

THE CORVEDALE NEWS

OCTOBER 2025
The Corvedale's Community Magazine



A season of mellow fruitfulness - Sara Thompson

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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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More useful contacts can be found on page 31

LOCAL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

 **Mini Moos** 
Baby and toddler group

Every Monday
10-12 term time
£2.50 per family

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

 **Diddlebury Village Hall** 

Find us on Facebook
Mini Moos baby and toddler group


Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday
All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm
Start 7:15pm

£3 to include half time refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
SY7 9JL



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

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

WHEN and WHERE?
Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall during school term times

WHAT?
We sing an eclectic mix of harmony songs with a supportive, friendly and fun group of local people. We have an annual summer concert and support a carol service in church at Christmas time. And we raise money for good causes at the same time.

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

Or join us any Monday evening for a taster.

CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

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

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

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

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

Next Meeting: Thursday 9th October



CORVEDALE ARTISTS

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

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

£8.00 per session

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

For further information
telephone 01299 832 603



CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP



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

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

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

**Wednesday 22nd October
Friday 24th October
Sunday 26th October**

RSPB Events 

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

WALKS

Sunday 19th October, 10.30am
Gilfach & Afon Marteg

Wednesday 12th November, 10am
Bury Ditches

TALKS

First Wednesday of each month at Wistanstow Village Hall.

Wednesday 15th October
Tour of India - Steve Dawes

Wednesday 19th November
Bring back the Boom - Katie Thorpe

Wednesday 17th December
Beyond the Beak - Terry Moore

Culmington Lunch Club

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

All for just £12



Bar **Raffle**

Every third Thursday of the month
12.30pm for 1pm

Culmington Village Hall

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

ORGANISING AN EVENT OR RUN A LOCAL CLUB?

Contact the editor to include your poster in the next edition:
corvedaleneditor@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2025

1st	Wed	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
4th	Sat	Rummage Sale	Westhope Village Hall	10am
4th	Sat	Corvedale Concert	St Peter's Church, Diddlebury	7.30pm
5th	Sun	Corvedale Tractor and 4x4 run	Seifton Farm, Culmington	TBC
7th	Tue	Brown Clee Medical Practice Meeting	Ditton Priors Village Hall	TBC
7th	Tue	Much Wenlock Choir - 'Come and Try it' Evening	William Brookes School	7.30pm
7th	Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
8th	Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope and Munslow WI	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
9th	Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
9th	Thu	Hayton WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
11th	Sat	Garden Group	Acton Scott Hall and Farm	10am
11th	Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
11th	Sat	Celebrating Harvest	Culmington Church & Village Hall	2.30pm
11th	Sat	Harvest Hog Roast	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
11th	Sat	Edge Chamber Choir Concert	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	7.30pm
15th	Wed	Flicks in the Sticks - Mr Burton	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
15th	Wed	RSPB Talk - <i>Tour of India</i> - Steve Dawes	Wistanstow Village Hall	7.30pm
17th	Fri	Talk - <i>Building a Chelsea Garden</i>	Ditton Priors Village Hall	2.30pm
18th	Sat	Harvest Supper	Westhope Village Hall	TBA
19th	Sun	RSPB Walk	Gilfach and Afon Marteg	10.30am
20th	Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
22nd	Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
22nd	Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30p
24th	Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
24th	Fri	Auction of Promises	Culmington Village Hall	5.30pm
25th	Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
25th	Sat	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir Concert	Haberley Village Hall	TBC
26th	Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
29th	Wed	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm

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2nd	Sun	Community Sunday Roast	Culmington Village Hall	120 noon
6th	Thu	Warm Hub Coffee Morning	Munslow Village Hall	10.30am
9th	Sun	Pagoda Project Workshops	Diddlebury Village Hall	1pm
9th	Sun	Pagoda Project Concert	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
11th	Tue	RSPB Walk	Bury Ditches	10am
12th	Wed	Abdon & Heath Parish Council Meeting	Abdon Village Hall	
13th	Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
13th	Thu	Hayton WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
15th	Sat	Musical Cabaret Night with Mimi Hart	Culmington Village Hall	TBA
17th	Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
19th	Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
19th	Wed	RSPB Talk - <i>Bring back the Boom</i> - Katie Thorpe	Wistanstow Village Hall	7.30pm
21st	Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
22nd	Sat	Chilli and Live Music Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
23rd	Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Every	Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every	Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10am-11.30am
Every	Mon	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
Every	Mon	Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.15pm
Every	Mon	Mini Moos - Baby & Toddler Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every	Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every	Tues	Corvedale Artists	Munslow Village Hall	10am
Every	Tues	Zumba	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every	Weds	Yoga	Culmington Village Hall	6pm
Every	Weds	Line Dancing	Onibury Village Hall	7pm & 8pm
Every	Weds	Pub Night	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	8pm
Every	Thur	Yoga	Westhope Village Hall	9.45-10.45am
Every	Thur	Tai Chi	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every	Thur	Pilates Beginners/Intermediate Class	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every	Fri	Physiotherapist-led Pilates	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

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WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE

mimi & the BLUE
Notes

at **Culmington Village Hall SY8 2DA**
Saturday, 15th November 2025 at 7.30pm

Bar open from 6.30pm






Simon Crowther
Multi-instrumentalist and Pianist with the Blue Notes plus Hereford Big Band, having played in various bands over 50 years - rock & pop to blues, funk and jazz

Peter Cabara
Famous fretless bass player having performed internationally with many amazing musicians

Gary Santry
Acclaimed drummer and drum teacher in Shropshire for the last 35 years

Mimi Hart
Mimi's talent as a singer and performer seamlessly crosses eras and genre and vocally she will reveal the full force of her stunning, soulful voice with her vast repertoire of classic jazz favourites

Cabaret Seating
Tickets: £12 which includes a glass of prosecco and canapés in the interval

To book your ticket please contact:
Yvonne & John Hart:
01584 861802 or 07485 142563

DVH is excited to announce that talented guitarists **Jon Crowe and Mick** will be entertaining us again this year at our

Chilli

and

Live Music Night

Saturday 22 November

<p>Beef or Veg Chilli Jacket potato & all the trimmings <i>Or Beans 'n cheese</i> Brilliant Live Music Adults £12/ £6 Child's Portion</p>	<p>Tickets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike's garage Aston Munslow • Bank Transfer – see website • DVH Quiz Night <p>Only on Sale until 19 November</p>
<p>Bar Stefano opens 19:00</p>	<p>Chilli served 19:30</p>

For more info or to book a table
email: diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com or text: 07396 730342

"You're Brilliant" said HRH King Charles of Jon Crowe!
Check Jon out here <https://www.joncrowe.co.uk/> or better still just buy your tickets asap as numbers are limited!



MR. BURTON

Toby Jones stars as the teacher who inspired and encouraged the metamorphosis of Welsh schoolboy Richard Jenkins into Hollywood acting legend Richard Burton. It follows the usual contours of such films — a heartwarming story of triumph against adversity, glossy production values and a rousing score.

Wednesday 15 October

Bar Opens: 19:00
Film starts: 19:30

There will be an interval

£5 entry

arts alive | FLICKS IN THE STICKS
at
Diddlebury Village Hall

12A

For more information contact bookdvh@gmail.com Or 07396730342

DVH & St Peter's Church Diddlebury presents



Or Veggie option

HARVEST SUPPER HOG ROAST

With toe-tapping music from Diddlebury's own **Kitty & Gary**

Saturday 11th October
18:00 for 18.30 supper

Hog roast/Veggie option + salad & pudding

Adults £12 / Children under 10 - £6

TICKETS

For sale until Wednesday 1st October from:
Mike's Garage Aston Munslow
DVH Quiz Night
Bank Transfer (contact DVH or see website)
bookdvh@gmail.com | 07396 730342

DVH Quiz Nights

**Wednesday 29 October
& our festive Christmas Quiz on
Wednesday 10 December**

Teams of 4 - £10 per team

DVH QUIZ NIGHTS PROMISE:
Great varied quizzes, lots of fun and our
trademark Rubbish Prizes!

**Tables selling fast
Book NOW for our SEPTEMBER QUIZ**

we sell out at each event!

Contact us via: Facebook Messenger
07396 730342 | diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com

PAGE'S MEADOW TALKS AND FILMS

PAGES MEADOW'S EVENTS ARE BACK!

CLEE ST MARGARET VILLAGE HALL



The first talk for this autumn is at 7pm on Thursday 16th October 2025 by Shropshire Climate Action

Shropshire Climate Action (SCA) is a coalition of local people, organisations and businesses, all dedicated to helping Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin take climate action. SCA brings together the South Shropshire Climate Action, Zero Carbon Shropshire and Shropshire Green Exchange networks to provide a co-ordinated and collaborative response to cutting carbon, restoring nature and saving money!

Our speaker will present details of the work of SCA and then introduce the "climate conversations" which to discuss some of the practical steps that can be taken by individuals and community groups to help address climate change impacts.

Free event with donation of £3 per person suggested- refreshments provided after the talk

ALL VERY WELCOME.

Date for your diary: 7pm Thursday 13th November 2025 Pages Meadow 'Birds, Books and Boxes' by Tom Wall

The EDGE CHAMBER CHOIR
presents

SEASONS

with

CSONS

featuring the Premiere of Iain James Veitch's *Summer Days*
and including a canape from CSONS in the interval

Saturday 11th October at 7.30pm
St Laurence's Church, Ludlow

Music Director: Ros Crouch
Piano: Catharine Boyd-Moss

Tickets: £15
(Under 18 free)

available from members of the choir
and from www.trybooking.com/uk/FENT
and on the door.

Other music includes:

Joanna Marsh	now i lay
Lili Boulanger	Hymne au soleil
Veljo Tormis	mvt's from Sugismaastikud
Joseph Kosma	Autumn leaves
Cecilia McDowall	Advent moon
Francis Poulenc	Quem vidistis
Sally Beamish	In the stillness
plus songs by Edward Elgar and John Ireland	



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PAGODA PROJECT CONCERT



In this latest Pagoda Project line up, the inimitable Paul Hutchinson and Karen Wimhurst duo (accordion and clarinet/ bass clarinet) are joined by the stellar fiddle singer Hannah Cumming.

Inspired by the folk traditions of the UK, this is music and song cut through with experimentation, boldness, humour and risk. Expect ethereal to turn gutsy, passion and tears to be tempered by a good laugh and a tide of improvisation. which means no two evenings are ever the same.

"Difficult to describe and categorise – the music soared, surprised, mesmerised, inducing journeys of the mind, it dazzled. It was a thoroughly absorbing and memorable evening."

Tim Davidson, Caerleon Arts

Sunday November 9th 8pm—doors open 7.30pm

Diddlebury Village Hall, Mill Ln, Diddlebury, Craven Arms SY7 9DH

£15 tickets can be booked online at:

<https://beta.snappytickets.co.uk/event/pagoda-project>

Telephone **01588 630678** for more information

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

SAVE THE DATES

- Oct 11 **Harvest Supper
Hog Roast**
- Oct 29 **QUIZ Night**
- Nov 22 **Chilli & Live Music**
- Dec 10 **Christmas QUIZ**
- Dec 19 **Carols & Mince Pies**
- Dec 31 **Stefano's
Hootenanny**

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



FLICKS IN THE STICKS

MR BURTON

Wednesday
15th October

	The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com	Thursday 9th October 19:00
Harvest Supper Hog Roast	George the Hog Man's Hog Roast & Music by Kitty & Gary = fun for all the family. Tickets available until October 1 st – see website for details	Sat 11th October 6 for 6.30 meal
	MR BURTON Toby Jones stars as the inspirational mentor who helped propel Richard Burton from poor son of a Welsh miner to acting legend	Bar Open 19:00 Film starts 19:30
	Our 2nd QUIZ of the 2025 Winter/Spring season – don't miss out! Teams of 4 - £10 per team Booking essential	Wednesday 29th October 19:00 for 19:30
Chilli & Live Music Night	Chilli, jacket potatoes, all the trimmings, barrel of beer, full bar & the return of JON & Mick the fantastic guitarists! Veggie chilli available or beans 'n cheese for non chilli fans.	Saturday 22nd November
	Mini Moos Baby & Toddler Group – term time only £2.50 per Family	Mondays 10.00 - 12.00
	The Corvedale Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	Mondays 19.30 - 21.30
	The Blue Hills Choir Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.	Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00
	Zumba Contact Cat: zumbawithcat@outlook.com /07817 448 832	Tuesdays 18.00
	Tai Chi Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250 275 hello@goldenthreadscic.com	Thursdays 10.00 - 11.00
	Pilates with Tina Bookings only via pilateswithtina@outlook.com	Thursdays 18:00 – 19:00
	Physiotherapist-led Pilates. Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412	Fridays 9.15 - 10.15

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

REGULAR EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Every Monday, 10am - 11.30am

Come along for a cuppa (coffee or tea) for just £1. Good company, free refills and biscuits!

Bridge Club

Every Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm

Contact Richard Smith richard.smith404@btinternet.com

Yoga

Every Wednesday, 6pm - 7.15pm

Contact Jennifer Gennard 07968 817 643

OCTOBER EVENTS

Corvedale Tractor and 4x4 Run

Sunday 5th October

Starting and finishing at Seifton Farm, Culmington and taking a beautiful scenic route through the Corvedale.

Raising funds for The Multiple Sclerosis Society and Culmington Village Hall renovations.

Contact Andrew Mear 07588 108 716 andrewmear@btinternet.com, Pat Caine 07966 387 815 or Lewis Weaver 07831 606 079

Auction of Promises

Friday 24th October

Your auctioneer for the evening is Bill Wathes with lots of great things on offer to bid for!

Bidding starting at approximately 8pm.

Bar open from 5.30pm. Burger van 5-8pm

FUTURE EVENTS

Community Sunday Roast

Sunday 2nd November

Bar open from 12noon. Meal served 1pm. Adults £15 / children £10. Tickets are selling fast, so hurry to book your place by contacting Jo Mear 07872 109 936 or Gwyn Edwards 01584 861 666 / 07891 904 504.

Musical Cabaret Night

with Mimi Hart and her band

Saturday 15th November

Bar open. Further details to follow next month.

MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

We have had a good autumn cleaning the hall and have begun the redecoration process and hope to make further progress in the next few weeks.

Our Macmillan coffee morning is on **Saturday 27th September** from 10.30am till 12noon.

Our warm hub coffee mornings will be begin again on **Thursday 6th November** 10.30am till 12noon. We hope to see everyone at these get togethers.

Lesley Dobson

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

Come and join us at **Westhope Whist Drives, every Monday**, 7pm for 7.15 start. With the dark nights creeping in it's a great way to come and socialise. All abilities welcome. Entry £3 including refreshments.

Saturday 27th September is the **Race Night** which had to be postponed in August. This is a great fun night for all ages. 7pm for first race at 7.30pm. Licensed bar and refreshments. Grand prize draw.

Saturday 4th October is our **Rummage Sale** from 10am to 12.30pm. Bargains galore. Nearly new rail, ladies, gents, children's, toys, books, bric-a-brac and tombola. Come along and have a good rummage. Admission £1 to include tea/coffee. All donations gratefully received.

Saturday 18th October is the **Harvest Supper**. A three-course meal with tea/coffee. Entertainment with professional pianist and vocalist Karen Francis Dyke. Pre-booked tickets £15pp. Licensed cash bar.

Would anyone be interested in attending a refresher demonstration at our village hall for the use of the defibrillator? A date will be arranged if there is sufficient interest.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 6th December - Christmas Prize Bingo.

Monday 8th December - Christmas Whist Drive.

All enquiries Betty 07860 447 397 or Moira 01584 861 663 or 07542 947 440.

Betty Manley

ABDON VILLAGE HALL

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

Saturday 11th October, 10.30 - 12.30.

The UFO craft group will be on the second Saturday of the month, as usual.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th October 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Our coffee morning will continue as usual on the last Saturday of the month, lively chat, coffee and, of course, cake!

Abdon Village Hall Bookings

Contact Margaret Buckingham: 01746 712 296

or abdon.villagehall@gmail.com

Or visit our website for the booking form and details:

www.abdonandheathparish.org.uk

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

In October, the church remembers St Luke the Evangelist, who is traditionally thought to have written the gospel which bears his name and also the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke's gospel begins with the author writing about how he has investigated the events he is about to describe and decided to write an account. His account contains several parts which are not recorded by other gospel writers: much of the Christmas story, as well as parables such as the Good Samaritan and incidents such as the disciples walking to Emmaus on the day of the resurrection. He places a particular emphasis on the role of the poor and the marginalised. As we remember St Luke, we are perhaps challenged to think about the part we should be playing in spreading the gospel, in helping others to know about God and about Jesus. We might also think about how some of the stories the gospel contains relate to the world of today. The Parable of the Good Samaritan was told because someone asked 'Who is my neighbour?' – thinking about the answer in the context of parts of the news reports at present reminds us that being a person of faith can sometimes mean not fully aligning with all that we see happening around us.

October also brings harvest festival services to the churches of the Corvedale, as we celebrate the harvest and pray for those who have worked so that we can enjoy it. This year's weather has affected everything that has been growing but, whilst yields and quality may not be as good as we might have hoped, we have had a harvest in contrast to those living in some parts of the world – and for that harvest we give thanks. This year we will gather in the churches at Culmington, Munslow, Tugford and Westhope to sing harvest hymns old and new, to remember those who work so that we have a harvest and to think about what we do with the harvest now that we have it. Come and join us!

Rev'd John Beesley

REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

28th Aug Abigail Hazel & Lyndon Sweeney Diddlebury
30th Aug Lauren Lewis & Rory McKnight Culmington

WEDDING BLESSING

25th Aug Peter and Anna James Diddlebury

FUNERAL

9th Sep Audrey Westwood Diddlebury

FLOWERS & BRASSES

OCTOBER 2025

5th Melissa Hartop
12th Liz Jones
19th Liz Jones
26th Liz Jones

PETS' SERVICE AT DIDDLEBURY

The annual Pets' Service will be held on **Sunday 26th October** at Diddlebury Church, starting at 11.15am. We usually see mainly dogs (who are very welcome) but please bring any other type of pet, suitably housed if appropriate.

CORVEDALE & DISTRICT AUTUMN SHOW

Show day in Diddlebury attracted a good turnout of people and produce again this year.

Despite the unusually dry summer, the fruit and vegetable and flower sections were well represented. There were also impressive entries in the cookery, preserves, flower craft, countryside and handicraft sections.

It was particularly satisfying to see so many entries in the children's sections. Their colourful and imaginative contributions prompted more than a few smiles from judges and visitors alike.

Congratulations to Sue Povall for her sumptuous cake which won the Best in Show award. It was a shame we couldn't all taste a piece! Congratulations, too, to all the other winners in the 63 categories.

As usual, the highlight of the show was the weigh-in for the spud-in-a-bucket competition. Each spring, entrants collect a seed potato and bucket to nurture through the summer. The buckets are then emptied on show day to reveal the eagerly anticipated contents. The biggest yield wins the £15

cash prize, with second and third prizes of £10 and £5. Yields this year ranged from almost nothing to more than 9lbs. Congratulations to Barrie Archer (1st), Lucy Howell (2nd) and Jane Cockburn (3rd).

If you would like to enter next year keep an eye out next spring for details of when seed potatoes are available.

Ross Stokes



CELEBRATING at HARVEST TIME
with the Corvedale Group of Churches
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
CULMINGTON**

invite you to an
OPEN AFTERNOON
to look around the church
2.30pm – 5pm



Take a stroll around the grounds, go up into the tower,
ring the bells, enjoy a cuppa and cake in the church
full of flowers at harvest time.

HARVEST SERVICE - 6pm at All Saints, Culmington

Joint service with St. Peter's, Diddlebury. All welcome.
to be followed by

**PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER + APPLE PIE
7pm at Culmington Village Hall**

To celebrate our rector, Reverend John Beesley, being
installed as a Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral.

Bar open.

Donations welcome on the night towards cost of food

If you would like to join us in the evening, please contact:
Avril Lines 01584 861 339 or Andrew Pike 01584 861 361
by Wednesday 15th October

'COME & TRY IT' EVENING

Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir
invite you to give singing a go!

You may never have sung before, but we don't
mind! No experience is necessary, just turn up
and give it a try. Studies have shown that singing
in a choir is very good for your health by keeping
the brain active and increasing social contacts.

We are a friendly group who will support and
help you take the first steps.

WHEN?

Tuesday 7th October, 7.30pm

WHERE?

The William Brookes School, Much Wenlock TF13 6NB

WHO?

To contact us, use the QR code

Ring 07530 545 298

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PRE QUIZ MEAL @ 6PM
PIE & CHIPS & LEMON POSSET
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QUIZ STARTS AT 7:30PM
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

The first meeting of our WI branch after the August break, was on Thursday 11th September when we all met to catch up on business and to welcome our speaker for the evening, Christopher Harper, from Severn Trent, who gave us his interesting and enlightening talk, entitled 'Severn Trent Water – Going With The Flow'.

Chris has worked for Severn Trent in various roles for approximately the last twelve years, having been a schoolteacher earlier in his career. His current role with Severn Trent is education officer, one of a team of officers assigned to each county within the Severn Trent area, tasked with visiting schools, both primary and secondary, to help children become fully aware, through talks and workshops, of the important role Severn Trent plays in ensuring we all receive safe, clean water from source to tap. His talks cover the use of water at home, water treatments, water efficiency and the matter of waste, including the maintenance of the water infrastructure and its challenges, many arising due to flooding, blockages and burst pipes. As I'm sure most of us are aware, Severn Trent has faced recent criticism and legal action for its role in river pollution, particularly concerning sewage discharges into the rivers Trent and Severn, often caused from storm overflows in wastewater treatment works, which have led to increased levels of pollutants, like phosphate, impacting river health and aquatic life. Severn Trent has acknowledged the issues and is committed to making the required improvements to minimise this problem. But, as Chris explained to us, these challenges can also be helped by all of us becoming aware of the importance of avoiding blockages by only flushing the 'three p's' (pee, poo & paper) down our toilets, ensuring wipes & sanitary products go into the bin and avoiding oils, cooking fat and particles of food going down the kitchen sink. Doing our bit now and making children aware of the whole water story can only help Severn Trent offer us the water supply we all expect. Chris's audio/visual presentation was extremely eye opening!

The letter of the month was 'w.' First prize went to Jan who brought water diving rods; second prize to Joyce with a wallet and third to Rose with some walnuts. The flower of the month's first prize went to Jan with an alstroemeria; second prize went to Barbara with her sweet pea, and third prize went to Joyce with her dahlia, all offerings grown in their own gardens.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 9th October** at 7:30pm with a talk by the Hands Together, Ludlow Charity entitled, 'Help, Information and Support in and around Ludlow'.

WI branch meetings are held at Stanton Lacy Village Hall, Hayton's Bent, SY8 2AT at 7:30pm on the second Thursday evening of each month. Any ladies interested in coming along to experience a meeting with the aim of joining our branch or for those who would like to come and listen to our speaker (£5 for non-members), will all be most welcome to just turn up. Alternatively, please feel free to contact one of the following committee members below for further information about the WI. Phyllis Steventon, President, 01584 823 436, or Secretary, Jennette Arnold OBE, via email at: haytonanddistrictwi@wi-shropshire.co.uk.

Louise Gough

MUNSLOW WI

Munslow WI met up with Diddlebury and Westhope WI on 10th September in the village hall at Beambridge for a talk by JP Nancy Walsh about her work with the IMB - the Independent Monitoring Board. Members of the IMB are all volunteers who monitor the treatment received by people in prison to make sure it is in compliance with the rules and standards of decency set out in law.

Nancy told us that she had been a volunteer for over twenty years, first in a male prison and currently in a female prison. Her talk was packed full of anecdotes about things she had witnessed: prisoners taking others hostage, escape attempts, crack teams brought in from London to deal with exceptionally tough situations. Underlying all was a sense of the depth of her commitment but also an ironic humour which must be imperative when undertaking this role. Sadly, she told us that many of the scenes she described were attributable to mental illness and that many of those who have committed crimes had themselves been victims of abuse. Crowded jails and insufficient funding mean that some of the training and educational opportunities to help lift people out of crime have had to be withdrawn.

The talk was followed by refreshments and a raffle. The next meeting, a skittles competition, is also a joint one with Diddlebury and Westhope, and will be held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 8th October** at Westhope village hall. Please get in touch with our secretary, Val Hardwick, on 01584 861 658 if you would like more information.

Wendy Brogden
wendy@brogden.info

Instrumental Music Workshop with Paul Hutchinson



"I had an amazing time and learnt tons. Paul has some great ideas for how tunes can be changed and adapted."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the music making (and the delicious cake!)"

Paul is regarded as one of the top accordionists in the country and is also an experienced and skilful leader of workshops for mixed instruments. Scores and sound files will be sent out in advance. This will be an opportunity to play beautiful music in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

The workshop fee includes one free ticket for an evening concert by Pagoda Project - Paul Hutchinson, Karen Wimhurst and Hannah Cumming. Additional tickets can be purchased for £12

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9th from 1pm to 6pm

Diddlebury Village Hall, SY7 9DH

£30 - Light refreshments provided. Bring your own food.

More information and booking from: Trevor Chalkley
trevorchalkley@gmail.com 01588 630678 07948 305151

PAGODA PROJECT CONCERT

In this latest Pagoda Project line up, the inimitable Paul Hutchinson and Karen Wimhurst duo (accordion and clarinet/bass clarinet) are joined by the stellar fiddle singer Hannah Cumming.

Inspired by folk traditions in the UK, this is music and song cut through with experimentation, boldness, humour and risk. Expect ethereal to turn gutsy, passion and tears to be tempered by a good laugh and a tide of improvisation. which means no two evenings are ever the same.

'Difficult to describe and categorise – the music soared, surprised, mesmerised, inducing journeys of the mind, it dazzled. It was a thoroughly absorbing and memorable evening.' - Tim Davidson, Caerleon Arts.

Sunday 9th November 8pm (doors open 7.30pm) at Diddlebury Village Hall. Tickets £15pp can be booked online at: www.beta.snappytickets.co.uk/event/pagoda-project.

The concert will be preceded by two workshops both from 1pm till 6pm:

- **Instrumental Music Workshop with Paul Hutchinson**
Paul is regarded as one of the top accordionists in the country and is also an experienced and skilful leader of workshops for mixed instruments. Scores and sound files will be sent out in advance. This will be an opportunity to play beautiful music in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.
- **Singing Workshop with Karen Wimhurst & Hannah Cumming**
Karen Wimhurst is a composer, musician and choir leader working and performing in the areas of classical, jazz and folk music. Hannah Cumming is a violinist and singer with a passion for folk music. As experienced choir leaders they will be leading an exciting afternoon of singing by ear, taught without scores. In the evening they will join accordionist Paul Hutchinson for a performance as Pagoda Project.

Each workshop fee of £30pp includes one free ticket for the evening concert. Additional tickets can be purchased for £12. Light refreshments will be provided but please bring your own food. For more information and booking form please contact Trevor Chalkley at trevorchalkley@gmail.com or 01588 630 678 / 07948 305 151.

LIVE MUSIC IN CORVEDALE

St Peter's Church in Diddlebury will be the host for the Jarualda Quartet's return to the Corvedale after a gap of just over a year. The Jarualdas have a reputation for committed and full-blooded performances, and their concert on **Saturday 4th October** promises to be no exception, featuring the iconic eighth string quartet of Shostakovich as well as Beethoven's Op 95 (*Serioso*), both heavyweights of the repertoire. Balanced by Haydn's lovely Lark and local, but internationally performed, composer, Paul Henley's melodic 'Lyric Movement' (World première), this has all the makings of a special evening. Tickets, priced at £17.50 / £5 U18, include wine or a soft drink and nibbles, and are selling now on www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-concerts or on the door, subject to availability. If you are still not sure, then maybe the review of their last concert at Shrewsbury's Gateway, from Seen & Heard International's Chris Kettle will convince you!



'...having previously heard the Jarualdas play in the warm, ecclesiastical acoustic of St Michael's Church, Munslow, there was something up-close, no-holds-barred about these performances that was thrilling indeed. There was beauty too, plenty of it, but the sheer physical and emotional commitment that goes into music making as fearless and intense as this is what I will chiefly remember. Magnificent!'

Ruth Henley

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

If you know of a problem or issue with a local footpath, especially if it is on the Corvedale Three Castles Walk or the Shropshire Way, please contact the Corvedale Footpath Maintenance Group. We aim to keep our footpaths accessible to local and visiting walkers and generally have up to 3 working parties per month. Now the ground is softening through rain and cooler temperatures we can resume the work which we were unable to do throughout the summer. New members are always welcome, so if you would like to join us for a one-off or longer-term commitment please do get in touch.

Our next planned working parties are:

Wednesday 22nd October, Friday 24th October, Sunday 26th October

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



PLUM AND SOURED CREAM CINNAMON TART

A great way to use some this year's glut of soft fruit.



from the kitchen of Melissa Hartop

INGREDIENTS

- Shortcrust pastry case 23cm diameter (ready-made or using 350g pastry)
- 500g plums quartered
- 1tsp of ground cinnamon
- 300ml double cream
- 1 egg
- 3 egg yolks
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 125g caster sugar

TOPPING

- 3 tbsps demerara sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F, 180°C or gas mark 4.
2. If using fresh pastry line a 23cm flan dish and bake blind in the oven, until golden. Line the pastry case with the quartered plums and sprinkle with the cinnamon.
3. Beat the double cream, eggs, egg yolk, lemon juice and caster sugar, until well mixed. Pour over the plums and bake in the oven for 30 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven. Mix the demerara sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over the top of the tart. Return to the oven for 10 minutes.
5. Eat warm or cold served with cream or ice cream.

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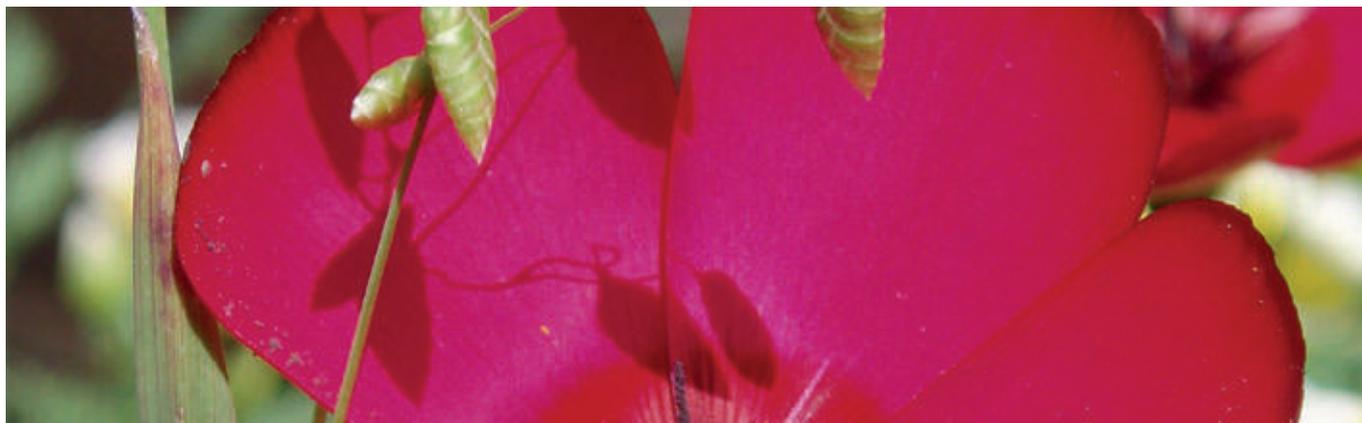
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A talk by Ade Robinson
Friday 17th October
2.30 p.m.
Ditton Priors Village Hall

BUILDING A CHELSEA GARDEN

Tickets are £5 including hot drink and cake
mail BrownCleePPG@gmail.com to buy your ticket in advance - or pay at the door on the day

of the PPG Garden Project –
enhancing spaces for
patients and staff

MUSINGS ON LIFE...

MORE PLASTIC, VICAR?

The saying goes 'We are what we eat' – and what our food has eaten, and how it is changed before we eat it. Yes, and we are what happens to our food in our innards. Yes, and critically, it seems, we are what those critters that live within are (the posh word is our 'biome'), their variety and vigour. Yes, we are what we absorb from our innards and what we don't. Yes, and we are what our body systems make of all this.

Heck, there is a lot to go at there, so here are a few thoughts limited by space and what we can digest... if you will pardon the expression!

So, what is our food eating? The bold question is... are we to strive for the natural which can heal; or the industrial which will continue the world's and our slide into sickness? One type gives the promise of abundance; it is alive and owes its health to a rich, diversely life-eloquent soil. The other is regimented, chemical, corporate 'foodoid' with the danger it has been grown in toxic dust and thrashed within an inch of its life, engineered and rendered yet worse by 'fortification,' all with large dependence on petrochemical industries.

Could there be worse than this? It seems so. Big finance is mightily backing *fake food*; the product of factories and laboratories which take up massive resources from our groaning earth. Don't be hoodwinked by the propaganda which would have you believe that this food of the future is safe and efficient. Should we choose dystopian options, or do we get soil on our hands striving for living and nutritious food? What should be the inheritance we leave to our grandchildren? What to those yet unborn?

Now, what is going on in our insides these days? It used to be relatively simple. Different bits and diverse stuff went awry but there was a treatment of varying effectiveness, and we could only do what we could.

As it stands now in the body, there is the seemingly endless rise of chronic disorders and nowhere is this more spectacular than in our guts. General and food toxicity is laying waste to vital functions. We are starting to understand the importance of proper barriers to protect our organs. Half a century ago, we were taught about only one, the so-called *blood-brain* barrier. Now we are told such barriers are present to protect all our organs.

The lining of our guts is of vital importance. Modern man is now absorbing all sorts of toxic things due to damage to this ultrafine protective layer. Worse, this structure of great delicacy is intimately connected with our whole immune and nervous systems, including our brains – the ramifications are huge! The chemicals liberally used in the production and processing of 'foodoid,' and fake food are a major source of danger in this respect. These industries are horribly linked to all other industries where money seeks to replicate itself.

Secondly, we have countless small organisms inside our guts and, it now appears, in an amazing array of other organs. We would not live long without them. One of the many and varied purposes of these tiny life-forms in our bowels is to produce *vital amines*: you may know them as... vitamins. It's a shame we dropped the original name – in it was a clue – they are vital. Swigging something from Boots won't do: artificial mass-produced chemicals are never going to make up for the millions of years that nature has been preparing us. Crunching fortified cornflakes will never get to the central disorder.

My words are poor... so I should like to finish with a quote from the eloquent Verdana Shiva:*

'When we grow food in accordance with ecological laws, we regenerate the earth, her soil and biodiversity, her climate system. When we produce and distribute food on the basis of fossil fuels and fossil chemicals, we destroy the complex, interconnected systems of soil, water, biodiversity and climate. When we eat food grown with care, in alignment with nature's laws, free of chemicals and ultra-processing, that food, a complex system, interacts with trillions of cells in our body, another complex system.'

I apologise for the gloomy tone: there is another story of hope to tell and if allowed I will try point a way next time. Probably I should apologise for coining the word 'foodoid': it may be provocative!

*Verdana Shiva. *The Nature of Nature* p.29

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SWIM (SEE WHAT I MADE)

How inspiring it was to see St Milburga's church decked out in such creative and imaginative finery over the August bank holiday weekend! There was something for everyone: from paper to plaster, feltwork to fabric, bell methodology to bonsai, models to mobiles, woodwork, basketry and very much more, all staged in the most artistic of ways. It was enriched with fascinating personal stories and deep, thoughtful concerns for our changing planet. With helpful labelling we learned about each other, the creators who had worked away quietly in their homes, studios or workshops, or together with others in social get-togethers in village halls, fostering friendships and support. Some of the displayed work had been waiting patiently for ages to be finished and

SWIM gave the final push. Some items had been stashed away for many years waiting for the SWIM opportunity to finally be displayed.

Thank you to all the wonderful exhibitors, thank you for the glorious free-flowing refreshments over the weekend, thank you for coming to SWIM and do keep creating... Hopefully, there will be another SWIM in a few years' time, so enjoy your making and be ready to share and show off!

SWIM wasn't intended to be a selling or fundraising event, everything was free, but your generous donations enabled us to send £400 to Midlands Air Ambulance. Thank you!

The synchronised SWIM team

BE A HEDGEROW HERO!

CPRE Shropshire's Hedgerow Heroes project has funding for a fifth year, and we will be planting a further 4km of new species-rich hedgerows into the Shropshire countryside as well as running hedge-laying workshops for beginners and hedgerow management sessions for farmers and landowners in the Ludlow and Clun areas. We will continue with our hedgerow arts workshops with local Shrewsbury artist Andrew Howe.

Over the last four years, we have planted 24km of hedgerows with the help of our fantastic volunteers and have gone on to farms, smallholdings, school sites, community fields and even cemeteries, amounting (amazingly) to around 100 sites now in the county.

The Benefits Of Hedgerows:

We plant a mix of species based around a core of hawthorn and hazel. These can include field maple, plum, crab apple, spindle and guelder rose, all providing blossom and fruit or nuts for insects and birds. We encourage some trees to be allowed to grow and mature as hedgerow trees. Occasionally we plant fruit trees in the hedgerow, like heritage apple and Shropshire plum.

Eventually, once the hedgerows mature, they should become brilliant wildlife corridors, providing shelter and foraging for small mammals, birds and insects. As well as providing bounty and shelter for wildlife, well-managed hedges provide great resources on-farm, offering shelter and shade to livestock in wind, rain and sun and they can help to prevent run off and spray drift.

The Planting Sessions:

We plant hedgerows between early December and March. Our sessions run from 10am to around lunchtime over the winter on weekdays and weekends. We supply hot drinks and refreshments for volunteers during the morning. An experienced volunteer leads run the hedge planting sessions, so anyone who has not planted before is shown what to do.

The whips (hedgerow saplings) are sorted out into big mixed species bundles at the start of the session, so volunteers have their own bag to work through. Our planting groups can be as small as 8 or 10 or as large as 30+. It can be an amazing sight looking up from your planting and seeing a line of hedgerow steadily developing either side of you and the feeling of group satisfaction when it's all done is quite something!



Volunteering for hedge planting is a great way of meeting like-minded people and doing something really positive and practical for nature and the wider countryside and the sites are often in glorious parts of the county with great views!

We provide the tools (tree planting spades) and are delighted to welcome families, but children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. We have welcomed several Duke of Edinburgh students over the years, completing their community work hours.

One thing we have learned over the years: hedgerows have the capacity to link up landscapes, but through this project, they have also linked up many people and communities.

Find Out More:

You can find out more at: www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hedgerow-project or contact Sarah Jameson on admin@cpreshropshire.org.uk or 01547 528 546 for more information.

Sue Steer

DIDDLEBURY FLOOD ACTION GROUP

Autumn has now arrived with a thankful dose of rainy days. The land is beginning to replenish its aquifers. The brooks are slowly rising off their dry beds. So here are a few reminders:

The Environment Agency and your local authority have no statutory duty to protect your property from flooding, with the onus being on you to protect yourself.



Preparedness is needed to get ready for winter.

For example - leaves can cause flooding by filling gutters, blocking road gullies and redirecting water flows.

- Guttering cleaning for the winter
- Clearing the leaves stops the drains and gullies overflowing
- Look out for blocked road drains, report these through FixMyStreet

Similarly, we tend not to think about emergencies until they occur. However, with a practical and positive approach, and by planning ahead, you can make yourself more resilient.

You should undertake an audit of the resources available to you – pumps, buckets, mops, wet vacuums, sandbags etc. drain rods. Sandbags can be collected from the highways depot in Craven Arms (limited to 10 per property).

Severe weather: The biggest severe weather risk in the UK comes from flooding, whether that's from prolonged or torrential rain, such as that which affected this area last November 2024.

Clive Martyn

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Financial pressures dominate national and local news. Shropshire Council is all set to declare itself bankrupt which will result in external administrators and no doubt consultants coming in to find savings and cut services to balance the books. This is something that has been fought off for some time and feels unjust as Shropshire has historically been underfunded by Central Government because the funding formulae favours inner city areas rather than the very rural counties where it actually costs more to provide services, particularly so in Shropshire, where deprivation is often hidden and we have a disproportionately older and isolated population. At a local level we have sadly seen Cleobury Mortimer leisure centre have its council funding cut, and Much Wenlock leisure centre is under threat once more. At a recent Council Cabinet it was decided to declare a 'financial emergency' asking council officers to stop all non-essential spending and agreed to set up an Independent Improvement Board to reduce the overspend.

Devolution is in the air once more, which is odd as NHS Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin is being subsumed into a bigger grouping including Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent creating a geographical area stretching from the Powis border to The Peak District! It's hard to understand the logic but Shropshire Council is also being pushed towards a larger group of neighbouring counties and once again Stoke-on-Trent has been suggested. My own personal view is that most services should be managed and provided for in a coherent area

where geographical and cultural distinctions and identity create more accountability and better local investment.

Shropshire Council has recently asked our parish councils to consider and sign a new memorandum of understanding or agreement to look at parish councils providing services more locally. Most of us, from time-to-time, think we could do a better job of road repairs or verge cutting but the devil will be in the detail regarding transparency of contracts, legal and liability risks not to mention the dreaded Health & Safety legislation. I hope that some clusters of parish councils work together on this or work with neighbouring town councils. From what I hear there is some enthusiasm matched by even more scepticism.

On a more positive note I was delighted to learn that Shropshire Council Children's Services were rated as 'outstanding' in their recent OFSTED inspection which is a great achievement and acknowledges the dedication and care provided by their staff who often face some very difficult and distressing situations.

That's enough of my ramblings!

Dr Colin Stanford
Shropshire Councillor for The Corvedale
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MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR



With the summer break behind us, the choir is in full rehearsal mode. If you would like to find out for yourself what that looks and sounds like, we are holding a *Come & Try It Evening* at William Brookes School in Wenlock on **Tuesday 7th October** from 7.30pm. The event is free, and light refreshments will be provided. Looking for a new hobby for the autumn and beyond? One that keeps body and soul alert and active with the spin off that you meet new people? Then this could be it!

Give us a call or simply turn up on the night and give singing a go!

By the time of publication, we will have already sung at a wedding this autumn and held a joint concert with Broad Band in Church Stretton. Our next outing will be at Habberley Village Hall near Pontesbury on **25th October**, tickets available from the choir on the number below. As stated previously, this event is a good example of how the choir can help an organisation, be it a charity, village hall, church etc. raise much needed funds. Our modest costs mean that over the years we have contributed to many thousands of pounds being raised for good causes. If you would like further information of how we could support your organisation, please get in touch as we are now booking into 2026.

Dick Langford
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rlangfordchoir@gmail.com

BROWN CLEE MEDICAL PRACTICE

The last meeting of the year, on **Tuesday 7th October** at 6pm in Ditton Priors Village Hall, has a full agenda, as usual. Dr Bassett is coming to give us the latest news from the practice. Lisa Davies, the Advanced Nurse Practitioner, wants to give an informal afternoon session on menopause and post-menopausal issues, if there is sufficient demand. Ade Robinson will tell us about the autumn plans for the garden renovation, as well as trying not to divulge too much about his talk '*Building a Chelsea Garden*'!

All this and more, including the Patient Participation Group (PPG) AGM and a get-together of the patients who have volunteered to help the practice organise its mass flu vaccination clinic in October.

All patients are welcome to come to this meeting. Please email brownclepppg@gmail.com to book your place.

Tina Ranson

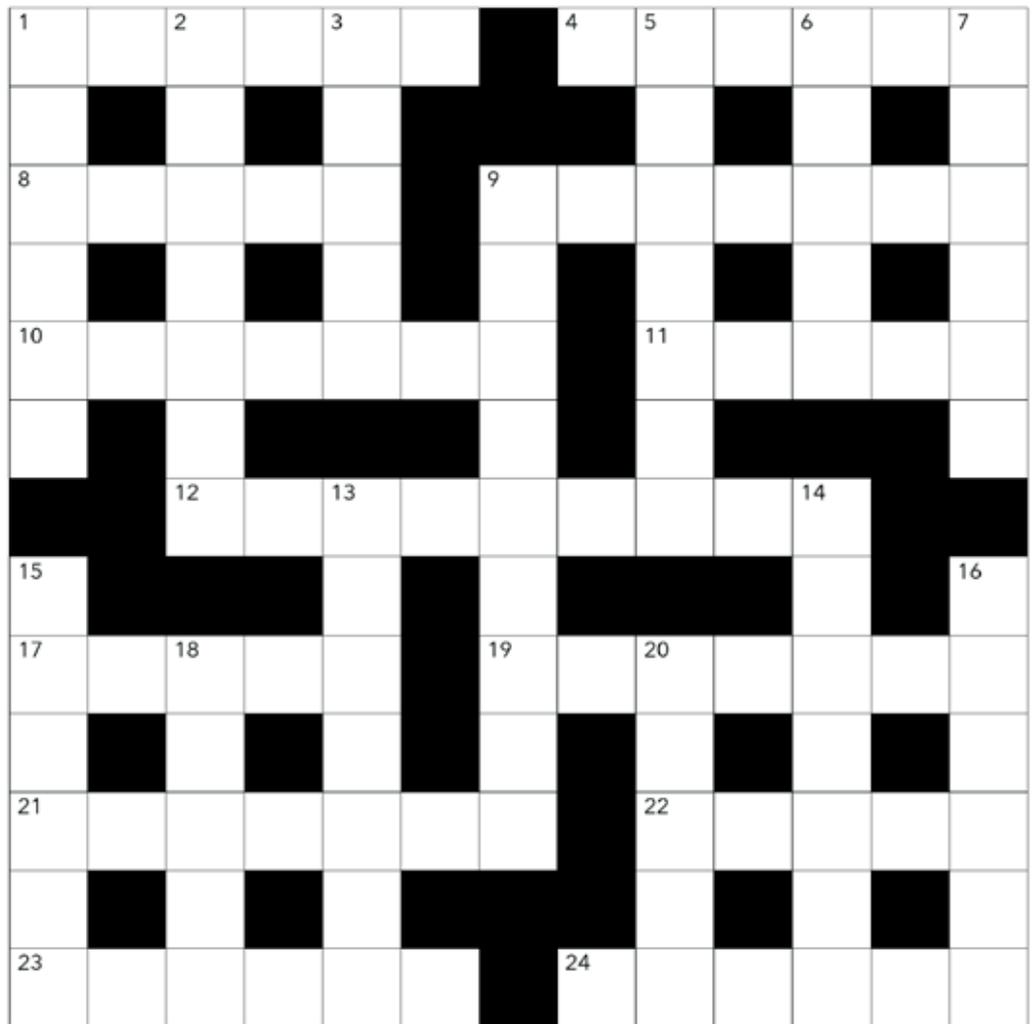
OCTOBER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY ARTEMONAS

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

ACROSS

- 1) Make better changes in Kent, perhaps, but definitely make safe (6)
- 4) Happens that there are two hundred in our school (6)
- 8) Injured snake fills one with fear (5)
- 9) Booted George round and sent him upstairs (2,2,3)
- 10) Honesty of state round about (7)
- 11) Partly read a gentle saying (5)
- 12) Pushed down when feeling blue? (9)
- 17) Some soft English accent heard frequently (5)
- 19) Annoy with strong smell (7)
- 21) Making a mistake round a piece of jewellery (7)
- 22) Torn material makes oily fruit (5)
- 23) Brutal person looks like an unhappy winner perhaps (6)
- 24) Coin has scripture lesson in the middle (6)



DOWN

- 1) Tempt French nobleman in Bishop's domain (6)
- 2) Cane lad and then tidied up (7)
- 3) I'd have oar round and listen to it (5)
- 5) Sword to injure young girl? (7)
- 6) Shadow most of Italian region (5)
- 7) Some boys add energy but are unhappy (6)
- 9) Digger Ann changes to do this (9)
- 13) One book's after famous Quaker writers (3,4)
- 14) Hole was there first, hence the need to visit them (7)
- 15) Gets better without the start and goes over (6)
- 16) Allow in river to rub out (6)
- 18) Tried perhaps to be weary (5)
- 20) One hundred and fifty-one are exactly the same (5)

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Date of meeting: Wednesday 22nd October commencing at 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.
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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025

Members Present: Cllrs B Archer, R Arnold, N Dobson, V Fotheringham, C Meeson, E Povey, S Rowbotham and G Williams.

In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Election of a Chair: Cllr Williams was elected as Chair.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs D Marston, Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest: None.

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

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 2nd July, 2025 were accepted and signed by the Chair.

Reports: Shropshire Council – Cllr Stanford had sent a report: Council finances remained very challenging and there was concern over leisure centres as it appears that the council would no longer support the facility in Cleobury Mortimer and fears were mounting about the future of Much Wenlock leisure centre. Work on our roads continued with the introduction of two multi-hog vehicles. A task and finish group had been set up to scrutinise the highways repair contracts with Keir to address the very many concerns we all have about the slow progress on work and resurfacing. The Keir contract would expire in February 2026. It was very clear that under the current contract the council had little control over what work was prioritised by Keir. Town and parish councils had been asked to feedback on areas of responsibility currently managed by the council that they may want to take on. His impression from most parish councils in the Corvedale was that individually they were too small to undertake any work that was currently managed by the council. However, he was starting to hear that in some areas there was interest in parish councils forming clusters either with other parish councils or with neighbouring town councils. Without wanting to dampen enthusiasm there were inevitably going to be questions about budgets, contracts, lines of responsibility, tendering processes and legal cover for liability and requirements of health and safety etc.

South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Archer reported that at the meeting on 2nd July there had been a presentation by Eddie West (Shropshire Council's Planning Policy and Strategy Manager) about the need to increase housing in Shropshire. One of the main problems was the lack of infrastructure to support an increase. The committee expressed concern that Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust was performing so poorly as shown in the hospital league tables. Cllr Meeson reported that at the meeting on 1st September the speaker was to have been David Minnerly who did not attend. Cllr Ruth Houghton gave a report. The financial position was in an extremely serious state and significant savings were required. Adult care and children's services were high costs and demand was likely to significantly increase in future. South Shropshire had the highest proportion in England of people aged 65+ years and this was increasing pressure on council finances. Further financial pressures are due to over 900 cases of domestic abuse claims at the present time and this is due to escalate as there are often on average two children in each household. River Onny sewage pipe plans had been halted at present. There was a worrying age demographic that would impact the over 65s as there were no younger local families setting up home as housing is not affordable, and this also meant that younger people were not available for work including the provision of care for older people. The situation was serious. Developers were taking advantage of planning regulations where they could build houses with little restrictions applying, building properties that were 'too distant' from being classed as affordable and therefore availability to local families was reduced. Such developments also disregarded the effects and potential strain on local services including medical, sewerage, transportation, education etc. David Mills had said that the Police Commissioner had reported that due to increased and rising costs he needed additional funds. The Police Commissioner would be asked to attend a future meeting. It was reported that Cleobury leisure centre was run by Teme Leisure; however, they have served notice on Shropshire council that they would not be continuing to provide the services. Shropshire council had not found a replacement and had noted that the facility would be closing. It was understood that Teme Leisure operations at Ludlow are not affected by this decision or situation. It was noted that Cain & Co had withdrawn from providing insurance cover for PCs limiting the choice for councils.

Munslow Village Hall – Cllr Dobson reported that the hall had been deep cleaned. The redecoration of the ladies' toilet had been completed and the gents' toilet would be decorated over the winter. Coffee mornings would restart on 27th September.

Planning: 25/02704/FUL: Rowe Farm, Rowe Lane, Stanton Long, TF13 6LR. Proposed change of use of agricultural land to allow the siting of 2No holiday units. Applicant: Mrs J Wilks (Rowe Farm, Stanton Long, TF13 6LR). It was agreed to support the application.

25/02933/PA AFC: Prior approval application for the proposed change of use of two agricultural buildings to a flexible use falling within Class E g (iii) former B8. The initial use of the barns would be for containerised storage. Hungerford Barns, adj. Millichope Estate Farm Office, Hungerford. It was resolved to make representation that there were concerns over the likely increase in traffic and the dangers from oncoming traffic when turning from the road on the B4368. There were also concerns that it would attract

potential criminal activity to the area.

25/02802/TCA: Munslow House, Munslow, Craven Arms, SY7 9ET Proposal: Pollard to existing knuckle at an approx. height of 3m above ground level of 1No Willow within Munslow Conservation Area. Note that no comment was made as councillors did not consider it necessary to call an extraordinary meeting to review this application. Noted.

Finance: Three quotes had been received for insurance. They were reviewed and it was resolved to accept the Zurich Insurance quote of £440.59. The local authority pay award of 3.2% backdated to 1st April 2025 was noted. A VAT refund of £849.36 had been received since the last meeting.

Payments were authorised to: D Lewis (environmental maintenance) inv 814 £80.75; H Coonick reimbursement £30.97 (inks), H Coonick HMRC and salary £995.80 (including backdated) and travel £36.45, Cllr Dobson, plants for tubs at Munslow £40.00; SALC affiliation fee (correcting error in invoice) inv 2779 £57.76.

Highways: The traffic incident at the B4368/Beambridge junction had been very serious, involving two vehicles. The Clerk had already alerted Shropshire Council's Traffic Engineer. The council would (a) report on FixMyStreet the overgrown trees on the verge and (b) write to Stuart Anderson MP, Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council) and John Campion, Police and Crime Commissioner to express concerns that the proposals in the Highways report published by Shropshire Council had not been actioned. This would be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

Agreed new tasks for the Environmental Maintenance Contractor would be to trim grass and litter pick the layby and green area at Hungerford.

Village gateways would be considered at the next meeting.

Assets: Repairs or replacement of notice boards in Aston Munslow and Hungerford would be considered at the next meeting.

The council was concerned about the lack of emptying of the waste bin in Aston Munslow car park, despite a letter to the owners of the Swan Inn on 21st July. The bin had not been emptied when the Clerk next visited in mid - August. The parish council was concerned as the landlord of the inn had originally agreed to regularly empty the bin if the council provided it.

An application had been made for consent to carry out work on two trees in the burial ground. This will appear on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr Alan Atwood had volunteered to liaise with Caring for God's Acre when they visit the Munslow Burial Ground.

Correspondence: Mr Evans had written asking the council to reconsider its decision on 4th June to not challenge the Land Registry entry for the Washwell as he considered that the Land Registry had not provided adequate notice of the application. He had included a copy of a letter sent to the owner of Washwell Cottage in 2006 clarifying the matter of ownership. Councillors had considered the documents the council held including a letter from the Land Registry regarding the Washwell. It was resolved to respond to Mr Evans that the council would not change the resolution it made at the 4th June meeting. (Cllr Meeson requested that the vote was recorded – Cllr Meeson objected but the remaining councillors supported this proposal).

Mary Creagh, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Nature thanked the Council for its letter of 9th April about the removal of hedges and environmental land management. She stated that Defra helps fund the planting of new hedges via the Capital Grant offer but not their removal. She could not comment on the circumstances of the incident in the parish, but many hedgerows were protected under the Hedgerow Regulations Act 1997, and permission from the Local Authority had to be obtained before their removal. She encouraged people to report incidents to the local authority when they believed an offence had taken place. A copy of the letter would be sent to the member of the public who first raised the issue.

A motion was submitted under Standing Order 7a by Cllrs Dobson, Arnold and Meeson to revisit the decision made by the council on 4th June regarding repairs to the Community car park and removal of the sign at Aston Munslow. It was agreed that the amended sign, which now reads 'Munslow Community Car Park', be restored to the car park. That the resolution of 4th June 'If any person or body attempts to take ownership of the car park the council will consider taking action to protect it and retain it as a community car park' should remain.

Retention of Documents Policy (including the records of Munslow Burial Ground): The policy would be adopted and the Burial Ground records dealt with accordingly.

Parish Nature Recovery Plan: Mr Kelly had informed the clerk that he had recently met with four other people and they plan to develop a series of events to engage and promote the special natural history of the parish. He hoped that this would inspire others to join in.

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner Survey: Cllr Dobson would complete the survey on behalf of the parish council.

Items for the Next Meeting: a. Notice boards b. Traffic calming at Beambridge c. Village gateways d. Emptying of waste bin at Aston Munslow community car park e. Management of the ash tree in the Burial Ground.

Next meeting: Wednesday 1st October 2025 at Munslow Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm

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ABDON & HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST 2025 AT ABDON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs O Uffold (chair), R Price, P Hartley: W Richards (clerk) and three members of public.

Open Session: A member of the public said the landowner from Masseys Bank was keen to work with the Parish Council to remove water from the highway. A second member of the public said there was a dead ash tree above the highway, on the bend below Upper House. The clerk will action this. A third member of the public was happy to explain the Upper Norncott Wood proposals.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs B Lewis and C Yarwood.

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2025 were read by the chair and unanimously agreed as correct. Matters arising: SALC confirmed the ICO fee was required.

Finance: The balance at 4th July 2025 was £7,956.75. Notice Board repairs were needed, and it was agreed at a cost of £408.00.

Highway Maintenance Works: The water on Masseys Bank was pooling. An email was read about the Tugford potholes: a drain was required under road and into the brook. There was a water leak at the Clee St Margaret

crossroads. The Holdgate notice board needed new hinges and possibly a top board to stop water ingress, Cllr Hartley will deal with this.

Correspondence & Reports From Members: Items read by clerk were: temporary road closures would be posted on the website. The draft of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy public consultation would be open from 6th August to 15th October. A leaning tree had been removed from below Abdon village hall. 'Have Your Say' were offering a survey on Help Shape, the future of Adult Mental Health Inpatient Services in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. The highway maintenance grant is approved. Youth survey and call for information survey had been received. Expenses forms must be returned. Audit requirements were changing.

AOB: There had been a proposal for works to Upper Norncott wood, which was read out by the Clerk. Thirty years ago it was planted with a large proportion of ash, which was now suffering from ash dieback. Tihill Forestry completed a 10-year management plan to allow for the legal removal of some trees and a plan to replant it with a mix of trees and of mixed maturity. After a discussion Cllr Price proposed support as it was an existing area. Seconded by Cllr Hartley and unanimously agreed.

Date of next meeting: Meetings will move to Wednesdays; therefore the next meeting will be on 12th November 2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:09.

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CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON 2ND SEPT' 2025

Present: Councillors Mr Ian Alderson (Vice Chair), Mrs C Byng, Mr John Caine, Mrs J Disley, Ms J Watts, Mrs J Williams.

In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mr M Seabrook, Mrs J Mear, Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

Declarations of Interest: None

Public Involvement Session: No members of the public were in attendance.

Minutes: Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 1st July 2025 were approved as being correct and were signed by Cllr Alderson.

Speed of Traffic on the B4368: A letter had been received from a member of the public about the speed of traffic and dangerous overtaking and the risks of turning into the road from side turnings.

Dominic Byrne, Head of Centre, Manor Adventure reported that he had been working on improving the safety of both children and vehicles entering, exiting and crossing the B4368. In the past the centre had paid for the double white lines. Applications to install school flashing safety lights to improve the safety for children crossing the road had been refused by Shropshire council. All coaches were advised to enter the centre via the exit, but they do not always follow the guidance given by the centre. All staff escorting children wear high visibility jackets. Dominic said that the company had recently acquired a new site on the Isle of Wight.

PC Stu Coote, West Mercia Police reported that the highway signs in that section of road were faded and, in some cases, overgrown. He would support flashing safety lights being installed. As a result of reduced funding the police were struggling to do as many speed checks as previously. The section of road from Clay Lane to Medley Park track was not suitable for speed checks. The clerk would try to arrange a meeting with Nick Newton Shropshire council's traffic engineer, Dominic Byrne and herself to look at options to improve the situation on this stretch of road. PC Coote said that there had been arrests for incidents of rural crime and Operation Whitebeam was continuing. The council would write to the Police and Crime Commissioner, the MP and Shropshire Council Corvedale Councillor about the reduction in policing budgets and the effects on Rural Crime and speeding.

Updating the Place Plan: Reductions to 30mph on the B4365 in Culmington Village and buffer zones of 40mph towards the west and beyond Clay Lane would be added to the place plan. The results of the meeting with Nick Newton would be brought to a future parish council meeting for consideration and inclusion in the place plan.

Reports: Shropshire Council - Cllr Colin Stanford had sent the following report: council finances remained very challenging and there was concern over leisure centres as it appeared that the council will no longer support the facility in Cleobury Mortimer and fears were mounting about the future of Much Wenlock leisure centre. Work on our roads continued with the introduction of two multihog vehicles. A task and finish group had been set up to scrutinise the highways repair contracts with Keir to address the very many concerns about the slow progress on pothole work and resurfacing. The Keir contract would expire in February 2025. It was very clear that under the current contract the council had little control over what work was prioritised by Keir. Town and parish councils had been asked for feedback on areas of responsibility currently managed by Shropshire council that they might wish to take on. His impression from most parish councils in the Corvedale was that individually they were too small to undertake any work currently managed by SC. However, he was starting to hear that in some areas there was interest in parish councils forming clusters, either with other parish councils or with neighbouring town councils. Without wishing

to dampen enthusiasm, there were inevitably going to be questions about budgets, contracts, lines of responsibility, tendering processes and legal cover for liability and requirements of health and safety etc

Village Hall Committee - The clerk reported that there had been a successful flower show. The Beefy Boys would be returning on 7th September followed by an evening of entertainment. The annual tractor run and a promises auction were planned for October.

Flood Action Group - Cllr Disley said there had not been a FAG meeting since July, nor an update on progress from the Slow the Flow team. Shropshire council's drain clearing team had been to the area that day and should clear the drains quarterly. A letter from the Environment Agency to properties at risk of flooding had been updated as they impacted the overall spending on flood prevention which was not clear in the original letters.

South Shropshire Area Committee - Cllr Byng reported on the meeting on 2nd July: Eddie West, Planning Policy Manager for Shropshire council gave a presentation. He explained the procedure for producing the new local plan. The government had set a target of building 1990 new homes per year for the next 20 years! This is 980 more per year than the previous target. Work had to be started on the new Local Plan by the end of 2025 and it would then be 2½ years before it was adopted. A green and grey belt review had to be done and an economic growth assessment. Landowners were being asked what sites they had available before land is allocated for building. The first consultation on the draft plan would probably be in October 2026 re site allocations.

In 2027 the final draft plan should be available for the public to comment. There were 6,500 planning permissions not yet developed but some of these were under way.

It was important that we reported anything we were not happy with to the Scrutiny committee and keep Colin Stanford informed. There had also been general discussion on matters regarding various parish councils. One was that it was thought solar farms should pay more to communities for their installations and that they should have to pay for the disposal of the solar panels at the end of their life. There was a national policy re wind farms but not solar farms. Should we press our MP to bring this matter up in Parliament? The Deputy Leader, Alex Wagner would be invited to speak at the next local meeting.

Flooding: Shropshire council had decided that as the desilting was general maintenance that a licence would not be required. The work on Mr John Turley's land to desilt the pipe exit had been completed. This should improve the drainage in Seifton Lane.

NHS response to the letter re Ludlow Hospital: A response from the parish council's letter of 10th February had now been received from the NHS Integrated Care System stating that the Integrated Care Board (ICB) had met with Ludlow town councillors in March and reiterated that the ICB was not closing the hospital and 'our commitment is and will continue to be the development of wider services based on the needs of the population of Ludlow and surrounding communities.' Noted.

All Saints PCC and Culmington Village Hall had thanked the Council for grants. Cllr Byng reported that the PCC application to the Lottery had been turned down, but they would resubmit the application with some alterations. They had raised £17,000 so far, with further promises totalling £20,000.

Response from the Land Registry re: Culmington Village Hall: This was deferred.

Tree Preservation Order relating to Land to the East of B4365, Culmington TPO 2025 Order Number: SC/00530/25: This was noted.

Review of the Telephone Box: The representation by Culmington parish council to the review has been successful and BT agreed that the mobile coverage was inadequate. They would retain the telephony and kiosk.

Request to Add a School Bus Stop at Seifton: The School Transport

Contracts Coordinator had agreed to add an additional collection point at the Seifton Lane junction. Parents had been informed.

Blocked Bridleway: Cllr Owen (Portfolio Holder for Housing and Leisure Shropshire Council) had offered to attend a future meeting to discuss the issue. He would be invited to the next meeting.

A .gov.uk email account for the Parish Council: A new requirement in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was that parish councils must have a generic email account hosted on an authority owned domain. The council would purchase such an email account via Hugo Fox.

Information Technology, Disciplinary, Dignity at Work, Retention of Documents Policy: These policies would be adopted.

Payments were authorised to: Hugo Fox – Single Email Account - £2.49 +VAT per month, H Coonick HMRC and salary July-Sept £963.86 and travel £18.45, D Lewis (environmental maintenance) inv 813 £80.75.

The settlement of the NJC Pay Agreement for the clerk for 2025-26 was noted.

Items For The Next Meeting: a. Response from the Land Registry re: Culmington village hall b. Update on the blocked bridleway.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th October 2025 at Culmington village hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Heather Coonick, Clerk/RFO

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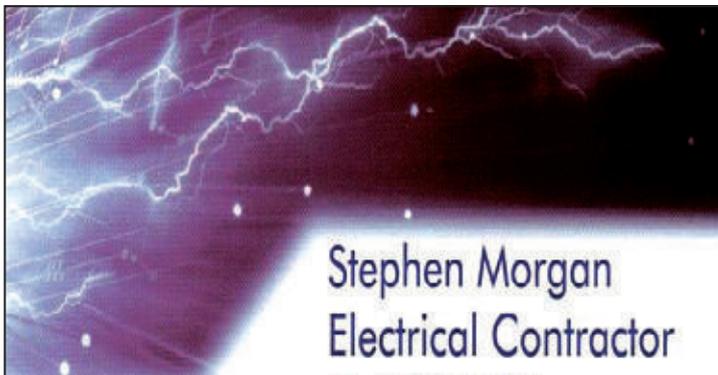
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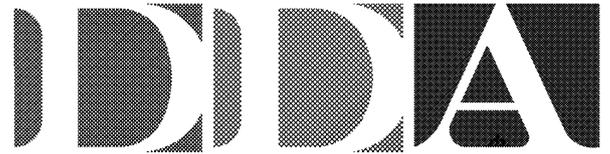
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THE CORVEDALE GROUP OF PARISHES

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2025

	5th October Trinity 16	12th October Trinity 17	19th October Trinity 18	26th October Last Sunday after Trinity	2nd November All Saints
Abdon	Joint Harvest Service at Munslow	9:45 HC			
Broadstone			8:30 HC		
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm Harvest Service for Culmington and Diddlebury at Culmington	8:30 HC (BCP)	11:15 HC
Diddlebury	9:45 HC			11:15 Pets Service	9:45 HC
Holdgate	8:30 HC			Joint Harvest Service at Tugford	8:30 HC
Munslow	6pm Harvest Service for Munslow and Abdon at Munslow	11:15 HC		9:45 HC	6pm Evensong
Tugford			9:45 HC	6pm Harvest Service for Holdgate and Tugford at Tugford	

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

Corvedale School Harvest Service 9:30am Wednesday 15th October in Diddlebury Church – *all welcome*

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