

THE CORVEDALE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2025
The Corvedale's Community Magazine



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circuitoffice2803@gmail.com

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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 11th September



CORVEDALE ARTISTS

meet every Tuesday
 from 10.00 am until 1.00pm in
Beamridge 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 24th September
 Friday 26th September
 Sunday 28th September**

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

WALKS

Thursday 18th September, 10am
 Whixall Moss

Sunday 19th October, 10.30am
 Gilfach & Afon Marteg

TALKS

First Wednesday of each month at Wistanstow Village Hall.

Wednesday 17th September
 Social Evening. With quiz, slideshow and art display.

Wednesday 15th October
 Tour of India - Steve Dawes



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

SEPTEMBER 2025

2nd Tue	Culmington Parish Council Meeting	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
3rd Wed	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
5th Fri	Millichope Desert Island Discs	St Peter's, Diddlebury	7.30pm
5th Fri	Ludlow Makes Music	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	7pm
6th Sat	Corvedale and District Autumn Show	Diddlebury Village Hall	2pm
7th Sun	Beefy Boys	Culmington Village Hall	TBC
10th Wed	Diddlebury & Westhope WI	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Wed	Munslow WI	Munslow Village Hall	7.30pm
11th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
11th Thu	Hayton & District WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
12th Fri	Skittles Social	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Sat	Un-Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
13th Sat	Garden Group - National Collection of Sarracenia	Wrockwardine	10am
15th Mon	Corvedale News Copy Deadline		
16th Tue	Caring for God's Acre Taskforce Team	Munslow Burial Ground	10am
17th Wed	RSPB Social Evening	Wistanstow Village Hall	TBC
18th Thu	RSPB Walk	Whixall Moss	10am
19th Fri	Catwalk Collective Fashion Show	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	TBC
19th Fri	Grey Wolf in Concert	The Regal, Tenbury Wells	7.30pm
24th Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
24th Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
24th Wed	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
26th Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
27th Sat	WI Day	Shrewsbury Abbey	TBC
27th Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am
27th Sat	Coffee Morning	Munslow Village Hall	10.30am
27th Sat	Race Night	Westhope Village Hall	7pm
27th Sat	Harmonia Sacra	St Milburga's, Clee St Margaret	TBA
28th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
28th Sun	Harmonia Sacra	St Milburga's, Clee St Margaret	10am & 3.30pm

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3rd Fri	Rummage Sale	Westhope Village Hall	10am
4th Sat	Corvedale Concert	St Peter's Church, Diddlebury	7.30pm
9th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
11th Sat	Garden Group	Acton Scott Hall and Farm	10am
11th Sat	Edge Chamber Choir Concert	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow	7.30pm
11th Sat	Harvest Hog Roast	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
15th Wed	Flicks in the Sticks	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm
15th Wed	RSPB Talk - Tour of India - Steve Dawes	Wistanstow Village Hall	7.30pm
18th Sat	Harvest Supper	Westhope Village Hall	TBA
19th Sun	RSPB Walk	Gilfach and Aton Marteg	10.30am
22nd Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
24th Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
24th Fri	Promise Auction	Culmington Village Hall	TBA
26th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
29th Wed	Quiz Night	Diddlebury Village Hall	7pm

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	Westhope Village Hall	9.45-10.45am
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	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



**Corvedale & District
AUTUMN SHOW**
Diddlebury Village Hall
Saturday, September 6, 2025
2pm-4pm




The show schedule is now available.
ross.stokes@icloud.com
01584 841694



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the **CATWALK COLLECTIVE FASHION SHOW** returns to...
St Laurence's Church
Ludlow. Proceeds to the church

SAVE THE DATE
19.09.25

A Charity Music Evening
raising funds for local causes
Friday 5 September - 6.30pm for 7pm
St Laurence's Church, Ludlow
be entertained by local musicians



Kim & Martin Olyett
Folk

Kim Begley and David Gaukroger
Flanders & Swan Classics



Rockfall
Rock & Roll Band

Rockspring Community Choir



Julian Mount
singer / song writer



Tickets £12.50 per person from the Ludlow Assembly Rooms
(www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk)
Presented by Ludlow Rotary Club



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 24 September
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



GREY WOLF
in concert

REGAL
THEATRE

Friday 19th September 7.30pm

The popular Marches band Grey Wolf returns for a headline show.

Tickets: £18.50 and £17.50 concessions.

www.regaltheatretisbury.co.uk Box Office 01584 811442

UPCOMING EVENTS at DVH

September 24	1 st QUIZ of the new season – Book now to find out why our quizzes always sell-out!
October 11	HARVEST SUPPER HOG ROAST with music by Kitty and Gary = FAMILY FUN!
October 29	Autumn QUIZ night – another night of great quizzing and lots of fun and laughter.
November 22	A return of our popular CHILLI & LIVE MUSIC NIGHT with Jon & Mick on guitars
December 10	Our festive CHRISTMAS QUIZ night – a chance to wear your Christmas jumpers!
December 19	Christmas Carols beside the Diddle Brook with Mulled wine & Mince Pies at the Hall
December 31	Stefano's Hootenanny – See in the New Year with your friends & neighbours

SAVE THE DATES

For more information keep a look out for posters and at our Facebook page.

Corvedale Concerts

Jarualda Quartet

Haydn: Quartet in D major Op 64 No 5 'The Lark'

Henley: 'Lyric Movement' ~ *World Première*

Beethoven: Quartet in F minor Op 95 'Serioso'

Shostakovich: Quartet No 8 Op 110

Alex Postlethwaite & David Joyce ~ Violins

Jane Park ~ Viola & Ruth Henley ~ Cello

Saturday 4th October ~ 7.30 pm

St Peter's Church, Diddlebury, SY7 9DH

Tickets £17.50 / £5 U18 available from
 TicketSource www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-concerts
 or on the door (subject to availability)

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DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

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

SAVE THE DATES

Sept 24 **QUIZ Night**
 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

New season starts
Wednesday
15th October

	The Corvedale Book Club Meet to discuss their latest book choice. Contact Corvedale.book.group@gmail.com	Thursday 11th September 19:00
	Our 1st QUIZ of the 2025 Winter/Spring season – don't miss out! Teams of 4 - £10 per team Booking essential 07396 730342 or diddleburyvillagehall@gmail.com	Wednesday 24th September 19:00 for 19:30
Harvest Supper Hog Roast	George the Hog Man's Hog Roast & Music by Kitty & Gary = fun for all the family. Tickets available until October 1st – see advert for details	Sat. 11th October
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 448832	Tuesdays 18.00
	Tai Chi Contact Enid Gill: 07877 250275 hello@goldenthreadscic.com	Thursdays 10.00 - 11.00
	Pilates with Tina Bookings only via pilateswithtina@outlook.com	Thursdays 18:00 – 19:00
	Physiotherapist-led Pilates. Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412	Fridays 9.15 - 10.15

ABDON VILLAGE HALL

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Un-Finished Objects (UFO) Craft Group

The UFO craft group will be restarting in September, as usual, on the second Saturday of the month, **Saturday 13th September**, 10.30 - 12.30 after the summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th September, 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

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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

The Beefy Boys are back again!

Sunday 7th September

From 12.30pm onwards, come for lunch or tea, or both! Plus Laura' providing ice cream and Jordan with musical entertainment throughout the afternoon. Bar open.

Lunch Club

Please note no lunch club in September.

FUTURE EVENTS

Corvedale Tractor and 4x4 run

Sunday 5th October

Starting and finishing at Seifton Farm, Culmington.

Contact Andrew Mear 07588 108 716,

andrewmear@btinternet.com, Pat Caine 07966 387 815

or Lewis Weaver 07831 606 079.

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

Promise Auction

Friday 24th October

With lots of super things on offer to bid for! Bar open.

More details to follow.

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our community lunch planned for 3rd September due to the road being closed from the Corvedale road to Westhope during that week. So sorry for any inconvenience, I know you all look forward to these events.

On **Friday 12th September** we have our **Skittles Social Evening** from 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. Licensed bar and refreshments available.

Saturday 27th September is our **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. All donations greatly received. Collection can be arranged or a time to drop off by calling 07860 447 397.

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

Would anyone be interested in attending a refresher demonstration for the use of the defibrillator at the village hall? A date to be arranged if there is enough interest. Please contact Betty 07860 447 397 if you would like to attend.

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

Betty Manley

MUNSLOW VILLAGE HALL

Our next event will be a fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support. This will be a coffee morning at the village hall on **Saturday 27th September**, between 10.30am and 12 noon. We will have our usual tea and coffee and lovely cakes plus a raffle. Look forward to seeing everyone.

Lesley Dobson

MILLICHOPE DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Friday 5th September

at 7.30pm

St Peter's Church, Diddlebury

Admission £12.50 to include a glass of wine.

John Brentnall will be interviewing Lindsay Bury in the style of Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs* to find out about his life and times.

CHURCH NEWS

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

Looking back, I am somewhat startled to find that this is the fourteenth September in which I have written a letter as the parish priest for the Corvedale. I have to say that I'm not really sure where thirteen years went! In September 2012, I wrote a bit about who I am and about my career up to that point and then I wrote about change and the importance of us, as Christians, witnessing to the love and power of God.

Thirteen years on, much has changed as we look around us locally – old friends have moved away or died, new friends have moved in, new houses have been built, church buildings have been repaired (there is still more to do); we can all add things to this list. Other things have stayed the same, and we can list those too.

Through it all, the main purpose of the church hasn't changed – we continue to be here for anyone in the parishes who wishes to come and share in what we do as we do our best to witness to the love and power of God. We are here for the celebrations in life and for those times when life is tough. Most weeks there is at least one service which uses the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. This uses language which is traditional and beautiful and has been used in these churches for generations. Other services use more contemporary language, which we may find easier to understand. Messy Church uses a format which is completely different, with crafts and activities before a story and a shared meal – and helps new generations to know not only that church is a place which it can be good to go to but also helps them to learn some of the stories from the Bible which help us to know God.

All of this is part of the story of the church here in the Corvedale – we invite you to be part of the coming chapters in that story as we continue to do our best to share the love of God with all those who would like to accept it.

Rev'd John Beesley

REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

19th July Hugh Richard Williams Broadstone

WEDDINGS

25th July Lucy Jackson and Samuel Boden Diddlebury

FUNERALS

23rd July Vilna Kirkup Diddlebury

FLOWERS & BRASSES

SEPTEMBER 2025

7th Zena Morgan 14th Zena Morgan

21st Liz Jones 28th Liz Jones

MUNSLOW CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who supported the church fete on 16th August. It was, once again, a really enjoyable afternoon in delightful surroundings and we are very grateful to all those who helped or contributed in any way as well as all who came to partake of teas or games or to purchase from the stalls. There are some expenses to pay but we took £1,082.87, which is a tremendous result. Thank you!

Rev'd John Beesley

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With thanks for your continued support.

The Corvedale News Team

VJ DAY CELEBRATIONS AT CULMINGTON CHURCH

The accompanying photo is of the small but moving service held on Friday 15th August to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of the war in Japan. The church bells were rung at 10.30am and this was followed by a small service of prayer. Flags were draped over the altar rails and a shield painted red with 'VJ' intertwined was also displayed.

The story behind this shield is that it was prepared and painted in 1945 to mark this rather sombre occasion after the dropping of the two atomic bombs. When Jeremy Hardwick married Val on VJ day in 1980 his father presented them with the shield to mark a happier occasion.

Val Hardwick



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CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP



Saturday 9th August saw thirty-one members of the group head to Brooches House, Craven Arms in the glorious sunshine to explore the herbaceous borders, rose beds, lawns and terraces plus the beautiful view towards the Stretton hills. We were made very welcome by Anthony and Julia who were given the derelict cottage soon after their marriage. They rebuilt it in 1985 with much of the stone for the house and surrounds sourced locally, including the old Craven Arms station.

As many gardens do, the design of this one has changed over the years to its current layout which since 2020 includes the five acres adjoining the house. This area now includes a productive, very tidy vegetable and fruit garden and, as someone who fails to ever grow a decent pepper, I was very envious of theirs. The successive salad planting too was a particular delight as I never



manage to do this and we either have no salad or bolted salad! There are areas of wildflowers too within the five acres encouraging an abundance of birds and insects. Dizzy's Dingle, a small pool, also provides wildlife

habitats and the 'hobbit hut', a human habitat for wining, dining and enjoying the view. There are many seating areas

around the garden for those moments when there is no more gardening to do... or does that ever happen? The flourishing herbaceous beds include a range of traditional plants including dahlias; the occasional

sculpture and the feature rose bed of Olivia Rose Austin which has a light fragrance and flowers most of the season. The visit was a delight for everyone, and the walk around was followed by delicious coffee and cake.



Anthony and Julia are going to donate our entry money to the National Garden Scheme.

The garden group is free to join: you just need to email corvedale.garden.group@gmail.com and ask me to add you to the email list. The next visit is on **Saturday 13th September** when we will visit the National Collection of Sarracenia in Wrockwardine and members will be sent details nearer the time: cost £2.50. On **Saturday 11th October** we have a special private tour of Acton Scott Hall garden and the heritage farm. The cost for this visit is £30 and there are only a few places left so if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible via the email address above.

Alison Benbow



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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

DIDDLEBURY AND WESTHOPE WI

A lovely summer evening and the opportunity to tour three beautiful and interesting gardens in Shropshire. What could be more perfect than that! Wonderful company and tasty food you might decide, well that was covered too!

Our WI gathered at the kind invitation of three of our members to tour their gardens finishing at the third for drinks and delicious food. The weather remained good, which we have begun to expect this summer, and we shared cars, so thank you to all drivers.

We arrived at the first garden along a pretty lane and drive. Cynthia and her husband gave us the guided tour. The garden rambled around their house and was large. There were lots of flowers still out and we strolled up a gentle slope to summer houses, greenhouses and a large barn. Two ponds and a very productive fruit and vegetable garden completed the picture. We all took our time walking around and hearing the changes they had made over the seven years they have lived there. The garden was lovely and green with lots of mature trees and a stream running alongside and not a weed in sight! Many envious members drooled over the healthy-looking vegetables and still-maturing fruit. A brilliant start to our evening.

We then took a short stroll to our next garden at Claire's very pretty cottage. Again, lots of work had been done in the short time the family had lived in this picturesque home. Chickens roamed and produce was being grown. Flowers were aplenty too, and petals were being collected with great diligence for an upcoming wedding. A lovely terrace and front garden with pots and beautiful views of the surrounding countryside and garden completed the picture.

We meandered up the lane further then to our third garden, the entrance tucked away behind the pretty cottage/house. It was a good job we had good tour guides, as I don't think we would have found it!

Beautiful flower beds and such healthy-looking plants thrived around the back of the house with arches and hidden sitting areas. We walked along well-mown paths, finding many of the hidden nooks and crannies of this garden and thoroughly enjoying the beautiful space. Anne our president, had worked extremely hard and prepared their adjoining annex, which is open to the garden with tables and chairs to allow us then to enjoy the delicious food and drink bought along by everyone to share.

A magical evening was finished off admiring all the work that had gone into our entries for the Burwarton show this year. Very well deserved second and third places were gained and lots of hard work and skill by all the members involved was celebrated.

Torches were needed to light us back to cars: you can tell we were reluctant to leave! Our grateful thanks to Cynthia, Claire and Anne for sharing their beautiful gardens with us.

Our next meeting will be a joint one with Munslow WI at Beambridge on **Wednesday 10th September** at 7.30 pm.

As always, if anyone would like to come along to our meetings either as a visitor for the evening or join as a member you would be very welcome. The visitor fee is £2. Please ring Joy Williams our secretary if you would like any further information on 01584 861 849.

Jayne Disley

HAYTON & DISTRICT WI

With no meeting in August to report on, it simply remains for me to remind parish communities that the date of our next meeting will be **Thursday 11th September** at 7.30pm and to announce that we will have a talk by Christopher Harper, Severn Trent's Educational Officer, entitled *Severn Trent Water – Going With The Flow*.

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 guest 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 for further information: Phyllis Steventon, Branch President, 01584 823 436, or Jennette Arnold OBE, Branch Secretary, via email at haytonanddistrictwi@wi-shropshire.co.uk. Stay safe, well and cool this summer.

Louise Gough

MUNSLOW WI

Happy 95th Birthday Munslow WI!

Munslow WI members had a thoroughly good time this month celebrating our birthday - 95 years since the group was started, which takes us back to 1930, well before WWII and only fifteen years after the foundation of the national WI. We had a wonderful garden party, complete with chocolate cake and champagne and a delicious spread cooked by one of our members. Sitting on an extremely hot day in the shade of a gazebo, we enjoyed catching up and exchanging news.



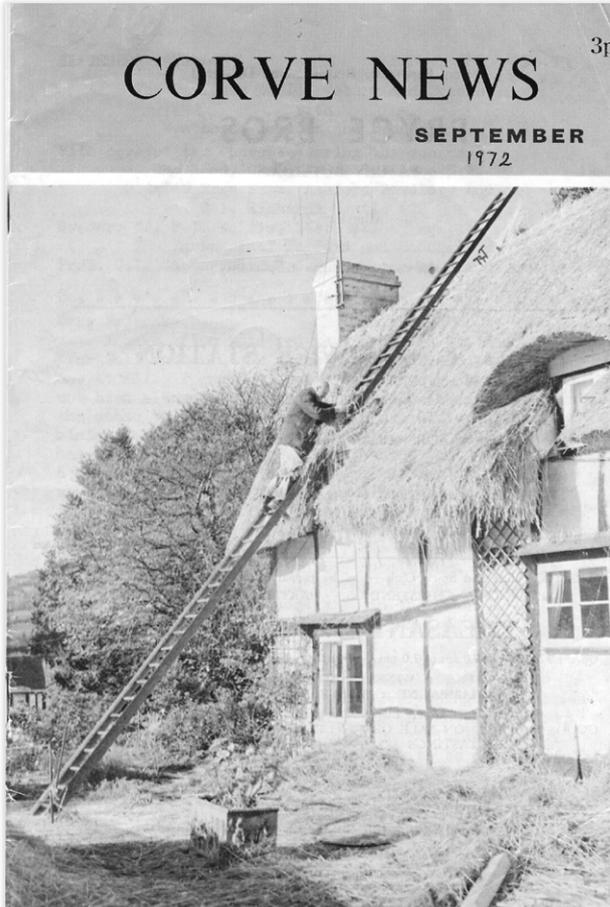
The next meeting, a joint one with Diddlebury and Westhope, is a talk by JP Nancy Walsh on prison visiting. It is an open meeting so all are welcome and will be held on **Wednesday 10th September** at 7:30pm at Munslow Village Hall. Please get in touch with our Secretary, Val Hardwick, on 01584 861 658 if you would like more information.

Wendy Brogden
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OLD CORVEDALE NEWS

This month we thought it might be interesting to take a look at what was happening in the Corvedale in September 1972-53 years ago! So here is a flavour of what was going on. You will see that, although many things have changed, some remain the same.

The Corvedale News Team



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The Parishes of Diddlebury and Munslow
with
Westhope, Bouldon and Broadstone.

With care of the Churches during the vacancy:
The Revd. Canon Roger H. Baines M.A.
Old Yew Tree Farm, Ashford Bowdler, Ludlow.
Tel. Richards Castle 602

Reader: Mr. F.C. Wallis, Westhope.

The Parishes of Tugford and Holdgate.
Preb. C.J. Gusterson A.K.C., Stokesay Vicarage, Craven
Arms. (3306)

Dear Friends,

I have often wondered what I should write as a 'Farewell Letter' - or indeed whether I should write one at all. I can say that my seven years here have not been altogether easy, but they have been great in the sense that I, somewhat raw from a different kind of ministry, have learnt a great deal. I am not sure what has been achieved, but I like to think that we now have a slightly different attitude towards our churches and what they stand for. What I mean is that in the past, the old principle of one clergyman per village was the rule. With a small parish, a priest had the time, and was often the best person available to organise and run all church activities, with the result that the church was very "Vicarage centred". This type of ministry is becoming less and less possible: in the greater part of the country it has gone completely and I doubt if it is suitable for modern generations.

I am sure that if their faith is to come alive, people need much more involvement with their church: they must have a hand in planning everything from church services to youth clubs - including the Mothers' Union. But of course they must also be keen Christians who are really alive to what the church ought to be doing at the present time.

The Church does not exist to form a little 'club' of people who all agree with each other and who are not really interested in anyone who doesn't fit in. The Church exists to witness, proclaim and maintain the work of Christ. Caring for the faithful is an important

function, but only part of the whole job: caring for ancient buildings is also important, but much further down on the list.

If the church is to be really alive, its members must look upon themselves as belonging to a movement constantly seeking new ways of witnessing to Christ in an age of Godlessness and materialism.

On the whole I am sure it is a good thing that there are not quite so many clergy available for small parishes. It can mean that people have to ask themselves, possibly for the first time, 'What does God want me to do as a Christian; as a member of - Church?'

I would like to think that this is in the minds of many of our members and we are not still trying to perpetuate or re-create a type of church life common in the last century.

I am conscious of many failings as your parish priest - especially if some have felt that I have had no time to see them.

I expect you will be glad to know that, although no new incumbent is in sight as yet, Canon Roger Baines has been given pastoral oversight of the parishes for the time being. He will be responsible for all services except the 8 a.m. celebrations at Diddlebury which will be covered by the Stokesay clergy. He will also be looking after the home communicants.

Further details about the interregnum are included in this magazine. From me there is one more 'Thank you', - this time to the Staff and children of Munslow School who gave me a lovely tray and 'The Book of British Birds'. As with the wild flowers, there won't be many interesting specimens to see in Hammersmith - mostly pigeons and 'sparrers' but I shall enjoy looking at it.

I hope this is not my last word in 'Corve News' and that I may be allowed a few lines in the next issue.

With every blessing,

John Ellis.

Our new address:
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HOLDGATE AND TUGFORD

	Holdgate	Tugford
Sept. 3rd.	Evensong 3	-
10th.	H.C.9	H.C.10
17th.	Evensong 3	-
24th.	H.C.9	Evensong 6.30.
		HARVEST FESTIVAL
Oct. 1st.	Evensong 3	-

FLOWERS AND BRASSES

Diddlebury:	Sept. 3rd. Mrs. Mitchell.	10th. & 17th. Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Lewis.	24th & Oct. 1st. Mrs. and Miss Bradley.
Munslow:	Sept. 3rd. & 10th. Mrs. S. Williams.	17th. to Oct. 1st. Mrs. F. Davies.	

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ADVANCE NOTICE

HARVEST SUPPER
&
SALE
at the
Club Room, Beambridge.
Monday Oct. 9th
Tickets from Church Council Members

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DURING THE VACANCY

Services.

Lists will be published as usual. There is a slight reduction in number: at Diddlebury there will be only two 8 a.m. celebrations - the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month and the 10 a.m. at Munslow on the 1st Sunday is transferred to Diddlebury, replacing the usual Mattins.

The Magazine.

This will continue, though in a reduced form. If anyone wants something put in the magazine, it should be sent to Norman Forbes, Corfton by the 20th. of the month for inclusion in the issue for the following month.

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CREAMY COURGETTE LASAGNE

This is a great recipe for using up a glut of courgettes. It goes really well with a green salad or a tomato and red onion salad, with balsamic vinegar and olive oil.



GREAT RECIPES
TO TRY AT HOME

From the kitchen of Judy Gould

INGREDIENTS - Serves 4

- 9 dried lasagne sheets
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 700g courgette, coarsely grated
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 250g tub ricotta
- 50g cheddar

For the tomato sauce

- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Or you could use a 350g jar of ready-made tomato sauce

METHOD

1. Heat oven to 220°C/fan 200°C/gas mark 7.
2. First make the tomato sauce:
 - I. Heat the olive oil in a frying pan and sweat the onion for 10 minutes or so until soft and translucent.
 - II. Add the garlic and cook for a further 2 minutes
 - III. Add the tomato puree and tinned tomatoes and bring to a simmer
 - IV. If using a ready-made tomato sauce heat in small saucepan till hot
3. Put a large pan of water on to boil, then add the lasagne sheets one at time, stir vigorously and cook for about 5 minutes until soft, but not cooked through. Rinse in cold water, then drizzle with a little oil to stop them sticking together.
4. Heat the oil in a large frying pan, add the onion and fry for 10 minutes. Add the courgettes and garlic and continue to fry until the courgette has softened.
5. Stir in two-thirds of both the ricotta and the cheddar, and season to taste.
6. In a large baking dish, layer up the lasagne, starting with half the courgette mix, then pasta, then tomato sauce. Repeat and top with blobs of the remaining ricotta, then scatter with the rest of the cheddar.
7. Bake on the top shelf for about 15-20 minutes until the pasta is tender and the cheese is golden.

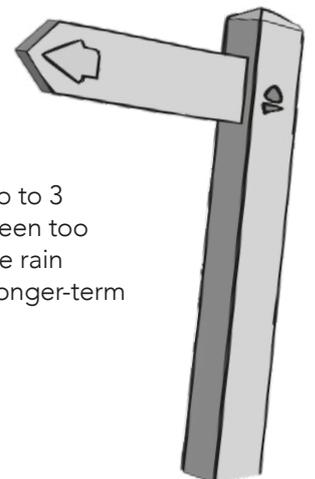
CORVEDALE FOOTPATH & MAINTENANCE GROUP

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. Sadly, this has not been possible in recent months as the ground has been too hard for manual digging to insert new posts etc., so like many of you, we will be very pleased to see rain when it comes! 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 working parties are:

Wednesday 24th September, Friday 26th September, Sunday 28th September.

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.



DORMICE ON OUR DOORSTEPS

Few people have seen a Hazel Dormouse before. They are secretive little creatures, mainly active during the night, arboreal (living in trees and hedges) and hibernating for many months. Also, their numbers have seen a dramatic, nationwide decline since the 1950s.

But here around the Clee Hills, Corvedale and Wenlock Edge, we have some strongholds of this

gingery, fuzzy tailed, wide-eyed mouse. Following on from the Abdon & District Wildlife Group's Dormouse project, more and more local people are out looking for the tell-tale signs that we are sharing our landscape with this delightful little creature and many landowners are taking practical steps; planting hedgerows, erecting nest boxes and coppicing woodland, to support the survival of this species.



Late summer/early autumn is the best time of year to go on a nibbled nut hunt. Dormice eat hazelnuts in a very distinctive way, creating a very neat smooth hole, with external teeth marks at a 45-degree angle to the hole edge. They look like perfect little clogs. Find a fruiting hazel tree and search the surrounding ground for any nibbled nuts.

As part of our dormouse surveying in the area, we are also deploying footprint tunnels, allowing us to take prints of mice feet as they move through the hedge network, searching for natural nests, checking nest boxes and using specially adapted trail cameras and bait stations.

Dormice have a couple of things that are crucial to their survival. They need a succession of food across the year, so diversity in plant species is very important. When they awake from hibernation in March/April they are starving and have used up most of their energy reserves getting through the winter. At this time, early spring flowering trees and bushes, as a source of nectar, are really important for them. Next comes the summer when insect numbers are increasing. Having trees with larger leaves, which attract caterpillars provides a good food source. Autumn can be a bountiful time, providing a good number of berries and nuts, allowing them to fatten up for winter.

Habitat connectivity is the second most important thing for dormice. They prefer not to go to ground, so having copses, spinneys and woodlands, connected by nice bushy hedge corridors, is really important to allow genetics to move between populations. We have a good population of dormice around Ditton Priors; can these mice share their genetics with those dormice on Wenlock Edge? Or around to the other side of the Brown Clee?

That is my hope and aim, that by working with local people, landowners and funders, we can create 'bushy belts' across the landscape, providing a connected landscape of food and nesting habitats for these beautiful creatures to not just survive, but thrive.

If you would like to learn more about dormice or would like to take some proactive steps to help support dormice where you live, then please feel free to contact me.

Lucy Grove, Land Girl Friday
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CORVEDALE CONCERTS

The first of the new season's Corvedale Concerts series will be taking place on **Saturday 4th October** at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church, Diddlebury, featuring the *Jarvalda Quartet*, who were artists-in-residence for the duration of the Corvedale festival. The programme features Haydn's *Quartet in D (Lark)*, Beethoven *Op 95 (Serioso)*, the World première of Paul Henley's *Lyric Movement* and, in tribute to the fiftieth anniversary of his death, Shostakovich's iconic eighth quartet.

Tickets are £17.50 / £5 under 18s which includes wine or soft drink and nibbles. They are available from TicketSource www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-concerts, or on the door, subject to availability. Don't miss this chance to hear some of the repertoire's greatest music played live by Shropshire's premier quartet!

Ruth Henley

ST MILBURGA'S CHURCH, STOKE ST MILBOROUGH

It is with eager anticipation that we will be welcoming *Harmonia Sacra* to St. Milburga's again at the end of September. *Harmonia Sacra* is a first-rate choir centred in Bristol that has performed across Europe including at the Vatican. They sing mostly four or more-part, sacred music, under the direction of Peter Leech.

We will again welcome them for the weekend, this year on **27th and 28th September**, when they will make the most of our wonderful church acoustic to rehearse this season's repertoire, eat with us on Saturday evening, sing mass at the Benefice Service at 10am on Sunday morning and give a short concert at 3.30pm on Sunday afternoon - a treat which is open to you all. Do come and enjoy.

Sue Cornah

MUSINGS ON LIFE...

AS THE OX PLOUGHS, SO PLOUGH WE? AND YOUR HOMEWORK FOR NEXT TIME!

As you read this your eye travels from left to right and from the top of the page to the bottom. If it were not so you would be totally disorientated. But it was not always like this.

It is thought that every society making the decision to write started writing in columns conveying thoughts pictorially, which are called 'pictograms.' Many eastern languages still write so and then read right to left.

Once writing became phonetic (sounds represented language) it became horizontal, possibly in Greece about 3,000 years ago. Then, about two and a half thousand years ago something strange occurred. People in the western world started scribing right to left but when they got to the left margin they carried on and returned in the opposite direction. This is referred to as boustrophedon, which means 'as the ox ploughed.' It seems that the Greeks pinched huge amounts of technical stuff from that ancient hotspot of culture, Mesopotamia, 'the land between the rivers' (Tigris and Euphrates). They then recorded this in their own language but obviously thought it was fine to change the whole writing system. There is a technical name for this sort of thing – a flaming nerve!

This ox stuff should mean something to us. For 1,000 years England fed itself as the ox ploughs, forming ridges ploughing in alternate directions up and down the field giving the characteristic 'ridge and furrow' pattern. Locally



it is still possible to see these earthworks in some conditions. Here is an aerial photograph near Abdon showing fragments of ridge and furrow.

Apparently, ox plough writing didn't last long in the western world. It was replaced by the modern left-to-right script.

A few months ago, a small group of friends and I just happened to get on to the subject of the human split brain, where the intellectual part is very decidedly divided into left and right. This is referring to the super-intelligent bit that we name the cerebral hemispheres at the top of the brain which look rather like two over-sized walnuts. Only superficially are these symmetrical and, as for the way they function, that could hardly be more different. Now, this is a bit complex

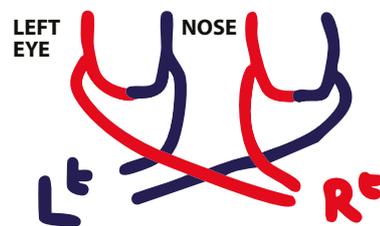
and beyond a short article, but a lot of fascinating modern work has shown interesting traits of the two sides of the brain which have superseded the old notion that the left brain was magisterially objective and right brain gushingly emotional.

This is a simplification, but it is more that the right brain takes the wider view, sees the artistic parallels and understands metaphor and the implicit: it gets the joke! The left side is executive – so we need it – but it doesn't easily take criticism and will grab at the ready answer. It is acquisitive and understands only the explicit and is unstably emotional.

Even if these are only summaries it seems pretty clear that we need the right side to ultimately rule the roost and many people are pointing out that the modern world increasingly looks like an unhealthy win for the left brain.

Here we have a problem! It has also been shown that the right brain prefers scanning a column and the left brain to scan horizontally from left to right, so maybe those old ox-ploughers have something to answer for.

No one would offer toffee for my drawings, but here is a crude representation of the information 'coming' from the right and left eye – retinac-optic tracts – brain (if in black and white, blue will be darker than red).



So here is your homework for next time (beware: there could be spot checks at any time!). Firstly, looking at the diagram and try to work out the effect of viewing something with your head in straight ahead position but swivelling your eyes to the left or right. Then work out what happens if you turn your head to view to the left or to the right.

The second part is to find a picture on the internet of the very famous representation of 'The Last Supper,' by Da Vinci and think about the two groups of disciples and what messages they are giving and receiving both by direction of vision and body language. Do you begin to see any pattern?

I hope all this will be a fun game for friends, family and neighbours, but actually there may be something important here!

Peter Cornah, villageadamandeve.com, 01584 823 858

EDGE CHAMBER CHOIR TO PERFORM WORLD PREMIERE

On **Saturday 11th October** at 7.30pm in St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, the Edge Chamber Choir will give the first complete performance of Cardiff composer Iain James Veitch's *Summer Days* as part of a concert based on the changing seasons. *Summer Days* includes settings of two poems by local poet Mary Webb and is for piano and choir, depicting the long lazy days of summer.

As the programme moves through the seasons, it offers music from a wide range of composers from Elgar, Ireland, Lili Boulanger and Poulenc, via the gorgeous *Autumn Leaves*

by Joseph Kosma, to more recent writers such as Cecilia McDowall, Veljo Tormis, Joanna Marsh and concluding with a beautiful carol, *In the Stillness* by Sally Beamish.

Connecting with the seasons theme of the concert, CSons, from the café on the Millenium Green and SourCed, will be providing an edible treat for concertgoers in the interval. Look out for further details of what this might be...

Tickets are £15 (under 16s free), available in advance from www.trybooking.com/uk/FENT, from choir members or on the door.

LUDLOW MAKES MUSIC

Ludlow has a reputation as the home of numerous musicians. An evening at St Laurence's Church, Ludlow has been arranged by Ludlow Rotary when five local acts will showcase their talent to raise funds in support of local charities and community groups.

The variety show will comprise performances by:

- Kim & Martin Olyett – folk singers
- Julian Mount – songwriter, singer, and musician
- Kim Begley & David Gaukrogers – Flanders & Swann classics
- Rockspring Community Choir
- Rockfall - rock & roll band

The evening is being held in support of 'Ludlow Rotary Cares', the club's annual community grants scheme. Over the past 11 years Ludlow Rotary has been able to make grants totaling £60,000 to around 110 local community projects through this scheme.

The club is therefore hugely grateful that these local artists will be giving their time and talent completely free of charge. With associated costs being met through generous sponsorship, it means that every penny raised will help ensure that the scheme goes ahead again in the year ahead.

The concert takes place on **Friday 5th September** and will begin at 7pm. Tickets are available from the Ludlow Assembly Rooms website: www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk.

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Kim Begley & David Gaukrogers

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

The First of September falls on a Monday this year. I like this, and find it neat and tidy! I also like September as it's like New Year – but not with capital letters. It marks the end of summer, too, as we wrap up the season and put it away until next year. The return to work after the holidays, the infants back to school, the children nervously starting 'big' school, mums are back to packing lunches, dads are sorting out the sports kits as the winter games change places with their summer cousins and so the year (sort of) starts again. It's another chance to make some resolutions.

So what else can September offer? For seventeen churches in Shropshire it's the time they celebrate the saint's day their church building is dedicated to; so five St Giles, one St Gregory the Great, one St Edith and ten St Michaels. I decided to find out something about St Giles, who has come up over the tea break when we scythers are out with Caring for God's Acre (our conversations range far and wide!).

St Giles starts off the month as his feast day is on the first, so a neat and tidy way to start (see first line above!). He has been very popular since the seventh century, which is when he was born, maybe in Greece. He moved to France, close to the



Ludford Church

village of Saint-Gilles, where he lived as a hermit. Each day he was visited by a deer hind who fed him her milk. But one day the king was out hunting and the clever hind hurried to the hermitage for protection. The king fired his arrow and instead of hitting the deer, it hit Giles instead, and he was crippled for life. He died at the beginning of the eighth century but that did not stop his popularity. A monastery was built on the spot of his tragic accident, and over time he became the patron saint of disabled people, beggars and lepers.

Leprosy was common in the Middle Ages, a time when churches started being built of stone. The general population was not keen on lepers sharing their space, so churches were built on the edges of towns and villages where lepers could attend services separately. They were dedicated to St Giles. In some churches you will find the 'squint' an angled opening in the wall near the altar where lepers could see the service from outside the building. Barrow church was a chapel of Much Wenlock Abbey and Ludford a chapel of Bromfield priory. In Shrewsbury, St Giles on Wenlock road was recorded as a church in 1136, and by 1155 there was a leper hospital on the site. Nothing of the hospital survives today, but St Giles church survives as a parish church in the town. Chetton and Badger churches are also dedicated to St Giles.

Anni Holden Calver
Secretary of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group (SCTG)
Trustee of Caring for God's Acre
and Churchyard Task Team cheerleader!
www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk



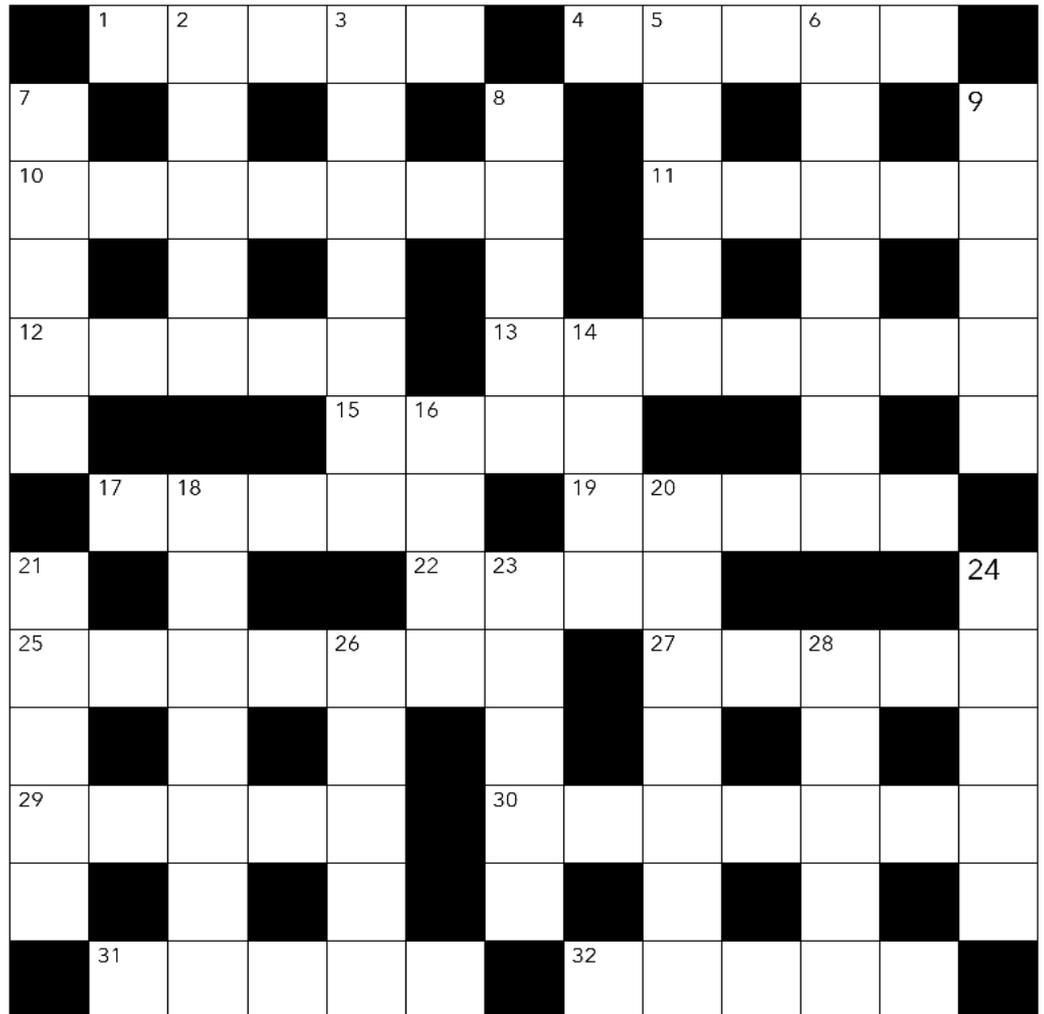
SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY ARTEMONAS

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

ACROSS

- 1) Own about fifty but split down the middle (5)
- 4) Animal doctors hold Scottish garments (5)
- 10) Last person can mend the shoes (7)
- 11) No in any case will vex (5)
- 12) More come from Essex traders (5)
- 13) Observe young attendant to find the leak (7)
- 15) Light bulb moment, from ideal situation (4)
- 17) Weight of a pebble (5)
- 19) Tread carefully round business (5)



- 22) Found in mathematical solutions as well (4)
- 25) The broken car beam highlighted something gruesome (7)
- 27) It's loud in tone, quite frequently (5)
- 29) Ron eagerly fell in, to initially put together again (5)
- 30) Fruit stirred as a must (7)
- 31) Yoga position made of wood (5)
- 32) Sibling without hesitation has soup (5)

DOWN

- 2) Bishop in boat adrift with monk (5)
- 3) Scoundrel gets in under the house (7)
- 5) Dodge Ed and Eva (5)
- 6) Vessel drank at get-together (7)
- 7) Behaved like a sort of cadet (5)
- 8) Delete periods before the English (5)
- 9) Customers talk of cow sheds (5)
- 14) Seat awkwardly for meals (4)
- 16) Letter opener is expensive (4)
- 18) Sensitive time to perform flu treatment (7)
- 20) Nothing in the list of jobs about a bird (7)
- 21) Well-dressed and clever? (5)
- 23) Smallest twisted tales (5)
- 24) Said to require a massage (5)
- 26) Continue innings and pass it on (5)
- 28) Faith in a financial arrangement (5)

GARDEN QUIZ ANSWERS

All Proceeds to Diddlebury Village Hall funds. Thanks to everyone who bought this quiz. I hope you all enjoyed the challenge. Over £175 was raised for the village hall, which was brilliant. Many thanks also for the lovely comments I have received. The overall winners were Jane and Trevor Allard with 66 correct answers winning the £20 cash prize.

Answers sound or look like things you might find in a garden i.e. plants, veg, tools etc. but no wildlife. Note: Spellings may differ(!) and there are some anagrams so look out for the clue within the clue.

Jean Drakes

1	Cute veg	Sweet Pea	36	Golf club frill	Woodruff
2	Fluid dispute	Loose Strife	37	Flag went up	Standard Rose
3	Lifter's pecker	Crane's Bill	38	Vestibule in mixed toss	Shallots
4	Gets dressed about mixed sam	Damsons	39	Asps topper	Snake's head
5	Colourfully brushed licker	Painted tongue	40	Canines canine reddish blue	Dogs tooth violet
6	Heady gran mix up	Hydrangea	41	Plaza depression	Mallow
7	Even cuts	Parsnips	42	Auto decay	Carrot
8	Prudish flower	Primrose	43	Cleric's bonnet	Bishop's Hat
9	Forbid a quarrel	Barrow	44	Toss Celia who lost her head	Lobelia
10	Caper incite	Larkspur	45	Argue about	Auger
11	1760 a 60	Mile a Minute	46	Material religious festival	Cotoneaster
12	Sloppy space	Mushroom	47	Firing celeb	Shooting Star
13	Monarch's pike	Kings Spear	48	Fop cat	Dandelion
14	Israelite King's glue down	Solomon's Seal	49	Bottom edge secure	Hemlock
15	Con mitt	Foxglove	50	Frayed Mr. Hood	Ragged Robin
16	Mixed avails	Salvia	51	Germ pest	Bugbane
17	Refuse exist line	Barbeque	52	Fix the water in the past	Plumbago
18	Hello short biscuit not them	Hibiscus	53	Devon river danger	Tamarisk
19	Painter description stifle	Artichoke	54	French eat all	Mange tout
20	City vanity	London Pride	55	Sharpen animal home	Honesty
21	Frenzy limited	Feverfew	56	Stock small Albert	Filbert
22	Crust promises to pay	Scabious	57	Nectar nurse	Honeysuckle
23	Regret thorn	Rhubarb	58	Fiery fleshy edges	Hot Lips
24	Lettuce short medical officers	Cosmos	59	Spoil a line	Marrow
25	Mix up wanting care	Watering Can	60	Draw off liquid family	Pumpkin
26	Ricocheting punt	Bouncing Bet	61	Swan halt working	Penstemon
27	Lea regret	Meadow Rue	62	Amusing man	Fungi
28	Around coin eat	Aconite	63	Scathing annoy	Stinging Nettle
29	Cold rain plunge	Snowdrop	64	Unripe measure	Greengage
30	Flint trim	Stone Crop	65	Cut each	Lopper
31	Dog bloom	Cauliflower	66	Break monster	Snapdragon
32	Reserve	Stock	67	Sink a digit	Potato
33	Hurry as best you can	Speedwell	68	Is in 24 hours	Daisy
34	Sad deer call	Bluebell	69	Thump gets growing	Beetroot
35	Bovine lost balance	Cowslip	70	Sunrise kudos	Morning Glory

NEWS FROM MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Shropshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy is one of 48 strategies being developed across England. At a recent meeting, Munslow parish council discussed a Nature Recovery Strategy Group to make a plan for the parish. The plan would set out how the parish wants to protect, manage and improve nature within the parish, for both people and nature itself. If you are interested please contact Heather the parish clerk on munslowpc@gmail.com

Caring For Gods Acre supports Munslow parish council in maintaining the closed burial ground in Munslow. Their churchyard task team come to the burial ground once or twice a year to manage the grassed areas, cutting back overgrowth and encouraging wildlife. They need a local person to join them when they do visit and their next visit to the Munslow burial ground is on **Tuesday 16th September**. If you are interested in welcoming the team to the burial ground and joining them for their session from 10am - 3pm on 16th September then please let Heather (Munslow parish council clerk) know on munslowpc@gmail.com.

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 2025 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs D Hedgley, T O'Boyle, R Povall, A Watson, A Rattu, R Morgan, A Watts, S Povall and C Martyn.

Apologies: Cllr Colin Stanford, Corvedale Division Shropshire Councillor.

In attendance: The Clerk.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 25th June 2025 were approved and two matters arising were dealt with.

Reports: *The Chairman* reported on his discussion with Mrs Annie Brick. He had raised further issues concerning the planning difficulties at Green Farm. He had completed and submitted SC's Youth Questionnaire and on Friday he would be representing DPC at the Better Communications symposium being held by Shropshire Council, at which he would ask for a dedicated member of the highways team to act as a first point of contact for DPC. He had dealt with issues concerning notices on the DPC bus shelters. He had completed a crime survey and pointed out that we get no feedback or visits from the Police. Cllr R Povall said local farmers get all their information about crime in the area from the NFU.

Corvedale Cllr Stanford did not attend the meeting but sent a written report with information about major infrastructure projects to highways north of Shrewsbury. SC had acquired two new resurfacing machines which hopefully would resurface and repair potholes with a pressurised mix that sealed repairs. The Shropshire Local Plan had been rejected by the Inspectorate in February: SC was hoping to offer training and guidance to parish councils on how to be an effective part of the call to landowners and developers to put forward proposals for site developments. He had been appointed as a member of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Group and would attend his first meeting on 30th July.

Flood Action Group Report: Cllr Martyn had attended a Flood Forum meeting on 3rd July at which the problems in Bouldon had been discussed: work would start in August. The wall at Peaton had been repaired satisfactorily. He had discussed the concerns raised by a resident about the development at 3-4 Mill Lane, Diddlebury. He hoped Jack Wrigley would take his gamekeeper with him when he went to inspect the leaky dams with Sarah Markness of Shropshire Wildlife Trust as the gamekeeper had much local knowledge about where leaky dams are most effective: a fact which was confirmed by Cllr Watts.

Diddlebury Village Hall Report: Cllr Rattu had attended a DVH meeting on 7th July. It had been suggested that a big sign be painted on the end wall identifying the hall more easily from the road. There had been much discussion about notice boards: the

hall was planning to erect its own notice board and advised that information on the Three Castles map was out of date.

Highways And Environmental Matters: The Chairman, Andy Keyland of highways and local residents had met to discuss the impact that the proposed road closure scheme in Bouldon would have on residents and businesses. Cllr Watson said Severn Trent's works had been completed but they were planning to install a new water tank at the Moors site. Cllr O'Boyle was concerned for the safety of children playing in Mill Lane during the holidays. The Chairman felt DPC had done all it could in safety terms by erecting the recent warning signs and creating the new playground. Cllr Rattu asked if anything further had been heard about the united approach to highways and about the speed on the B4368. Nothing further had been heard and there had been no police presence. The Clerk had raised a damaged bridge over a culvert in Westhope with highways and would seek a progress report.

Communications and Correspondence: Nine items were considered and noted.

Finance Report for July 2025: Cheques totalling £753.18 were approved for payment, after which DPC held funds of £19,999.33 including ring fenced and third-party funds. The cash book/bank statements reconciliation were approved by Cllr O'Boyle.

The provision of a notice board in Bache Mill was discussed. Having discussed this with some residents, Cllr Martyn had not as yet established a satisfactory site for a board, so the matter would be deferred to the next meeting. The board at Sutton may just need work on the legs: Cllr Watts would ask Mr T Pardoe to have a look at it.

Any Other Business: The IT problems experienced by the Clerk during July were discussed at length. A new domain name for DPC namely clerk@diddlebury-pc.gov.uk had now been launched but was being used concurrently with the outlook.com email address to prevent emails being lost.

As there was no further business to conduct, the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 24th September commencing at 7.30pm at Westhope Village Hall. There would be no meeting in August unless urgent matters arose.

Agendas and full copies of the Minutes and finance reports can be viewed by visiting the Diddlebury Parish Council website at www.diddleburyparish.co.uk or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett at No 12 Church Road, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, SY7 0DH. Tel: 01547 519282. Email clerk@diddlebury-pc.gov.uk or diddleburypc@outlook.com

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ACROSS:	1) Halve	4) Vests	10) Cobbler	11) Annoy	12) Extra	13) Seepage	15) Idea	17) Stone
	19) Trade	22) Also	25) Macabre	27) Often	29) Refer	30) Satsuma	31) Plank	32) Broth
DOWN:	2) Abbot	3) Villain	5) Evade	6) Tankard	7) Acted	8) Erase	9) Byres	14) Eats
	16) Dear	18) Tactful	20) Rooster	21) Smart	23) Least	24) Knead	26) Baton	28) Trust

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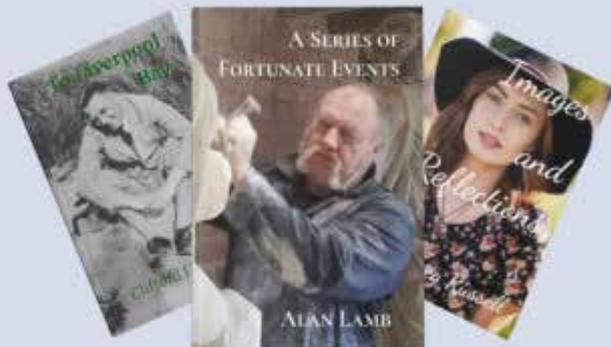
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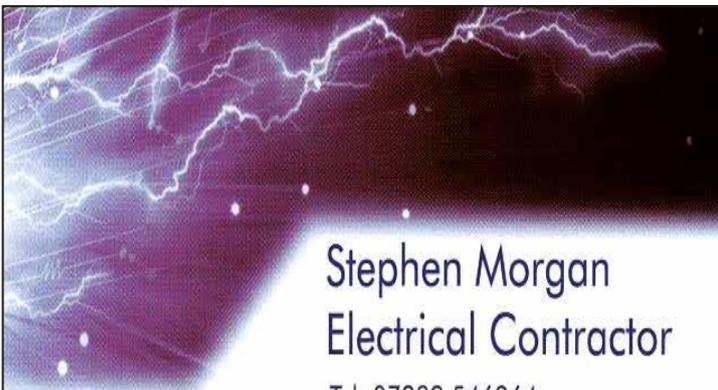
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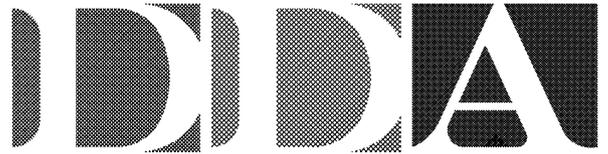
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This is a free service and issues purely local information such as road closures, flood warnings, planning applications, local events and so on to its members on a regular basis. If you would like to join this service, please email Martin Jones: martingcn@gmail.com

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THE CORVEDALE GROUP OF PARISHES

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2025

	7th September Trinity 12	14th September Trinity 13	21st September Trinity 14	28th September Trinity 15	5th October Trinity 16
Abdon		9:45 HC		6pm Songs of Praise	Joint Harvest Service at Munslow
Broadstone			8:30 HC		
Culmington	11:15 HC		6pm Compline	8:30 HC (BCP)	11:15 HC
Diddlebury	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	9:45 HC
Holdgate	8:30 HC				8:30 HC
Munslow	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC	6pm Harvest Service for Munslow and Abdon at Munslow
Tugford			9:45 HC		

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