers during the nineteenth century. However, not all of them have stayed in the same place.

Munslow was most probably the first church in the Corvedale Group to have an organ. When the church was re-pewed in 1840, an organ was shown on the plan in the north-eastern corner of the aisle, and in 1845 the Vestry voted a salary of £2 per year to one Thomas Clifton for 'playing the music'. Unfortunately the church records contain no mention of when the organ was acquired, which suggests that it had been given to the church, possibly by the vicar or by Mr Pemberton of Millichope. Clifton continued to play for five years, and then, in 1853, a Mr J Newnham took over 'conducting the singing'. The wording seems significant, as I am fairly sure that the organ was no longer in church. My reason for saying this is that the detailed plans for the major restoration and re-seating of the church which were drawn up in 1868 show no organ, but do have seats for the choir on the north side of the Chancel. Had the donor removed the instrument in a fit of pique? We shall probably never know.

I do not know when the church acquired its next organ, for again the Vestry Minutes and the Churchwardens' Accounts are silent. As the new instrument was made in 1859, and it is not shown on the 1868 plan, we may assume that it had already been in another church before coming to Munslow. The



Daniel Gray organ originally in Munslow and now at Tugford.

organ was placed in the same position as its predecessor, and remained there until the east end of the aisle was converted into a Lady Chapel in the 1980s. It was then moved to the back of the church, where its successor stands today. The instrument was made by Daniel Gray, who operated a factory in Ely Place, Southwark. I believe he was a member of a distinguished family of organ builders in nineteenth century London, but presumably he struck

out on his own when the family firm amalgamated with another business to form Gray and Davison (we shall meet them in connection with Diddlebury next month). He made a similar organ, which was purchased by the chapel of St. Stephen's House, Oxford, in 1984, and where it is still in use.

The closure of so many churches in recent years has seen an increase in the number of church furnishings moving to new homes, and in 2017 Munslow acquired the organ from the redundant church at Dulas in Herefordshire. Munslow's Daniel Gray organ went to Tugford, while Tugford's harmonium found a new home in Broadstone Chapel. Munslow's 'new' organ is in fact something of a treasure in its own right. It was made by John Fincham, an organ builder and pipe maker in London who set up business in 1837. Although he exhibited a small organ at the Great Exhibition in 1851, it seems that he made very few organs which were actually installed in churches. Indeed, the Dulas organ was made for Dulas Court, and was only placed in the church there 50 years later in commemoration of members of the Fielden family of Dulas Court. Other members of the Fincham family emigrated to Melbourne, where they became one of the leading organ builders in Australia. The firm held this position well into the last century. A Fincham organ at Slinfold in West Sussex which was installed in 1868 (two years after the Dulas / Munslow instrument), claims to be the only surviving example of his work. Munslow has therefore exchanged one comparative rarity for another. There have, however, been other organ migrations from the Corvedale, and I will deal with these in next month's magazine.



*John Fincham organ.
Now at Munslow*

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WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



The Clover Club sat down to a delicious lunch on Thursday 6th April as they joined the new community lunch at Westhope. Betty and her helpers looked after us really well - a lovely choice and plenty of it. We were thirty-five people in total. The next lunch is on **Thursday 1st June** at 12.30pm. Can I just reiterate that these lunches are open to everyone young and old.

The May meeting of the Clover Club is on **Thursday 4th May**, 2.30pm at Westhope Village Hall. It is our coronation meeting 'Saddles For The King's Horses' plus a Royal quiz. Everyone welcome.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

At our April meeting we met Debi, Tracey, and Anne from Clun Valley WI, our speakers for the evening. They enthusiastically set up a table with examples of all their amazing, award-winning kits, all made by their dedicated team of buyers, makers and packers, to support the award-winning organisation 'Days for Girls (DfG) International' (www.daysforgirls.org) which has, to date, brought freedom and opportunity to over 1.7 million menstruating women and girls with their enterprise programmes. The ladies from Clun Valley WI had kindly agreed to come along to give our WI group a talk about the organisation, which was founded in 2008, and to tell us how their group started, following Debi's research and desire to get involved in something during lockdown. Debi, Tracey, and Anne are all makers; Anne also sources the very highly colourful, patterned fabrics used and there are other members who cut standard patterns out, sew, make up and pack the kits. Their team to date has produced over 175 kits which have been taken primarily to Ethiopia and Tanzania. Our thanks to Debi, Tracey and Anne for coming along to make us aware of the wonderful support DfG and their group in particular gives to so many. If you would like to help, please email clunvalley@daysforgirls.org.

Our next WI meeting will be on **Thursday 11th May at 7:30pm** at Stanton Lacy Village Hall, and will include a talk entitled 'The Biscuit Club' by Vic Graham, Senior Lecturer in Adult Nursing at Wrexham Glyndwr University. As Retired Lieutenant Commander, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing, Vic's talk will draw on her international experience, in particular her tour in Afghanistan. All ladies will be most welcome to come to hear Vic's interesting, amusing, and unique talk. As always, we look forward to seeing you, or indeed welcoming and meeting you if you haven't joined us before.

Louise Gough

DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE WI

Our April meeting held in the Diddlebury Church Room (as we are still temporarily homeless) was a very enjoyable evening in a cosy room, discussing WI matters and then playing with (or do I mean crafting) Easter decorations! Post Easter I know but great fun, nevertheless. The room was awash with ribbons, buttons, and sequins and Janet's glue gun did sterling work. Tea and cake provided by Joy and Jayne were very welcome and an absorbing evening had by all.

Two of our members will attend the Spring Council Meeting in May, held at The Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury where the speaker this year will be Chris Lubbe who was bodyguard to Nelson Mandela. As well as listening to a great speaker, the day provides a perfect venue to meet up with other members and hear what the Federation is planning for the coming year. Other matters discussed included planning for future events including walks and a craft group and of course our next meeting jointly held with Munslow WI. This will be held on **Wednesday 10th May at 7.30pm at Munslow Village Hall** (Beambridge) with an interesting speaker (one of our own members) talking about her role in Air Traffic Control. If you would find this at all interesting, then do come along as a guest The cost is only £2 and you would be most welcome.

Jayne Disley



LUDLOW DOG DAY

SUNDAY 23RD JULY 2023



There will be 'More to see in 2023' at this year's Ludlow Dog Day. With new highlights alongside old favourites, this year's event has been refreshed to appeal to all, whether or not they have been before.

Held in the beautiful grounds of Stokesay Court, situated approximately 6 miles north of Ludlow and just off the A49, the eighth Ludlow Dog Day is to take place on **Sunday 23rd July 2023**.

The day is all about fun for the whole family, particularly our furry friends. Dogs can take part in over 20 competitions, from the scruffiest mutt and waggiest tail to the fastest sausage eater. There are have-a-go events including dog agility, flyball, hoopers, tricks and scent work, while gun dogs will be able to demonstrate their ability to retrieve...or not!

Demonstrations throughout the day include past favourites such as the Paws for Thought Display Team and Bliss Gate Dog Obedience Team alongside new additions including All Positive Dog Services with hoopers, loose lead and learn a trick and Little Nippers Lurcher and Terrier Racing.

As well as the doggy events, there will be plenty of stalls to enjoy whether selling dog and country related goods or pampering to human needs such as the food stalls, the drinks bar, and the popular tea tent.



Money raised in past years has enabled Ludlow Rotary to distribute over £130,000 amongst a wide range of charities and community organisations. The club plans to use this year's event to support 'Ludlow Rotary Cares,' the club's community grants scheme, as well as other deserving causes.

For more information on this opportunity to enjoy a wonderful day in a glorious setting while supporting numerous community and charitable needs, see www.ludlowdogday.org.uk.

For further information contact: Barry Forrester at email: forrester.ludlow@gmail.com or phone: 07786 078470

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP

Working parties are usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month and the following Friday and Sunday, beginning at 9.30am. Please ring Jenny Vine on 01584 841596 to confirm work location.

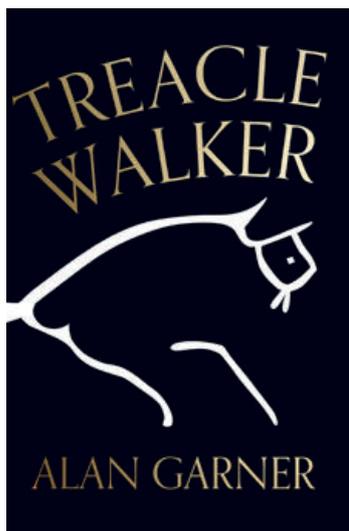


Also, if any local walkers in the Corvedale notice any stiles or steps in poor condition, please report back to Jenny. The current planned dates are as follows:

MAY: Wed 24th, Fri 26th, Sun 28th

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

TREACLE WALKER BY ALAN GARNER



Treacle Walker was nominated for the Booker Prize in 2022. The octogenarian Alan Garner lives in medieval Toad Hall at Blackden on Alderley Edge in Cheshire. He has had a lifetime writing for children and adults. His books reflect his interest in myths and legends, philosophy, history, and archaeology. His earlier children's books include *The Weirdstone of Brisingamen*, *The Moon of Gomrath*, *Elidor*, *The Owl Service*, and *Red Shift* all of which are woven with fantasy, myth and geography.

He subsequently wrote a novella about four generations of his family who have lived in Cheshire as craftsmen and story tellers since at least the 1500's. He then rewrote three books of British folk tales and several adult novels. The novel *Treacle Walker* took Garner 8 or 9 years to research and write. It is only 150 pages long and each word and idea has been pared back, almost to abstraction, but continues to reflect Garner's interests in the passage of time, words, rhymes, and legends.

A boy, Joe Coppock, appears to have been ill and lives alone in a cottage near a train line, where his daily method of telling the time relates to whether 'Noony' the one-way train has passed. He spends his days reading comics with his good eye, his 'lazy eye' covered with a patch. One morning, he hears the call of a Rag and Bone man, Treacle Walker, outside his window and exchanges an old pair of pyjamas and a lamb's shoulder blade for an old pot and a donkey stone to clean the doorstep and protect the house from unwelcome visitors. The intriguing old man, who talks in strange-seeming rhymes and riddles becomes a mentor to the lonely boy. The exchange of items gives Joe the ability to shift in time and between worlds.

'Treacle' as a word derives from earlier Latin, Greek, Old French, and Middle English to mean a healer. Treacle Walker is trying to heal Joe's vision, not only his outwardly lazy eye but also his inner way of seeing the world. He tries to help Joe grow up, in a way, to learn that 'seeing' the world is not the same as seeing what the world is. Joe visits the optician. His reading of the eye chart leads him to an adventure in the local copse where he looks for the cuckoo, to add an egg to his collection, but instead meets Thin Amron, a bog-man. The book was an interesting read, continuing to reflect Alan Garner's interests of our perception of time and ageing, the weaving of our personal stories with human history in general, and change and repetition.

It was a book which required a great deal of thought and concentration. As a group we reflected on whether it might have made more sense to hear than to read. The writing was poetic, and the book would bear re-reading several times to continue to consider what it meant and what one might learn from it. The group was split in its response. Some people

disliked it or had found it too difficult to read and felt the links to mythology were unknown to them. It had felt frustrating and annoying. Other people enjoyed the language, the three main characters and what it made them think about. None of us found it easy to follow or to understand as a whole. The ideas connected but did not easily flow as a story might generally do. The language used was rich and full of images, and it could be read on many levels. It raised questions but didn't give answers. As with theatre or cinema, this was a book where you had to enter into the author's world and go along with it, trusting and suspending disbelief.

When we meet on **Thursday 11th May at Diddlebury Village Hall at 7.30pm** we will be discussing ***Company of Liars* by Karen Maitland**. Set in 1348 this is a novel about the plague and its impact on the medieval travellers who journeyed from Melcome on the south coast to the Wash. We will learn about the views and beliefs of the different travellers and whether they survived the pestilence.

Cath Burley
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MUNSLOW DEFIBRILLATOR

Munslow Parish Council is delighted to report that a defibrillator has been installed in Munslow Square. It is attached to the entrance to The Old School. The defibrillator (AED) and cabinet were donated to the Parish Council by the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust, whose aim is to buy as many AEDs as possible and to install them across the West Midlands and beyond. Henry Angell-James suffered a fatal cardiac arrest on his regular train journey home from Birmingham to Shrewsbury: he was only 54. The trust was set up in his memory.

There are more than 30,000 cardiac arrests in the UK each year and the overall survival rate is just 1 in 10. Every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces a victim's survival rate by 7-10%. If an AED is used within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest survival rates will jump from 6% to 74%. The AED cabinet is locked but you will be informed of the code when you contact emergency services and are advised of the nearest AED to your location.

The Memorial Trust relies on donations to be able to provide the AEDs. If you wish to donate please go to the website: www.hajmt.co.uk/donations/hajmt/ where you can donate from as little as £5.



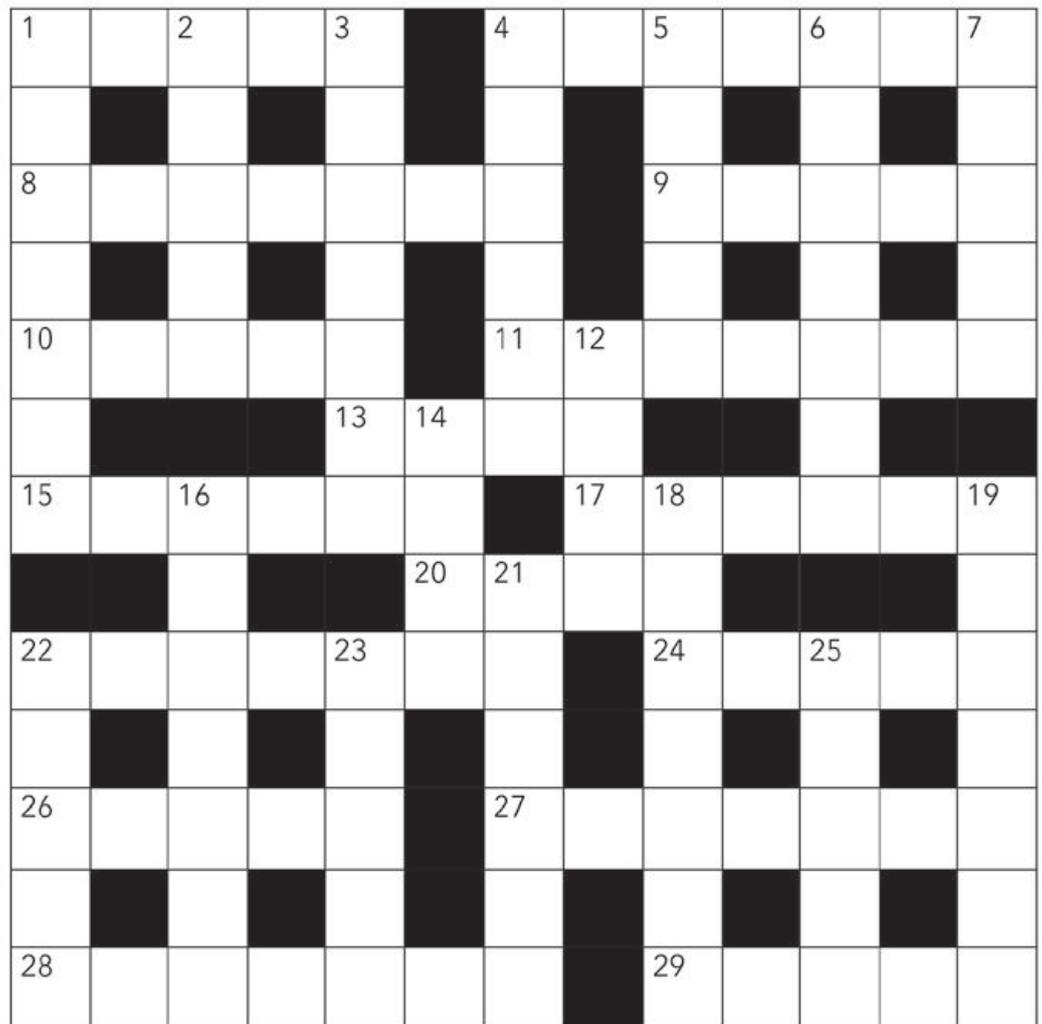
MAY CROSSWORD

BY ARTEMONAS

Answers to this month's crossword
can be found on page 20 in this
edition of the magazine.

ACROSS

- 1) 'See' says Tess about religious groups (5)
- 4) Belt him with sewer cover (7)
- 8) Artemonas has reproduction Monet a souvenir (7)
- 9) Has Pa upset a Turkish Governor? (5)
- 10) Have left about in two parts (5)
- 11) She likes to see a show of hands (7)
- 13) The grass sounds like what 11 can do with tea leaves (4)
- 15) Wreck I reconstructed for a rush job? (6)
- 17) Fanatic to laze about (6)
- 20) Miller from a Scottish valley (4)
- 22) Child actor becomes a womaniser (7)
- 24) Plants used in athletic activities (5)
- 26) Plane damaged in Himalayas (5)
- 27) One who was bound to entertain? (7)
- 28) Consume part of party cake (7)
- 29) Unusual today to see a sycophant (5)



DOWN

- 1) In a way, Miss Piggy circles her broken home (7)
- 2) Animal which first chewed varied meal (5)
- 3) It's nicer in and around the southeast, honest! (7)
- 4) Performers out with their rep (6)
- 5) Drive little devil before the Spanish (5)
- 6) Stable I disrupted like an animal (7)
- 7) Former legislation is spot on (5)
- 12) They say commercials can be used for cutting (4)
- 14) Therefore, it's in the pergola (4)
- 16) One applauding the film board (7)
- 18) Cover middle of fence before corrosion (7)
- 19) Three in one oxford college (7)
- 21) Some lovely cheese with fruit (6)
- 22) Nip back up to look at calendar girl (3,2)
- 23) Bring up a slab of wood (5)
- 25) Country crockery? (5)

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH 2023 AT WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

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

In Attendance: The Clerk and four members of the public.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Watson made a declaration relating to a \$137 donation for the Corvedale Tots Group.

Public Involvement Session: Mr Jack Wrigley, developer of the five houses in Bache Mill, attended the meeting, having just had a site meeting with parish council representatives. They had received numerous complaints about the development, involving possible breaches of planning permissions and the inconvenience the site operations were causing local residents, especially in terms of the road being blocked by lorries and appointments missed as a consequence. Three affected residents also attended and all the issues relating to the site were fully aired. Mr Wrigley apologised for the inconvenience caused. It was agreed he will meet the residents and a parish council representative on site in an effort to resolve outstanding problems.

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

Reports: The Chairman reported on working with the Clerk concerning the DVH car park works; he had attended the funeral of Mr Peter Drakes; he had spent time with Cllr Martyn and Mr Jack Wrigley considering the complaints received concerning the Bache Mill development and had reviewed all the planning documentation relating to it. He had reviewed and also discussed two other planning applications with councillors and the planning officers.

Flood Action Group: Cllr Martyn said the Bouldon/Peckledy flood gauge is still not working, despite his having reported it three times. He had attended a multi-agency flood action meeting. Contractors had been organised to start work in the Bouldon/Peaton area from 1st July.

Westhope Village Hall: Cllr Watson confirmed that a full schedule of events is planned at Westhope Village Hall on 7th May 2023 to celebrate the Coronation. Her efforts to get wi-fi connected to the village hall had failed due to lack of a broadband signal.

Diddlebury Village Hall: Cllr Rattu said negotiations with Munslow Parish Council about a possible joint Coronation

event at Millichope Park had not succeeded. At present no events are being planned at Diddlebury Village Hall to celebrate the Coronation.

Planning Applications:

23/00605/FUL was an application for alterations to the existing permission 19/03896/FUL - namely for conversion of the former malthouse building from storage to use as a residential dwelling at Delbury Hall, Diddlebury. The parish council made no determination on the application as it was deferred by the applicant: heritage/listed building consent issues needed to be included in the application.

23/01039/FUL for over-boarding at Lower House Farm, Middlehope, came in too late for inclusion at this meeting and will be dealt with on 26th April 2023.

Highways and Environmental Issues: The second Speed Indicator Device has been received and installed by Mr Ian Davies, for which the parish council thanks him. The original one will be returned to the manufacturer for recalibration and maintenance.

Communications & Correspondence: Ten items were considered. Cllr Stephen Povall proposed that Mrs Mary Hall, formerly of Westhope, be nominated by the parish council for the Queen Consort's Voluntary Award, in recognition of her 50 years of service to the Westhope/ Diddlebury community.

Finance Report: A donation of £100 was proposed and approved for the Corvedale Community Tots group to enable them to purchase equipment. The Finance Report for March 2023 was considered. Cheques totalling £4,472.59 were approved for payment. DPC holds a balance of £16,336.15 following payment of the approved cheques. Cllr O'Boyle approved the Clerk's reconciliation between HSBC bank statements and DPC's cash book.

Preparations for the Audit and Annual Return 2022-23:

Councillors considered and approved the revised Register of Assets, the Financial & Strategic Risk Assessment and the Financial Regulations. They also considered whether the council had an effective management and accounting system in place and agreed it did.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 26th April 2023, 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH APRIL 2023 AT BEAMBRIDGE CLUB ROOM

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Antonia Bury, Nigel Dobson, David Marston and Chris Meeson. H Coonick (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Val Fotheringham, Ed Povey. Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Forum: No members of the public were in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

Urgent Items for discussion at the discretion of the Chair: None.

Reports:

Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley had sent her apologies.

Beambridge Club Room: Cllr Dobson reported that the Club Room would be holding an event to celebrate the Coronation.

South Shropshire Area Committee: Cllr Archer reported that the meeting had included issues on Solar Farms, road closures and encouraging people to ensure they had received help from the Energy Support Scheme.

Planning: 23/00842/TCA: Fell 1no Rowan (T1) and 1no Conifer (T2) & crown reduction by 30% of 1no Holly (T3) and 1no Maple (T4) within Munslow Conservation Area, The Miller House, Munslow SY7 9ET. This was dealt with as a delegated matter by the Chair and Clerk and it was decided that it was not necessary to call an extraordinary meeting to consider this application.

23/00631/FUL: Erection of freestanding garden shed, Tudor Cottage Aston Munslow SY7 9ER. This was dealt with as a delegated matter by the Chair and Clerk and it was decided that it was not necessary to call an extraordinary meeting to consider this application.

23/01018/VA: Variation of Condition No. 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 20/01195/FUL dated 28th October 2020, Barn known as Clee View Barn, Munslow. It was agreed to support the application with the proviso that the footpath remains open during the works.

23/01280/TCA: Prune 1no. Yew to clear western edge of building by 1metre within Aston Munslow Conservation Area, White House, Aston Munslow SY7 9ER. No observations would be made.

Update on the installation of a Defibrillator at The School House, Munslow: The Clerk reported that the defibrillator had been installed and is now registered with The Circuit and is emergency-ready. The code for the lock will be given to callers to emergency services within the vicinity of the defibrillator. The Clerk is looking into training for members of the public in the use of the defibrillator.

The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to the Trust and an article for Corvedale News. A table-top sale will be held later in the year to raise funds for the trust.

Litter In The Parish: The high-visibility jackets and litter pickers will be held at the village hall for use by volunteer litter pickers. Parishioners are encouraged to report litter to Shropshire Council via Fix my Street. This matter will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Environmental Maintenance: The contractor had reported blocked drains in various areas of the parish and the Clerk would report accordingly to Shropshire Council.

The Council confirmed that the grant from Shropshire Council for Environmental Maintenance for 2022-23 has been spent in accordance with the grant conditions and agreed to apply to Shropshire Council for matched funding for 2023-24 of £500.

Beambridge Club Room Lease: The Club Room Committee had signed an interim licence while the Millichope Foundation drew up a new lease. Once the new lease was available the Club Room Committee would consider whom to approach to act as Custodian Trustee(s). The Parish Council would act as Custodian Trustee if required.

Expenditure for the Coronation: It was agreed that the Council would donate £3 per head with an upper limit of £150 to the Women's Institute to assist with the provision of food for the Coronation event at the Club Room.

Plaque for the Washwell, Aston Munslow: Consideration was deferred to the next meeting.

Correspondence: Climate & Ecology Bill: Councillors had had difficulty accessing the documents and consideration was deferred to the next meeting.

Highways: The Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) had been installed by Cllr Dobson in Munslow and was already affecting traffic positively entering the village. The Clerk would write an article for the Corvedale News.

Update on the B4368 Traffic Calming Report by Shropshire Council: The Clerk had written to the senior traffic engineer and informed Cllr Motley of the lack of a report from the survey carried out by Shropshire Council in Spring 2022.

Finance: Payments were agreed to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £114.75, Cllr B Archer (Corvedale News for the Clerk) £8.00, Cllr N Dobson (Fixings for VAS) £93.38. The Clerk was also given authorisation to pay IDP Solutions for the installation of the defibrillator.

Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure: The Complaints Procedure will be adopted. Consideration of the Code of Conduct was deferred to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday 4th May 2023, 7.30pm, at Beambridge Village Hall will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Members of the public are welcome.

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 2023

Attendance: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mrs C Byng, Mrs M Holland, Ms J Mear and Mr J Turley; Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mr I Alderson and Mr M Seabrook.

Declarations Of Interest Relating To This Meeting: None.

Public Involvement Session: There were no issues raised.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

Community Governance and Boundary Review: Cllr Motley reported that Shropshire Council would not have a decision from the Boundary Review Commission until mid to late April regarding the divisional boundaries. Until the divisional boundaries are agreed there can be no decisions on the parish boundaries.

Update on Application for Funding for 2nd Vehicle Activated Sign and Powers to Purchase a Vehicle Activated Sign: The Police and Crime Commissioner is considering the application made for funding for a second sign. SALC will advise the Council on the legal powers to purchase a sign in the next few weeks. The Clerk will remind Shropshire Council of the request to erect a post for the Vehicle Activated Sign if the application is successful.

Update on Environment Agency Visit to Three Counties Reclamation, The Laundry, Seifton: A report from the Environment Agency, which included a statement by Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, had been received by the Council. The Fire and Rescue Service were satisfied with the fire alert and fire prevention measure in place. The Environment Officer reported that he was now satisfied with the storage, drainage and dust at the site. Members of the public with concerns can report issues directly to the Environment Agency on the incident hotline 0800 80 70 60.

Environmental Maintenance Grant & Grant Application for 2023-24: The Council confirmed that the grant for 2022-23 was spent in accordance with the guidelines and agreed that an application be made to Shropshire Council for matched funding of £1,000 for 2023-24.

Desilting Seifton Brook in Summer 2023: The Council will review the level of silt in the brook during the early Summer and reassess the need for desilting.

Action on speeding vans and use of verges on Seifton Lane: Seifton Lane has the national speed limit of 60mph so there is little that the Parish Council can do to reduce the speed of vehicles or prevent damage to the verges.

Correspondence: Jack Nuttall, who owns the land opposite the village hall, wished to update the Parish Council on his plans for the site. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Nuttall informing him that the council would not support any development except affordable housing within the parish as it is in 'Open Countryside.'

Reports from Members:

Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley had been involved in sessions regarding the Place Plans and suggested that the Council may wish to include an item on updating the Parish Plan in the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Shropshire Council has agreed to provide housing to relieve pressure on neighbouring authorities. She wished to remind everyone that photographic ID will be required at the next election. There is a large budget deficit for the forthcoming year.

Village Hall: Cllr Mear reported that the hall remained closed for repairs.

Flood Committee: Cllr Byng said there were no new developments.

Finance: Payments were authorised to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £38.25, Diddlebury Village Hall £20.00, Jeff Williams (Parish Paths fund) £176.53, Information Commissioner's Office £35.00.

Dignity at Work and Disciplinary Policies: The Dignity at Work and Disciplinary Policies were adopted.

Risk Assessment: The Risk Assessment was adopted.

Church Walk Footpath: The Council would like to thank Ms Avril Lines for offering to maintain this footpath.

Next Meetings: The next meetings will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at Diddlebury Village Hall.

Heather Coonick, Clerk/RFO

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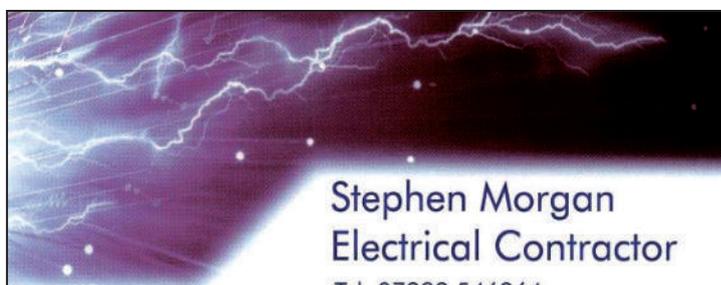
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LOCAL SERVICES & EMERGENCIES

Electricity Problems/Power Cuts
Western Power, 0800 6783 105

Water Supply Problems
Severn Trent Water, 0800 783 4444

County Flood Management
Shropshire Council, 0345 678 9006,
flood@shropshire.gov.uk

Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group

Clive Martyn, 01584 841346,
happy4clive@gmail.com

Ludlow Minor Injuries Unit
Community Hospital, 01584 874297

Shropdoc (out of hours service)
Doctors Co-operative, 111

Station Drive Doctors' Surgery
01584 872461

Portcullis Doctors' Surgery
01584 872939

Craven Arms Medical Practice
01588 672309

Police (non-emergency)
PC 2693 Grant, 07773 054602,
stephen.grant@westmerci.pnn.
police.uk

Voluntary Car Scheme - 9am - noon
Craven Arms Good Neighbours,
01588 673732

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Corvedale Brownies
www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter'

Corvedale School, Playgroup and Nursery

Jonathan Brough, 01584 841630,
admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Diddlebury & Westhope WI
Jane Cockburn, 01584 841483
pmc1989@btinternet.com

Munslow WI
Jenny Rose, 01584 841251,
gandjrose@mypostoffice.co.uk

PARISH CLERKS & WEBSITES

Abdon & Heath Parish Clerk
Wendy Richards, 07813 271274,
abdonandheathclerk1@outlook.com

Culmington Parish Council Clerk
Heather Coonick, 07817 607355,
culmingtonpc@googlemail.com

Diddlebury Parish Council Clerk
Mrs Jean de Rusett, 01547 519282,
diddleburypc@gmail.com

Munslow Parish Council Clerk
Heather Coonick, 07817 607355,
munslowpc@gmail.com

Diddlebury Parish Website
www.diddleburyparish.co.uk

Corvedale Google Group
This is a free service and issues purely local information such as road closures, flood warnings, planning applications, local events and so on to its members on a regular basis. If you would like to join this service, please email Martin Jones: martinggc@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL/CLUB ROOM BOOKINGS

Abdon Village Hall
Helen Audin, 01746 712365,
www.abdonandheathparish.org,
abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

Beambridge Club Room
Frances Sutton, 01584 841654
Peter Turner, pturner767@msn.com

Culmington Village Hall
Jeff Williams, 01584 861849,
culmingtonhallbookings@gmail.com

Diddlebury Village Hall
Sally Woodhouse, 01584 841265,
sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk,
www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Diddlebury Church Room
Jan Kennedy, 01584 841372,
jan_kennedy@icloud.com

Westhope Village Hall
Betty Manley, 07860 447397,
mbm3049@icloud.com

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Abdon Wildlife Group
Miles Leach, 07810 810400,
milesleach712@gmail.com

Blue Hills Choir
Ros Crouch, 01584 841053,
ros.crouch@gmail.com

Corvedale Artists
Juliet Hole, 01299 832603
Ann Hankinson, 01584 841460

Corvedale Book Group
Cath Burley,
cathburley@hotmail.com

Corvedale Choir
Ros Crouch, 01584 841053,
ros.crouch@gmail.com

Corvedale & District Autumn Show
John Woodhouse, 07980 207253

Corvedale Folk Club
Ian Fotheringham, 01584 841331

Corvedale Garden Group
Cath Burley,
cathburley@hotmail.com

Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group
Jenny Vine, 01584 841596,
jvcedarwood@hotmail.co.uk

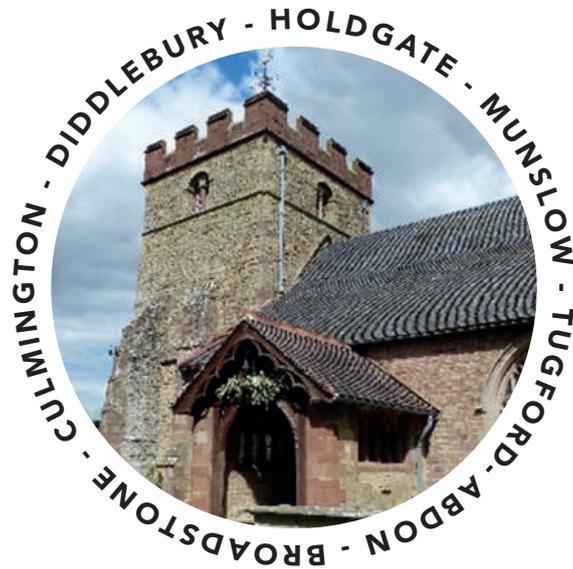
Community Environmental Group
Rebecca Bull,
peter17bull@btinternet.com

Diddlebury Dancing Group
Sally Woodhouse,
01584 841265, 07813 019010
sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk

Wednesday Badminton
Val Fotheringham, 01584 841331

Westhope Clover Club
Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841254

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



THE CORVEDALE GROUP OF PARISHES

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2023

	7TH MAY Easter 5	14TH MAY Easter 6	21ST MAY Sunday after Ascension	28TH MAY Pentecost
ABDON		9:45 HC		6pm EP with dedication of kneelers
BROADSTONE			8:30 HC	
CULMINGTON	11:15 HC		6pm Songs of Praise	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

Friday 5th May Eve of the Coronation Compline Munslow 7:30pm
Thursday 18th May Ascension Day Holy Communion Broadstone 7:30pm