

THE CORVEDALE NEWS

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The Corvedale's Community Magazine



Red Kite Over The Corvedale - Gregg Hassall

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WHAT'S ON IN THE DALE



CORVEDALE TOTS

For Bumps, Babies, Toddlers & Parents!

MONDAYS 10AM-12PM
TERM TIME ONLY

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



£2.50 PER FAMILY



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



Weekly Whist Drives



Every Monday
All ages and abilities welcome

Doors open 7pm
Start 7:30pm

£3 to include half time
refreshments

Westhope Village Hall
SY7 9JL



CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

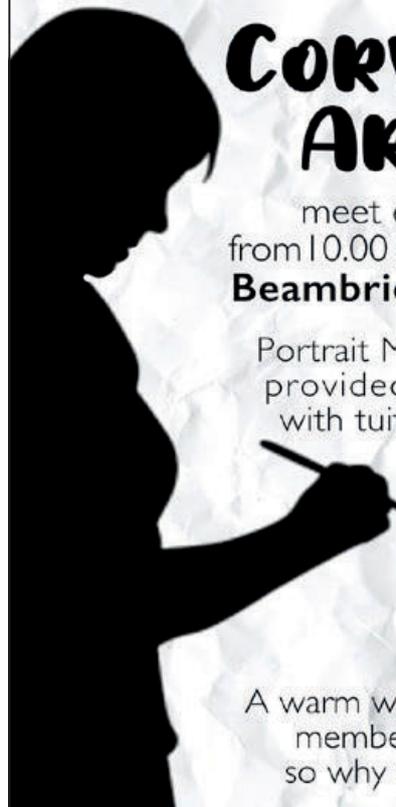
Corvedale Book Group welcomes new members! It costs less than £5 a month to cover room hire fees and Shropshire Library loan fees.

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

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

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

Next Meeting: Thursday 13th July 2023



CORVEDALE ARTISTS

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

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

£8.00 per session

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

For further information
telephone 01299 832608

Corvedale Folk Club

at The Seven Stars, Broadstone
on Monday 24th July
at 7.30pm

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

Meetings will be the 4th Monday of each month

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

RSPB Walks & Talks

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



WALKS

Saturday 8th July - 10.30am

Upton Warren, Christopher Cadbury Reserve

Friday 11th Aug - 6.30pm

Corvedale Walk and Social Evening

Sunday 13th Aug - 10am

Moth Morning on Brown Clee

Westhope College

Centre for arts and crafts in beautiful
South Shropshire.

Open Day

Saturday, 22nd July 2023
10am to 4pm

- City & Guilds courses showcase •
- Demonstrations of craft •
- Meet the tutor •
- Craft sale in aid of bursary fund •
- Wildflower meadow •

Refreshments • Free Admission • All welcome

Westhope SY7 9JL 01584 861293

Ludlow
Fringe
Festival

Summer
2023



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

17th June - 2nd July

BOOK NOW!

At: www.ludlowfringe.co.uk

A Midsummer Night's Dream
by Flabbergast Theatre

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



Nick Owen Interviews David Davies OBE
'Life with the England Football Team'
Sunday 25th June | 3.30pm | Ludlow Assembly Rooms

'Talking Tennis' with John Inverdale
John is interviewed by Alistair McGowan.
Friday 30th June | 6.00pm | Ludlow Assembly Rooms



Arts@StLaurence – July 2023

Further information: Recitals and Concerts – St Laurence (stlaurences.org.uk)



Organ Recital

Saturday 1 July

1.00pm

Godfrey Leung and Elli-Mae McGlone

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

Free Entry – Donations Welcome



Saturday 15 July

1.00pm

Saorsa Quartet

Haydn - String Quartet in C major, Op. 76 No. 3, "Emperor"

Debussy - String Quartet in G minor, Op. 10

Free Entry – Donations Welcome



Sunday 30 July

4.00pm

Mark Bebbington Piano Recital

(With the generous support of the John Ireland Trust)

Tickets £18

from www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk or on the door

Corvedale & District AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday, 9th September 2pm-4pm



The show schedule can be downloaded at diddleburyparish.co.uk
or email ross.stokes@icloud.co.uk

Wild about Westhope

Summer Family Event

Sunday July 2nd

10.30am — 1.00 pm

The event is free to all

Willow Workshop

Decorate your own willow butterfly

Build a Den

Explore the woods and build a Den

Wildflower discovery

Explore our amazing wildflower meadows

Charcoal making

Watch how charcoal is made from our woods.

The sound of Summer

Listen to the birds that visit each summer.

Woodland camp café

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

Parking at Westhope College SY7 9JL.

All donations will be used to buy tools for nature conservation

For further information email: Wildaboutwesthope@gmail.com

Corvedale Choir Celebrates Wednesday 5th July 2023 Diddlebury Parish Church

Come and enjoy an evening that celebrates the Corvedale choir who meet each Monday night in term-time to share their love of music and joy of singing out loud, together.

This evening will celebrate what they have achieved in 2023 and much more! You will leave with a smile and an uplifted heart!

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



Culmington and District Flower and Produce Show

in Culmington Village Hall
SY8 2DA



Sunday 20th August



Fruit & veg

Flowers & plants

Cookery & drink

Floral art

Arts & crafts

Children's classes

Eggs & herbs

Family class

Superb prizes in our sponsors' raffle!

Refreshments

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

Judy McNally 01584 861 403

and Janet Stuart 01584 861 289

DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

www.diddleburyvillagehall.org

Facebook: @diddleburyvillagehall



WHAT'S ON AT DVH?



Diddlebury Village Hall

New Season Starts

7.45 pm Thursday 21st September

Doors & Bar Open: 7.15 pm

Tickets: £5 (Card machine)



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

Corvedale & District Autumn Show

Saturday 9th September




Corvedale Festival

Consort de Danse Baroque

7.30 pm Wednesday 20th September

ZUMBA®

6 pm every Tuesday

£5 per class

To book contact CAT

07817 448832

@zumbawithcatx

zumbawithcat@outlook.com

Harvest Supper

Save the date!

Saturday 21st October



	<p>The Corvedale Choir is a mixed-voice community choir whose members enjoy singing a wide variety of music, whilst not taking themselves too seriously.</p> <p>Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.</p>	<p>Mondays 19.30-21.30</p>
	<p>The Blue Hills Choir meets weekly to sing classical music. All are welcome to join this friendly choir.</p> <p>Contact Ros Crouch: ros.crouch@gmail.com for more information.</p>	<p>Tuesdays 10.00-12.00</p>
	<p>Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance workout that is primarily an aerobic workout — and it's all about having fun.</p> <p>Contact Cat: zumbawithcat@outlook.com /07817 448832</p>	<p>Tuesdays 18.00</p>
	<p>Tai Chi — benefits include improving balance, lowering blood pressure, feeling calm and energised, and improving core strength.</p> <p>Contact Enid Gill: enidgill21@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Thursdays 10.00-11.00</p>
	<p>The Corvedale Book Group enjoys lively discussions of the books obtained from the Shropshire Library Service.</p> <p>Contact Cath Burley: cathburley@hotmail.com</p>	<p>2nd Thursday each month 19.30</p>
	<p>Physiotherapist-Led Pilates.</p> <p>Contact Beverley Chumber: beverleychumber@sky.com 07967 814412</p>	<p>Fridays 09.15-10.15</p>

CULMINGTON VILLAGE HALL



CULMINGTON 100 CLUB WINNERS

1st £100 – Phil Alderson

2nd £50 – Henry Caine, 3rd £25 – Ian Alderson

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - JULY

Coffee Morning

Monday 3rd and every following Monday, 10am - 11.30am

All welcome! £1 for tea or coffee with free refills plus a biscuit or two.

Bridge Club

Monday 3rd and every following Monday, 12.30pm - 5pm

Contact Peter Whitehead pst.whitehead@gmail.com

Memorial Afternoon Tea for Anne Luntz

Sunday 9th, from 2.30pm

In memory of Anne Luntz who did so much for the village hall. No charge but donations towards the hall extension appreciated. The bar will be open. So that we can cater for numbers please contact Janet Stuart on 01584 861 289 or Anne Rowlands on 01584 861 787.

WI Talk on Meadow Medicine

Wednesday 12th, 7pm - 9.30pm

Visitors welcome (£2). Refreshments.

Contact Joy Williams 01584 861 849

Can Do Crafts

Saturday 15th, 10am - 12.30pm

Clothes Revisited. Update or embellish a favorite jacket/jeans. Session includes refreshments.

Contact Rosemary Jones 01584 861 823 or 07837 609 229

Flood Action Group

Tuesday 18th, 7.00pm

Contact Jayne Disley 01584 861 387

Lunch Club

Thursday 20th, 12.30pm for 1pm

A two-course meal for only £10.00 per person.

There will be a raffle and a bar.

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

BBQ Lunch

Sunday 30th, Bar open at 12pm; food from 1pm.

£12.50 for a three-meat BBQ with salad and pudding (£6 for children). There will be a raffle. Contact Gwyn Edwards on 07891 904 501 or 01584 861 666.

ABDON VILLAGE HALL



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - JULY

UFO (Un-Finished Objects) Craft Morning

Saturday 8th, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

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

Please supply your own materials.

WESTHOPE VILLAGE HALL



All of our June events were very well supported.

The community lunch was again a great success with another one booked for **Thursday 7th September**.

Another date for your diary is **Saturday 14th October** for our annual **Harvest Supper**. Also booked for September is another rummage sale, more details next month.

Our skittles social evenings have been much enjoyed. The next skittles evening is on **July 14th** with teams being welcomed to join in with the Corvedale Group of Churches. All teams please bring a plate of refreshments to share. Admission is £2.50. The bar will be open. We look forward to welcoming everyone to a most enjoyable evening.

The time has now come to close our hall for refurbishing the kitchens and the toilets.

June will be our last Bingo until the refurbishments are completed. Look out for further news and updates. Our thanks to everyone for your continued support.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Betty Manley

Corvedale Tots

Will recommence in September

Yoga With Sue Pugh

Every Wednesday 4.15pm - 5.15pm.

Monthly Bingo

Cancelled until further notice

Whist Drives

Will continue throughout the refurbishment where possible

Westhope Clover Club

Thursday 6th July. At the Discovery Centre, Craven Arms.

All enquiries to Kath, 01584 841 254.

Social Skittles Evening - Friday 14th July, from 7.30pm.

Open to everyone. £2.50 admission. Licensed bar. All teams please bring a plate of refreshments to share

Community Lunch - Thursday 7th September

12.30pm for 1.00pm. 2 courses for £10pp.

Harvest Supper - Saturday 14th October

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

Meditation Group

Tuesday 4th, 7pm & Tuesday 18th, 7pm

Just turn up and give it a try. Free of charge, all welcome.

Tea, biscuits, and a chat to end the evening.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 29th, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Every Mon	Corvedale Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Mon	Coffee Morning	Culmington Village Hall	10am - 11.30am
Every Mon	Bridge Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm - 5pm
Every Mon	Westhope Whist Drive	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
Every Tues	Blue Hills Choir	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Tues	Corvedale Artists	Beambridge Club Room	10am
Every Tues	Zumba	Diddlebury Village Hall	6pm
Every Thur	Tai Chi	Diddlebury Village Hall	10am
Every Fri	Physiotherapist-Led Modified Pilates	Diddlebury Village Hall	9.15am

JULY 2023

1st Sat	Diddlebury Church Summer Fete	Diddlebury Village Hall	2pm
1st Sat	Organ Recital	St Laurence's, Ludlow	1pm
2nd Sun	Wild About Westhope	Westhope College	10.30am - 1pm
4th Tue	Meditation Group	Abdon Village Hall	7pm
5th Wed	Corvedale Choir	St Peter's, Diddlebury	7pm
6th Thu	Clover Club	Discovery Centre	2.30pm
6th Thu	Munslow Parish Council Meeting	Beambridge Clubroom	7.30pm
8th Sat	Un- Finished Objects Craft Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am - 12.30pm
8th Sat	RSPB Walk	Upton Warren	10.30am
9th Sun	Memorial Afternoon Tea	Culmington Village Hall	2.30pm
12th Wed	WI Talk - Meadow Medicine	Culmington Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Thu	Skittles Evening	Westhope Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Thu	Corvedale Book Group	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
13th Thu	Hayton & District WI	Stanton Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Fri	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir	All Saints, Little Stretton	7pm
15th Sat	Can-Do-Crafts - Clothes Revisited	Culmington Village Hall	10am
15th Sat	Corvedale Garden Group	Wall Flowers, East Wall	10am
15th Sat	Saorsa Quartet	St Laurence's, Ludlow	1pm
18th Tue	Flood Action Group	Culmington Village Hall	7pm
18th Tue	Meditation Group	Abdon Village Hall	7pm
20th Thu	Lunch Club	Culmington Village Hall	12.30pm
22nd Sat	Open Day	Westhope College	10am - 4pm
24th Mon	Corvedale Folk Club	The Seven Starts, Broadstone	7.30pm
26th Wed	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
26th Wed	Diddlebury Parish Council Meeting	Diddlebury Village Hall	7.30pm
28th Fri	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am
29th Sat	Coffee Morning	Abdon Village Hall	10.30am - 12.30pm
30th Sun	BBQ Lunch	Culmington Village Hall	12pm
30th Sun	Piano Recital	St Laurence's, Ludlow	4pm
30th Sun	Footpath Maintenance Group	TBA	9.30am

ACTIVITIES & CLASSES:

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

The deadline for all submissions to the News is Monday 17th July

CHURCH NEWS



LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

In July the church continues the journey through what it calls Ordinary Time, about which I wrote last month, the time also designated as the Sundays after Trinity. Although we don't mark any of the great events in the life of the church this month, we do have the usual selection of saint's days on which we can think about the life and witness of particular people – some recorded in the Bible and others who lived later.

This month I notice that amongst those we remember are Martha, Mary and Lazarus, who, the Bible tells us, were friends of Jesus. We think of them chiefly in the context of the story in St John's Gospel which records Jesus raising Lazarus to life after his death. It's a story in which we see the humanity of Jesus. Having waited until he knew his friend was dead before setting off, Jesus presumably knew what he was going to do, but when he came to Lazarus' tomb and saw the distress of family and friends, we are told that Jesus wept.

Having wept, he transformed the situation, bringing Lazarus back to life and turning sorrow into joy. We hear about them too in St Luke's Gospel when Martha is busy preparing a meal for Jesus and complains that Mary doesn't help, only to be told that in choosing to listen to God's message Mary has chosen the better path.

Whilst we are not going to experience death to life situations in the same way, the stories remind us that the love of God can bring joy and transformation in what might seem to be difficult times. They remind us too that it is all too easy to become distracted by the many activities and tasks which demand our attention and to lose sight of the bigger picture and the things that are really important. This is one of the reasons why God tells us in the Ten Commandments that we should keep the Sabbath as a day of rest, because rest from the constant activity of life helps us to refocus on the things that matter to us and are important in our lives. However you are able, and in whatever way works for you, remember to take time to focus on those things that are important to you: the things that make you more fully the person that God created you to be.

Rev'd John Beesley

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE



St Swithun's day if thou dost rain
for forty days it will remain
St Swithun's day if thou be fair
for forty days 'twill rain nae mair.

So here's a different subject altogether for July. The middle of July, the 15th, is the feast day of a very English saint – St Swithun or St Swithin (both are acceptable spellings). We think he was born around the year 800 and was consecrated Bishop of Winchester in 852. He died in July 863. He was known for his piety and many churches were built or restored during his time. He was buried in the churchyard outside the cathedral. And it would be another 100 years before we hear of him again.

ST PETER'S, DIDDLEBURY



The **Annual Plant Sale** was a great success in all respects. Blessed with fine weather, it got off to a flying start, and we wondered if we would be sold out by lunchtime on the first day! Happily there was a continuous stream of people bringing new plants to replenish the stock, and the final total was an amazing £1,034! Many thanks to Megan and Liz for organising the event, and to all who came and bought and brought plants. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

Martin Speight

ST MICHAEL'S, MUNSLOW



Munslow Church Fête will be held in the grounds of Munslow House (The Old Rectory) on **Saturday 19th August** – our thanks again to Mr and Mrs Kay for their hospitality. There will be the usual selection of stalls, activities and refreshments. If you might be able to help with a stall or an activity we would be delighted to hear from you, or if you can help by providing plants, cakes / produce or other items for sale. Whilst the proceeds from most of the stalls will go to the costs of running and maintaining Munslow Church, we would be very happy if you wanted to run a stall for another cause. Please let us know if you can help run a stall or help to set up / clear away on the day. Thank you!

Rev'd John Beesley (841 488) and Barbara Bowers (841 348)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

20th May Lily Grace Lucinda Wrigley Diddlebury

Weddings

3rd June Amy Caine and Patrick Pope Diddlebury

17th June Ellie Emsley and Adam Wilson Diddlebury

Burial of Ashes

27th May John Holder Diddlebury

FLOWERS & BRASSES

July 2023

2nd & 9th Johanna Woodhouse 16th & 23rd Liz Beazley

Dunstan and Aethelwold of Winchester were busy spearheading a movement to make monastic life a bit more robust. It had declined to a situation where kings would appoint secular men – not ordained or educated as priests – as the sort of person who could look after the local church congregation. Together, they were successful in the reforms and the Church in England became an efficient organisation run on clear rules, and Aethelwold became Bishop of Winchester.

With the building of a new cathedral there Aethelwold set about making it a place of pilgrimage. Given that the earlier Bishop was buried in a grave walked over regularly by the local people, he decided to move St Swithun's bones inside the new building with a shrine built on top of it. And it is said that the dead saint expressed his objection to the move by bringing down torrential rain, making the task more difficult! Hence the proverb above came into being too, enhanced by a downpour on St Swithun's feast day in 1315.

Pilgrimage in Medieval times became an industry for cathedrals: each one had to have their own bones. Colourful shrines were built above the graves and people came to pray for loved ones, ask the saint to intervene in heaven for them, or fulfil a penance. Many miracles were assigned to St Swithun, so more people came. You could say that this was the origin of the tourist industry!



Shrine of St Thomas Cantelupe
in Hereford Cathedral

There is a memorial shrine in Winchester Cathedral although the original was swept away during the Reformation. If you want to see a closer modern replica of a Saint's shrine then head for Hereford Cathedral where you will find St Thomas Cantelupe and a series of tapestries depicting his fatal trip to Rome. They were created by Croft Design in Much Wenlock. Or you could visit Cheswardine Church in Shropshire (near

Market Drayton), dedicated to St Swithun. It is a welcoming church, and a member of Shropshire Churches Tourism Group (put TF9 2RS into the satnav.)

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

2023 CORVEDALE FESTIVAL NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who supported the launch event for this year's festival, which was held on the 3rd June at Diddlebury Village Hall. The evening was a huge success with an almost sold-out village hall enjoying both the food and the music. A number of festival passes were sold on the night, and we have subsequently had a large booking for individual tickets which is very encouraging.

If you would like to grab yourself a bargain, the passes (£85) give you access to all the events except the Creative Writing Workshop and are available until the end of July from the festival office on corvedalefestival@gmail.com, or by phoning Ruth on 07745 825 700.

Individual tickets are also now available as above and additionally from TicketSource at www.ticketsource.co.uk/corvedale-festival. Further details of the festival programme can be found at www.corvedalefestival.org.

We hope to see you in September for more great music - and food and wine to boot!

Ruth Henley, Secretary: Corvedale Festival

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

Our presence and singing at the Much Wenlock and Cressage Community Support Group last month was greatly appreciated by its members and supporters. A small group of us sang some of our favourites and found other pieces for the whole audience to join in with. Fun was had on both sides, and we have already been invited back at Christmas time.

At the time of writing we are yet to sing at Frodesley on the 24th of June, but the final concert of our summer programme will be at All Saints Church in Little Stretton on the evening of **Friday 14th July**. As usual tickets can be purchased through choir members or the number below. They are £12.50 and include homemade refreshments, yum! The church is very unusual, quite unique in fact for this country, constructed as it was in 1903 in timber with a thatched roof (initially tin) which came as an early flat pack brought down from Manchester! However, this doesn't prevent it having a lovely acoustic and being a fitting venue for our final sing of the season.

Please remember however that the following day, **Saturday 15th July**, the choir will be hosting a coffee morning in Wenlock Church in aid of choir funds. Please do come along from 10am for refreshments and a chat, you might even win a raffle prize!

Dick Langford
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CORVEDALE KITCHEN

MOROCCAN CHICKPEA & COUSCOUS SALAD – MARTIN JONES

Just the thing for hot weather – and no cooking (unless you count 'boiling the kettle' as cooking!).

INGREDIENTS

180g	couscous	½ tsp	ground ginger
50g	raisins	1 tsp	salt
300ml	vegetable stock	175g	canned chickpeas <i>rinsed and drained</i>
3 tbsp	extra virgin olive oil	2 tbsp	chopped parsley
2 tbsp	lemon juice	1	carrot - <i>grated</i>
1 clove	garlic - minced	½	red pepper - <i>finely diced</i>
1 tsp	ground cumin	¼	red onion - <i>finely diced (optional)</i>
1 tsp	ground coriander		

METHOD

1. Mix the couscous with the raisins in a bowl and pour over the boiling stock. Cover with cling film to seal in the steam and let it sit for 5 minutes.
2. Place the oil, lemon juice, garlic, spices, and salt in a jar with a screw-top lid and shake to mix.
3. Fluff the couscous with a fork to separate the grains and stir through the carrot, red pepper, onion (if used), chickpeas and parsley. Pour over the dressing and toss together until well combined.

Serves 2, generously (in hot weather we usually halve the amount of couscous and stock).

CORVEDALE GARDEN GROUP



The planned visit in June to the Hereford Cathedral Gardens of the Bishop's Palace, Chapter House, and the Deanery Gardens, was sadly cancelled at short notice, due to the absence of garden volunteers to show us around. We were extremely disappointed. My apologies, but the cancellation was beyond my control and despite the best efforts of the volunteer coordinator to find replacement guides. We have been invited to book a date for another visit, which I hope to do for 2024.

You may also book tours of the gardens from May - September on Wednesdays at 2.30pm or Saturdays at 11.30am. Self-led exploration of the gardens is possible on Saturday 22nd July, Saturday 26th August, and Wednesday 13th September for either the morning (10am-12.30pm), or afternoon (12.30pm - 3.30pm). There will be volunteer gardeners on hand to answer your questions for each session. Book through the cathedral website (www.herefordcathedral.org) or at the information desk inside the north door. If you do visit the gardens, you may also like to walk along to the Blackfriars Rose Gardens on Widemarsh Street and spend a little time exploring and sitting in reflection there.

However, the eighteen of us who met at the Cathedral Porch at 12.15pm on 10th June were then taken under the wing of two excellent cathedral guides who gave us a highly informative tour of parts of the cathedral and its stories to which we would have paid far less attention if we had been on our own. They were well informed and amusing and we came away feeling that we would love to visit again in the near future. We spent over an hour with them and then spent time on our own, exploring the Mappa Mundi and Chained Library section, which was completely fascinating too.

Hereford Cathedral has been a place of worship for over 1300 years, and now is presided over by The Very Reverend Sarah Brown, the first female Dean. A church has been on the site since at least the eighth century and it has been the centre of a diocese since the early 670s, when the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Theodore of Tarsus, divided the Mercian Diocese of Lichfield to found Hereford for the Magonsaete and Worcester for the Hwicce. It is dedicated to both St Mary the Virgin and, more unusually, to St Ethelbert the King. One of the stories we were told was of how Ethelbert from East Anglia made his way across to Hereford in 794 to marry King Offa's daughter. It is said that the daughter saw Ethelbert approach from her tower and thought he had a warlike intent, so Offa beheaded him at Sutton before the wedding, and dumped his body in the river. A pious monk brought his remains to the cathedral and miracles began to be reported there. Milfrid, a nobleman of Mercia, was so impressed with the tales that he had the little church rebuilt in stone and dedicated it to the sainted king who is said to be buried somewhere unknown within the current cathedral.

The cathedral was re-founded in the 7th Century by Putta, whose name we saw listed on the Boards of Deans within the cathedral. Milfrid's stone building only lasted two hundred years before it was altered in the time of Edward the Confessor. That church was burned and plundered by Welsh and Irish forces under the command of Gruffydd ap Llewellyn

and seven of the defending canons were killed in the battle.

The building you see now was begun in 1079 when Robert of Lorraine became Bishop, continued by Reynelm, and completed by Robert de Betun around 1250. It is a Grade I listed building with substantial amounts remaining of both the original and later Gothic architecture. It is over one hundred metres long and fifty metres high. Various parts fell down and were rebuilt, extended, and reconfigured. It also became a place of pilgrimage after another Bishop, Thomas of Cantilope was excommunicated and, having set off to meet the Pope in Orvieto, died in Ferranto. His remains were brought back to the cathedral and miracles then began to occur here too. As a result of both saints, Hereford was a medieval place of pilgrimage second only to Canterbury. As the second largest cathedral in the country, it supports fourteen Deaneries and numerous parishes, including the ones in the Corvedale. It is not possible to recount the full history in the space available, but it is worth reading. There is a good guidebook in the shop and numerous accounts online.

Our guides took us to several other interesting areas of the building, including the beautiful blue Ascension Window, made in a double layer of 3,800 pieces of glass by John Maine and funded by the Regimental Association of the Special Air Service to mark their 75th anniversary. Beneath it stands a sculpture reflecting the work of the unit around the world made of Elgin sandstone, Stirling dolerite and Caithness slate, with ledger stones of black marble from Mons, Belgium. The blue apse is of Brazilian granite called syenite. The glass constantly changes with the sun and the whole installation is very moving. The other especially beautiful area of modern stained glass is the four panels in the replica of the Eton chapel, created by Tom Denny to celebrate the work of the poet Thomas Traherne. The colours of the panels and the details celebrating his poems and the Herefordshire countryside he loved are amazing.

At the end of our visit, we saw the Mappa Mundi and the largest chained library in the UK. The Mappa Mundi is a medieval world map, 64x52 inches, made on calfskin in around 1300. Jerusalem is at the centre and Clee Hill sits proudly in the bottom left-hand corner as you face it. It shows the known world as it then was (so includes China but not America!). The 500+ drawings are attributed to Richard of Haldringham or Lafford (Sleaford) and was probably made in Lincoln. It may be based on an earlier Roman map made on commission for Agrippa, son-in-law of Emperor Augustus. It is slightly confusing as east is at the top, south on the right, west at the bottom and north on the left. Christ sits in judgement on the top. It includes history, geography, bible stories, mythical and classical depictions (the minotaur and the phoenix), elephants, lions, and parrots. There was a brief film about it and various helpful information boards.

The 17th century Chained Library contains fifty-six priceless handwritten and illustrated medieval manuscripts and about 1500 other books dating from the late 15th to the early 19th century. Many of the later donations have added to the library's source of knowledge about Herefordshire and theological matters. The books are on theology, law, and other religious matters. As a security measure one end of a chain was fitted to the front cover of the book, the other end to a rod running along the bottom of the shelf, so you could read the manuscript at a desk without taking it away.

Amongst the books is the eighth century Hereford Gospels in Anglo-Saxon characters. There is also a Wycliffe bible and a 13th century Hereford breviary.

A little overwhelmed we adjourned to the café for tea and cake in the sunshine outside.

Our **Saturday 15th July** visit is nearer home: just over the hill to Apedale, to visit Clare Greener's cut flower garden at **Wall Flowers, Seasonal Blooms, East Wall, TF13 6DU**. www.wallflowers.uk. If you would like to find out more about how to propagate and grow flowers best for the house or decoration, you would be welcome to join us. Please note this visit will start at 2pm and let me know by Saturday 1st July if you intend to come along.

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CORVEDALE BOOK GROUP

**THE MARRIAGE PORTRAIT
BY MAGGIE O'FARRELL**



Maggie O'Farrell used lockdown very productively to weave a story around the limited information available about the short life of Lucrezia di Cosimo de' Medici (1545-1561) who died within a year of her marriage. This included the portrait of Lucrezia painted for her brother Francesco, shortly before she departed for her husband's court in 1560. The portrait is attributed to Alessandro Allori, trained

by Agnolo Bronzini. It is held in the collection of the North Carolina Museum of Art. Her research also included Robert Browning's poem, *'My Last Duchess.'* Lucrezia was said to have experienced life-long ill health and is described variously as dying of consumption (tuberculosis), putrid fever or poison. In the poem, Duke Alfonso is talking to the emissary who has come to arrange his next marriage to Barbara of Austria, and they stop to look at the portrait. The Duke reminisces about his wife and becomes increasingly angry at his memories of her lack of compliance, her apparent flirtatiousness, her lack of appreciation of his 900-year-old name, and it becomes apparent that he caused her death. Maggie O'Farrell uses elements of the poem to embellish her novel.

Lucrezia was the fifth child and third daughter of the Duke de' Medici and his wife Eleanora de Toledo, 'La Fecundissima.' Lucrezia was born in 1545. She is described in the novel as a child who is different to her siblings, rebellious and artistic, and not sharing the family visage or temperament. Her mother attributed this wayward behaviour to the fact that she didn't focus her mind on the right thoughts during Lucrezia's conception. Lucrezia was a difficult baby and was given to a

wet nurse, who worked in the kitchens, and spent her early years playing under the kitchen table with the wet nurse's daughter Emilia. Here she experienced love and warmth but was then abruptly transferred to her family nursery, her stern nurse Sophia and her mother's rigorous regime of deportment, education, and exercise to prepare all the children for their future roles in life. When Lucrezia was seven, her father added a tiger to his menagerie. She hears it arrive in the night and Lucrezia and her siblings are taken to visit it. She strokes its fur and vows to be as strong as the tiger.

When her elder sister, Maria, died after her marriage had been arranged to Alfonso II D'Este, the future Duke of Ferrara (1533-1597) Lucrezia was forced from adolescence into womanhood and swiftly dispatched to Ferrara to conduct the planned business transaction. After being married in her sister's altered dress, she leaves her birth family forever and is transported miles away to live with a man she has only just met. Initially he is loving, attentive and entertaining but she swiftly discovers he is also commanding, controlling, chillingly violent and determined to enforce his will as ruler in every aspect of his life. Lucrezia's role is purely to give him sons and heirs, swiftly, or else...Lucrezia desperately tries to adapt and comply, and be resilient. She tries to build relationships with her new sisters-in-law, Elizabeta and Nunciata, but recognises she can only rely on herself. Her only comforts became her art, her servant Emilia, and her white mule. Alfonso orders a portrait to be painted of his wife. Lucrezia engages with one of the painters, provoking jealousy. Will she escape Alfonso's plans as his frustration with the lack of an immediate heir builds? Is there hope?

In our group discussion, the book was described as a story of light and shade. As Lucrezia was increasingly 'cribbed, cabined and confined' the undercurrent of intimidation and evil became more overt. The book clearly depicts the use and abuse of power held by men in both their domestic and public lives. Alfonso needed to demonstrate his role as an implacable autocratic ruler. If he couldn't control his wife, who could he control? Despite three marriages, he was unable to produce an heir. Cosimo, despite sharing, as a contrast, a loving and more equal relationship with Eleanora, still needed to send his daughters away for life.

We enjoyed the rich depiction of the characters and the interweaving of their lives as the plot built. Small clues became threads which we could follow as the story developed. There was a musicality in the language and its repetitive cadences, which embellished the plot. The theme of art also ran through the novel, the importance of every element of a work, of ensuring the background was as immaculately executed as the main subject. Art can be ambiguous; things may not be as they seem. The book's title too, hints at alternative ways of seeing.

The book made us feel both angry and sad, not just for Lucrezia but for many of the other characters who were equally bound into their own roles. It's well worth a read.

For our next discussion we will also focus on art as we are reading **Will and Tom by Matthew Plampin**. Set in 1797, it recounts how young Will Turner arrives at Harewood House to conduct a commission, only to find, another painter, Tom Girtin, already there.

Cath Burley, cathburley@hotmail.com

Our meeting on June 8th was a real hit. We all enjoyed the most wonderful presentation by our own member, Jennette Arnold OBE, of her life story so far, from early life on the volcanic island of Montserrat in the Caribbean, through her move to the UK, leading to her career in nursing and, with her determination for positive change, into activism and politics, until, now living with husband Steve in Stanton Lacy, serving the community as Church Warden at St Peter's church. Jennette had a happy childhood and was drawn into nursing, a career in which she learnt many skills. When applying for a nursing training course, through stubbornness and determination to get on the course she wanted, she became the first black woman to train as a Registered General Nurse, when most were automatically placed on the State Enrolled Nurses' course. After nursing, she became a Health Visitor in the Sutton Coldfield area where she discovered the terrible problem women in certain communities faced with female genital mutilation, an issue she campaigned to resolve and continues to support today. This work led her on to London to work for the Royal College of Nursing in their lobbying group.

Her political career started when she joined the London Borough of Islington Council, which was very much a place of contrast - an area of café society and great wealth next to one of the most deprived areas in the country. She then moved on to work in the London Assembly during a pretty challenging time and joined the Policy and Resource Committee, soon becoming their chair. She subsequently became the chair of the Social Services Committee, based on her Health Visitor background, and, although retired from that committee role now, Jennette still mentors the current chair. Jennette worked with London Mayor Ken Livingstone, who asked her to put together the business plan for the London Olympics, an honour and very exciting time with some privileges - like priority seating! She also worked with Boris Johnson. One important issue she worked on was to ban smoking in London clubs and pubs. This took many years of campaigning to achieve, leading to the revision of the Health and Safety at Work Act. Before she left the London Assembly, she campaigned to get funding for college courses to be provided for young people with special educational needs and disabilities from the ages of 14 to 18. This was achieved and has now become national.

Jeanette has been given an honorary doctorate at the University of East London, awarded the Freedom of the City of London and the Freedom of Islington. Interestingly, having these freedom awards means Jennette can now be drunk in both areas and not be arrested, she can wear a sword, she can take sheep on the river through the City, and from Islington's Upper Street, can walk sheep from outside of London down into the City, so, as she said, if any of us wanted to take our sheep all the way into the City of London, she's your woman, but she's not quite sure what to do with them once there! Finally, in 2010, Jennette was awarded her OBE by the then Prince of Wales, Prince Charles, in Buckingham Palace. We were then entertained by a video of Jennette dancing with Boris Johnson! She told us that an enterprising journalist found the video, called her, and asked: 'Are you

that woman dancing with Boris?' clearly trying to link this video to 'Partygate.' She had to make it quite clear that the dance was years ago when Boris was Mayor and that it was customary for a committee chair to dance with the mayor at that time. Many thanks to Jennette for her very interesting and entertaining talk and we wish her and Steve a continued, very enjoyable life here in Shropshire.

Refreshments were then very efficiently provided by Amanda Toon - and yours truly.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 13th July** at 7:30pm and will include a talk entitled *Adventures up the Family Tree*: this promises to be a light-hearted evening featuring some of the amazing stories uncovered over thirty years of amateur genealogy by Lin and Mike Brown who will share their experiences with an audio-visual presentation that is sure to make you want to explore your own family history if you haven't already.

We always look forward to seeing our members, guests and all ladies who are available and interested in joining us at Stanton Lacy Village Hall, Hayton's Bent SY8 2AT for one of our meetings - watch this space for details! For further information regarding membership, either turn up to one of our meetings or contact our President, Phyllis Steventon (01584 823 436) or Club Secretary, Amanda Brooks (hayton.district.wi@gmail.com).

Louise Gough

DIDDLEBURY & WESTHOPE WI

It was a beautiful evening to be back in Culmington Village Hall for our June meeting. With the doors open and sunshine streaming in we reported on some of the very enjoyable events and activities since our last meeting in May. A lovely walk, which was hugely enjoyed by those of us who could make it, very kindly organised by Pat. Westhope at its best on a lovely sunny afternoon. We strolled, admired, and were educated, taking in the walled garden at Westhope College, Westhope Chapel and 'The Wild about Westhope' project. We were then treated to a wonderful campfire tea with cake and scones provided by Pat and Jacqui up in the woods. A big thank you to Pat and all her friends who gave up their time to make it such an enjoyable afternoon. The next walk is in the planning stage, but that was a tough act to follow! Joy reported on the Spring council meeting which she and Jayne attended at the Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury on 18th May. The speaker was Chris Lubbe telling of his life growing up in a ghetto in South Africa and witnessing the brutality of apartheid: an excellent speaker who kept us spellbound with tales of his time as a bodyguard to Nelson Mandela and working with Desmond Tutu, FW De Klerk, and Colin La Foy. He was truly inspiring with his message of determination, courage, perseverance, persistence, and the power of forgiveness central to his talk.

Once the WI business section of the meeting had concluded the speakers were introduced from Clun Valley WI who have become actively involved in making and supporting the work of 'Days for girls', an international not-for-profit organisation (www.daysforgirls.org) set up in 2008 by Celeste Mergens 'to increase access to menstrual care and education'. Again, a very interesting and inspiring talk about an organisation that does positive good to increase opportunities for girls and women.

Our Italian themed evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all members with delicious food which we brought along to share

as well as lovely puddings made by Mary and Judy. Background music, a challenging Italian themed quiz composed by Joy and lots of chatting brought a taste of Italy to Shropshire, helped along by a chilled glass of Prosecco. Wonderful!

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 12th July** at 7.30pm in Culmington Village Hall with a talk on Meadow Medicine. If you are at all interested in coming along as a new member or guest then please do, you would be most welcome - guests just £2. For any more information then please do ring Joy Williams on 01584 861 849.

Jayne Disley

MUNSLOW WI

We were happy to welcome a few visitors to our June meeting when our speaker, Robin Trew, gave us an illustrated and very interesting talk of his experience in walking The Camino trail, a pilgrim's walk that has been taken by many saints, Popes, and others over the centuries. One can go by foot, bicycle or on horseback along the five-hundred-mile path which begins in France and continues over the Pyrenees into Spain. Robin walked with a friend whilst on a sabbatical. With only a small bag of personal needs, the trail was quite often tough with no certainty of a good meal at the end of the day as accommodation was varied and, occasionally, men and women were billeted together. Thankfully, he survived the pilgrimage with nothing more serious than a migraine at one point and toothache.

Robin was warmly thanked by President Loraine and Val gave out a few notices reminding us of Clee St Margaret's 80th birthday party, which will feature a tribute to Joyce Grenfell.

A pizza evening at The Crown is planned for our July meeting - partners and friends welcome. We are organising a Ceilidh and BBQ at Culmington Village Hall on 23rd September: tickets available soon.

We normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm during the summer months. For more information call me on 01584 841 251.

Jenny Rose

CORVEDALE SCHOOL



'I bet you're winding down for the summer now, aren't you?' is a phrase teachers up and down the country are asked at this time of year, and those very same teachers wince and inwardly cringe.

We at Corvedale Primary School & Nursery are no exception. Yes, we do have one eye on that last day of term, which at the time of writing is 5 weeks 2 days and a few hours away (not that I'm counting of course!), but there is still so much more to do before then. There are still some end of year assessments to be done and a busy curriculum to continue to teach so that we finish the year's planned programmes of study. We have begun writing the children's end of year reports and we have an open afternoon for parents to prepare for. There are house activities, sports day, and a barbecue. Our Year 6 leavers will have a visit from their Year 7 tutor plus visits and taster days at their new schools. There is also a musical performance for parents to prepare for and the leavers' assembly on the final

afternoon. Next year's stock of books and equipment needs to be ordered, delivered, and distributed. On top of all that throw in a few staff meetings, governors' meetings, and a few staff training sessions - not to mention hot, sweaty, and tired children - and well... YES, of course we're winding down for the summer!

There are lots of jobs to tie up and things to get done before our summer break. The jobs, which are the same in all schools up and down the country, need to be shared out amongst only a few members of staff in our small school. I'm lucky and grateful that my team here at Corvedale is loyal and dedicated not to mention extremely hardworking which aids me enormously.

Mrs. Rook leads our Class 1, the youngest children in the main school aged between 4 and 6. She has a brilliant assistant in the class - Mrs. Morgan. They are supported by what at times seems like a small army of volunteers who give assistance throughout the week: hearing readers; helping with forest school; clearing up after art work; the list is endless - and not just in Class 1. Mrs. Condra leads Class 2. She brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to her role, ably supported by Miss Hollins and Mrs. Smith who also manages the PE and Sports provision that has gone so well this year. Miss Ebrey and Mrs. Littlar teach Class 3, assisted by Mrs. Davies. Not only do they have to cope with working alongside me in the classroom, but there is also the challenge of three year groups in one class. They have coped admirably and still are smiling at the end of the year. Bea, Tracey, Gemma, and Lauren do an amazing job enabling our nursery to thrive and grow. Time spent in the nursery seeing the children interact so happily with the staff and thoroughly enjoying life is one of the highlights of my week.

Mrs. Jarrett and Mrs. Southall continue to be the delightful 'first face of Corvedale' and are my amazing support in the school office. They are the ones who really keep the school running so smoothly. I mustn't forget either the rest of the team that makes Corvedale such a success: Mr. Bennett our music teacher; our cook, Heather; Colin, who keeps the school clean and tidy; Mary, our lunchtime supervisor; and finally, Jack Fletcher and Abi Beamond, our PE teachers.

So, as time runs out at the end of another school year, a huge thank you from me and all the children at the school.

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

Jonathan Brough, Headteacher

WESTHOPE CLOVER CLUB



The Clover Club once again joined the Westhope community lunch for their June meeting. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all, followed by a mouth-watering strawberry pavlova.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 6th July** at The Discovery Centre, Craven Arms at 2.30pm for a cream tea. There will be no meeting in August.

Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841 254

FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP



Since March, we've repaired the two stiles that cross the green lane above Larkfield farm near Diddlebury and added an extra little step to make crossing an electric fence easier. We've repaired the 24-foot wooden footbridge at Peaton Strand and straightened it up with the help of the friendly farmer, as it had been lifted off its 'perch' following the last heavy flood. We've also replaced two stiles on the same footpath from Peaton Strand leading to Broncroft Lodge Cottages. We've replaced a rotten 6-foot sleeper bridge that crosses a ditch on a footpath at Beambridge.

We spent our time in June clearing as much of the undergrowth around as many of the stiles in our area as we can get around to, as some of them can hardly be seen at this time of year for nettles and brambles! A group of us have already cleared the footpath to the school at Diddlebury that comes down the fields from The Moors. One young walker has enjoyed doing a bit of clearing around a stile!



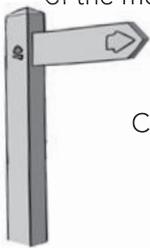
I hope you have been able to get out and about during the dry, sunny weather that we've had lately, it can be a bit of a 'jungle trek' when the fields are full of crops and the nettles and grasses are high, but many of our lovely footpaths are still accessible. Enjoy the Summer walking!

Jenny Vine

CORVEDALE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP

Working parties are usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month and the following Friday and Sunday, beginning at 9.30am. Please ring Jenny Vine on 01584 841596 to confirm work location. If any local walkers in the Corvedale notice any stiles or steps in poor condition, please report back to Jenny.

The current planned dates are as follows:
JULY: Wed 26th, Fri 28th, Sun 30th



CORVEDALE AND DISTRICT AUTUMN SHOW

Don't forget to pencil in your diary the Corvedale & District Autumn Show. This year it will be held on the second Saturday in September (**September 9th**), a week later than normal. The show schedule can now be downloaded from the Diddlebury parish website (www.diddleburyparish.co.uk) or requested by email from ross.stokes@icloud.com

Ross Stokes

MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR FOR MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Munslow Parish Council has a space for a councillor. Applications are now being sought from any suitably qualified person who wishes to stand for co-option onto the Council.

Written applications should be made to the Clerk of the Council by the **26th June 2023** and these will be considered at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on **6th July 2023**.

For an informal discussion, please contact the Clerk to the Council: Heather Coonick on 07817 607 355 or munslowpc@gmail.com

This notice is dated 25th May 2023

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

CRAVEN ARMS PLACE PLAN - FUTURE LOCAL PRIORITIES REVIEW

DPC is required to submit, to Shropshire Council, a review of what DPC sees as the main infrastructure priorities for the parish by 7th August. This will be included in the Craven Arms Place Plan for our future parish needs. Most priorities will be expected to be funded from our precept and the Community Infrastructure Levy - the neighbourhood fund which DPC receives for any houses built in the parish.

However, as in the case of the Diddlebury Village Hall (DVH) car park resurfacing work if the infrastructure concerned is registered as a local priority, we can bid for extra funding from the Craven Arms infrastructure pot to complete the project.

At present our priorities are:

- Critical**
 - Community car parking at DVH - which has now been completed.
 - Improved broadband and mobile phone reception in hard-to-reach parish areas.
- Priority**
 - Improved flood control measures.
- Key**
 - Measures to control the speed limit on the B4368 across the Corvedale.
 - Production of a revamped parish design statement.

The Parish Council proposes to resubmit these priorities together with the possible addition of a children's playground area in Diddlebury village and the promotion of affordable housing within the parish.

We would welcome any feedback from parishioners on these proposals and any other infrastructure proposals they believe should be included.

Please send any comments or proposals by **20th July** to:

- Chair David Hedgley, New House Cottage, Bouldon, Nr Craven Arms, SY7 9DP. dhedgley@hotmail.co.uk
- DPC Clerk, 12 Church Road, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, SY7 0DH. diddleburypc@gmail.com

ANNUAL REPORT TO CORVEDALE PARISHES, MAY 2022 – MAY 2023

What a topsy-turvy year! We watched in bewilderment as Prime Ministers and Cabinet Members came and went; the war in Ukraine rumbled on; fuel and energy prices rocketed, and consequent high inflation brought on a cost-of-living crisis. Industrial action is still affecting part of the Public Services Sector and doesn't look like ending any time soon.

Local Government has worked hard through all this, and Shropshire Council has had some successes, not least with the rollout of extra recycling bins; a positive result at last with one of our Levelling Up Bids (which will help the redesign of the Riverside in Shrewsbury); and the recent introduction of the Shared Prosperity Fund. Performance in highways (mending potholes) improved and FixMyStreet has generally been welcomed. We've also been ploughing through the new Local Plan Inspection process which has been tortuous at times and is likely to be concluded at the start of next year.

Despite a more generous financial settlement than expected we are still facing an historic debt of £50m, which has to be cleared by the end of the new financial year. This is largely due to high social care costs in both adults' and children's services. Last year we set up the Shropshire Plan 2022-2025, based around the four 'pillars' of Healthy People, Economy, Environment, and Organisation. Everything the Council does feeds into one or more of these 'pillars' and gives us the clarity to improve our communication, financial tracking, and efficiency exponentially. We have involved transformation partners PwC who are helping us completely redesign service areas to drive down costs and improve efficiencies.

Over the winter the Council worked to help people in hardship through the Social Task Force and the Warm Welcome initiative by using community buildings for people in need of a warm space and social contact. The Corvedale parishes have been brilliant, opening up village halls to welcome people in for coffee or a hot meal and organising extra events. The Council has issued a lot of information through the website and leaflets for people struggling with the cost-of-living to help them get extra financial help from the government. There's also been help for children with the Holiday Activities Fund.

I started the year with continuing portfolio responsibility for culture, leisure, tourism, and communities. In late 2022 I moved to another busy role: adult social care, public health and wellbeing and the Integrated Care System healthcare partnership between ourselves, Telford & Wrekin Council, The Shropshire & Telford Acute Health Trust, the Voluntary Sector, and Healthwatch. This is at times fairly intense particularly as new healthcare arrangements are still settling in. I also have responsibility for co-chairing the Shropshire Health & Wellbeing Board and sit on a number of related Boards.

We are making good progress with discharging patients from hospital, relieving bed-blocking, supporting carers and working closely with primary care networks on programmes to reduce obesity, smoking and mental health problems through social prescribing. We also have more patients able to return home with domiciliary care packages after a hospital stay rather than needing residential care.

I retained responsibility for Communities, and with this hat on I have regular meetings with the Shropshire Association of Local Councils and am leading on the Community Governance review of Towns and Parish boundaries. I am really grateful for all the input on this from the Corvedale parishes which have produced some sensible ideas for straightening out anomalies in their boundaries.

Last year the Local Government Boundary Commission announced a review of Shropshire Council's divisional boundaries. This was the first review we have had since the unitary authority was formed in 2009 and some parts of the county have had a lot of development since then. The Commission's guideline was that the number of seats and population per division should remain as they are now.

We put forward proposals to allow for expanded population numbers, but the Commission has rejected our proposal and come back with their own version which would involve changes to almost every division in the county, some of them in rather strange configurations which ignore the new parliamentary boundaries. We are not satisfied with their conclusions and are working on revised plans, working to a deadline of 10th July

One of the Commission's proposals was that the Corvedale, notwithstanding its size, rurality, topography, and number of existing parishes, should take on an extra parish – Cardington – from the Burnell division.

I am reserving judgement until I have had a chance to discuss this with all ten Corvedale parishes, but it will obviously add an extra administrative burden to the second largest division in the county. The LGBC appears more interested in parity of electorate per division than the best communities of interest. I am meeting the Corvedale parish Chairs and Clerks shortly to talk it through and prepare a response.

The Commission's proposals are on their website and Shropshire residents can add comments and counterproposals until 10th July. I hope Corvedale residents will study the maps and let the Commission have their views.

I stood down as Chair of Rural Services Network last November, after 8 years in the role, but am still an active member of the RSN Executive, so I stay connected with all their excellent work in supporting rural areas. The new Chair is Cllr Roger Philips from Herefordshire who is extremely experienced and a great ambassador for RSN's work.

Finally, I would like to thank the Corvedale parishes for their brilliant work over traffic calming measures such as lower speed limits and vehicle activated signs. I know it has been a frustrating process to bring to fruition and there is still uncertainty about the different responsibilities of the police, Council, and parishes. I am now chairing a SALC Working Group to help tackle these issues and I am hopeful we will be able to clarify responsibilities in the near future.

Cecilia Motley
Councillor, Corvedale Division

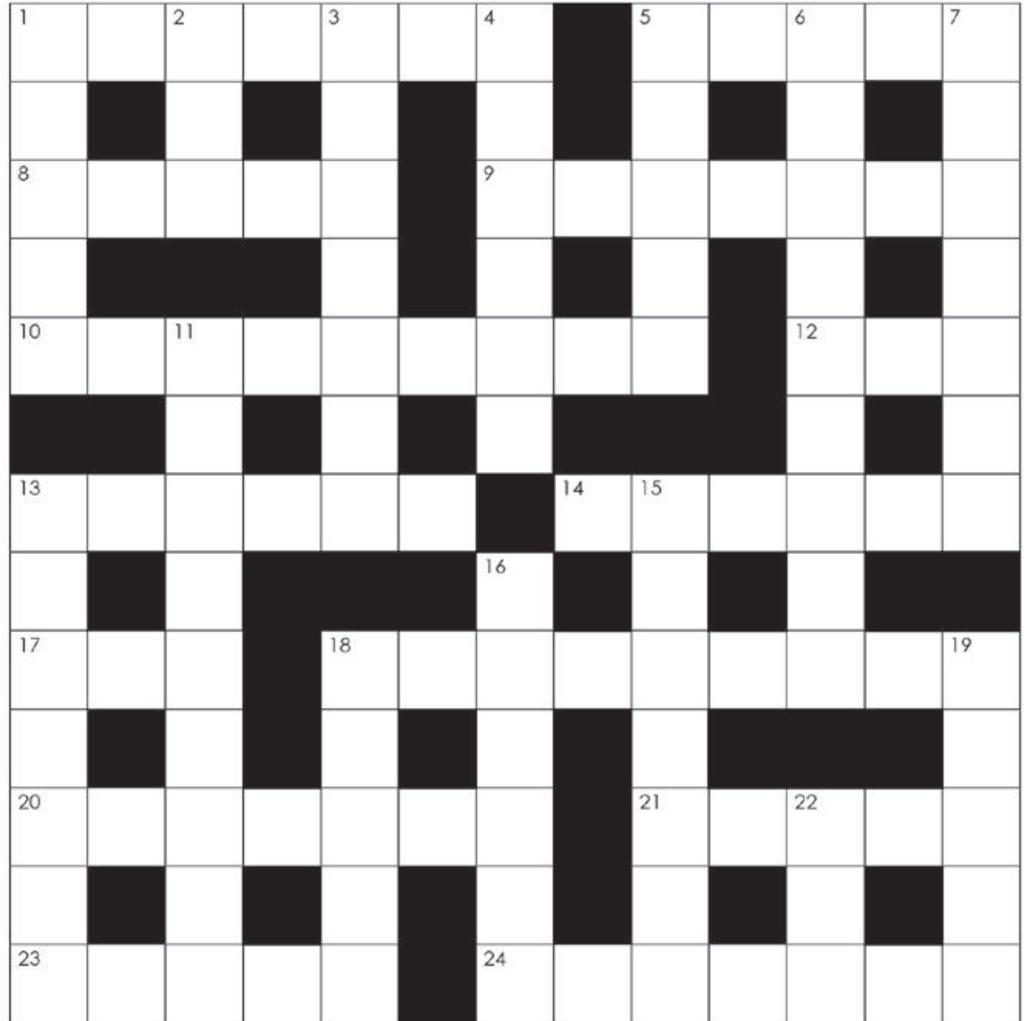
JULY CROSSWORD

BY ARTEMONAS

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

ACROSS

- 1) Went above the bank, having eaten too much (7)
- 5) Alerts one to a bruised fruit (5)
- 8) Additional wide? (5)
- 9) Queen darts round but played a major role (7)
- 10) Every sort of therapist sounds as if they intended to provide land (9)
- 12) Spelling buzzer? (3)
- 13) Overdue charity is now dormant (6)
- 14) Old comics make powerful birds (6)
- 17) A sort of Christian who is part of a circle (3)
- 18) Grew in lid, maybe restoring nature (9)
- 20) Half ran back to the academic discussion (7)
- 21) Start in the TV show? (5)
- 23) Snake loses French and now is in Danger (5)
- 24) Cried while in drink but tidied around (5,2)



DOWN

- 1) Some interloper announced the music (5)
- 2) Consume front to back meal (3)
- 3) Squash home X? (7)
- 4) Old-style coat gives a good clean (6)
- 5) Machinery in the garden? (5)
- 6) Revolutionary biscuit (9)
- 7) Blushes at mention of Communist cells (7)
- 11) A mere clot gets confused and misses the start (9)
- 13) See a duke drink while he packs the car (5,2)
- 15) Nothing left of the broken ship (3,4)
- 16) A hospital unit's getting prizes (6)
- 18) Learn about the kidneys? (5)
- 19) Rise, first Gill enters the usual place (3,2)
- 22) Take an exam when it is short and back (3)

DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DIDDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023 AT DIDDLEBURY VILLAGE HALL

This meeting followed the Annual Parish Meeting at which reports were received from the Chairman, Cllr Motley, and parish councillors. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting are available on DPC's website.

Present: Cllrs D Hedgley (Chairman), A Watson & C Martyn.

Apologies: Cllrs R Morgan, T Pardoe, S Povall, R Povall, T O'Boyle.

In Attendance: The Clerk and Unitary Cllr C Motley.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman for 2023 – 2024:

Cllr Hedgley was elected as Chairman. The election for a Vice-Chairman was deferred to the June meeting.

Appointments were made to the Louisa Powell Charity, Westhope Village Hall, the Flood Action Group, and SALC Local Committee meetings. Also appointed were DPC's website manager and the Tree Warden. An appointment of the Diddlebury Village Hall representative was deferred to the June meeting.

Meeting dates for the year to 24th May 2024 were agreed.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th April 2023 were approved by Councillors and two matters arising were dealt with.

Reports: The Chairman reported that the main gates to the parking area in front of the school are only opened after school hours by request. Children can use the small gate to access the playground area after school hours. He had visited residents in the Sutton area to discuss buildings for which the parish council had received no planning applications. This is now being remedied.

Cllr Motley reported that Philip Dunne MP is standing down at the next election after serving the Ludlow constituency for 18 years. It appears that the Ludlow constituency boundary will be enlarged by the Boundaries Commission, which may result in Cardington parish being amalgamated with the Corvedale parishes despite having no contiguous boundary. Consultations close on 10th July whereafter the Boundary Commission will be reporting. Until their report is received, the Local Plan, the Place Plan Reviews and the possible changes to parish and town council boundaries cannot be finalised.

Planning Application: 23/01606/FUL: Application for internal works, including improvements to kitchen, bathroom and entrance to Glebe Farmhouse, and conversion of three outbuildings to form holiday lettings at Glebe Farm, Mill Lane, Diddlebury. This is a re-submission following the previous

applications 22/03784/FUL and 22/03785/LBC, (which were supported by DPC) being refused planning permission by the Planning Officers.

The Chairman outlined the various amendments the applicant had made to the previous plans and the additional reports obtained in order to accommodate the Planning Officer's objections. After fully discussing the matter, the councillors voted unanimously to support this application. 23/03785/LBC, the accompanying listed building consent application, is being dealt with by DPC's Standing Order 27 route, having been inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

Highways/Environmental Issues: Signs asking drivers to slow down and be aware of children playing at The Moors and Moors View are to be obtained. Cllr Martyn will erect them in line with Highways requirements. Jack's Cottage in Bache Mill is being let through Airbnb: as it has no parking facilities this is causing parking chaos, with most hirers parking their cars in The Moors, which is already congested with residents' vehicles. It is hoped bad reviews on social media may ease the problem.

Communications and Correspondence: Eight items of correspondence were considered. From information supplied by Munslow PC it was noted that the long-awaited report on traffic speed reduction measures for the B4368, commissioned by Shropshire Council's Traffic Engineer and due last April, is not going to be released. Evidently he is not satisfied with the quality or outcome of the report and is seeking funding to commission another study. Councillors asked the Clerk to obtain the Traffic Engineer's details so DPC can contact him.

Audit and Annual Return for 2022 – 2023: Councillors considered and approved the audit report of Mrs Griffiths and approved all the Annual Governance and Accountability Return documents for the 2022 - 2023 audit. They are now displayed on DPC's website.

Finance Report: The Finance Report for May 2023 was considered. Cheques totalling £641.56 were approved for payment. DPC holds a balance of £26,572.46 following payment of the approved cheques. Cllr Watson approved the Clerk's reconciliation between HSBC bank statement 369 and DPC's cash book.

Any Other Business: The Chairman requested the following items for the June Agenda: a review of the PPSG and the Place Plan Review.

Next meeting: Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm at Westhope Village Hall.

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MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUNSLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST JUNE 2023

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

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

Apologies for Absence: None.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Bury (Club Room Lease): she was requested to remain by the Chair to answer questions.

Public Forum: None.

Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings held on 4th May 2023: after alterations to 11.2 of the Annual Parish Council meeting (should read 'the report on the survey carried out in 2022 will not be published as the Traffic Engineer was dissatisfied with the quality of the report and another study is being considered.') and the dates for the forthcoming meetings were added. The Annual Parish Council and the Annual Parish meeting minutes were approved and signed.

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

Reports: Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley reported that the Boundary Commission had recommended that the Corvedale division be enlarged to incorporate Cardington parish. She was arranging a meeting of Chairs and Clerks to discuss boundaries later in the month. Philip Dunne MP is retiring and she felt he had done a good job. The plans to demolish the Riverside shopping centre were progressing. The health bus that had been visiting cattle markets had won an award and was proving very successful. A survey on the Great Outdoors was on the Shropshire Council website.

Beambridge Club Room: Cllr Dobson reported that the live streaming of the coronation had been very successful and wished to thank the WI for the buffet, and the committee for organising the event. The last coffee morning of the season had been very successful. They would restart in the Autumn.

Highways: Cllr Dobson had moved the vehicle activated sign to the eastern entrance to Munslow village. It was proving successful, with 85% of vehicles doing less than 36mph when they passed it. The sign would be moved to Hungerford the following week. The Council would apply to the Police and Crime Commissioner for matched funding for two new vehicle activated signs.

The contractor would be asked to attempt to clear the ditch on the lane behind The Swan in Aston Munslow.

Potholes and Blocked Drains: Cllr Meeson said that Rowe Lane has been resurfaced. He had reported issues with overgrown verges on 'Fix My Street' but as no action had been taken by Shropshire Council, he carried out the work himself. Councillors thanked Cllr Meeson. The Parish Council urges residents to report highway issues via 'Fix My Street' as this is the main way that Shropshire Council now receives requests from the parishes, including from the Parish Council.

Repairs to the Community Car Park in Aston Munslow: This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Updating the Parish Plan: This was deferred to the next meeting.

Items for Inclusion in the Place Plan: Cllrs Povey and Fotheringham will bring proposals to the next meeting for consideration.

New Beambridge Club Room Lease: Cllr Bury remained in the meeting during this item as requested by the Chair.

The Parish Council would act as Custodian Trustee for the lease. A vote was taken with a result of 5 in support and one abstention to sign the lease if the changes proposed were accepted by the Millichope Foundation.

Fundraising for the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust: Charity boxes would be placed in various public venues and events.

Defibrillator Training (28th June 2023): Very few members of the public had shown an interest to date. The Clerk would review the numbers closer to the date.

Methods of Communicating with Parishioners: A leaflet drop would be considered at the next meeting to try to improve the involvement of parishioners in the Parish Council, which would give options for communications with the Parish Council. Cllr Povey would present a leaflet for consideration at the next meeting.

Update on the Washwell, Aston Munslow: The Land Registry did not publicise the purchase of the Washwell by the present owners.

Review the Risk Assessment: The Risk Assessment was adopted.

Accounts: The Annual Report and Internal Auditor's report were noted.

The Chair signed the Annual Accounting statement and the Certificate of Exemption from external review.

Documents relating to the accounting records for Munslow Parish Council for the year 2022-23 will be available for inspection by the public between 3rd July and 14th August. The notice will be published on 30th June 2023.

Payments: Clerk's Pay (April-June) £638.56, SALC Affiliation Fees £215.65, Village Hall Fee for 2022-3 and 2023-4, H Coonick (reimbursement for Antivirus software, VAS locking key, computer battery) £74.77, Women's Institute (for Coronation buffet) £102.00, Mr K Adams (Internal Auditors Fee) £100.00 were all authorised except the Village Hall fee (Cllr Dobson would present the invoices to the next meeting).

Income: The precept of £5,633.00 and Environmental Maintenance Grant of £500.00 had been received.

Items for the Next Meeting: a. repairs to community car park b. update the Parish Plan c. items for the Place Plan d. update on the Village Hall lease. e. fundraising for the Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust f. communication with parishioners.

Next Meeting: Thursday 6th July, 2023 at Beambridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

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ANSWERS TO JULY 2023 CROSSWORD

DOWN: 1) Opera; 2) Eat; 3) Flatten; 4) Duster; 5) Plant; 6) Garibaldi; 7) Reddens; 11) Latecomer; 13) Loads up; 15) All gone; 16) Awards; 18) Renal; 19) Get up; 22) Sit

ACROSS: 1) Overfed; 5) Pager; 8) Extra; 9) Starred; 10) Allotment; 12) Bee; 13) Latent; 14) Eagles; 17) Arc; 18) Rewilding; 20) Seminar; 21) Onset; 22) Peril; 24) Swept up

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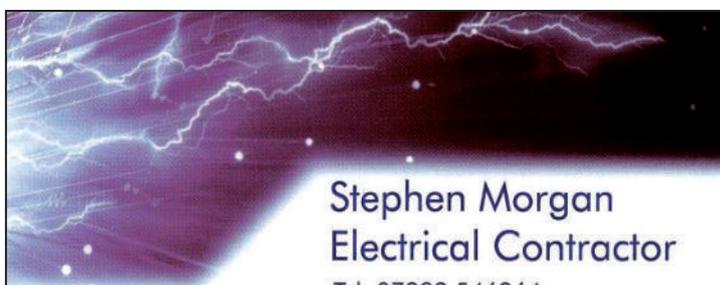
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Signs and general masonry

01694 724 448 www.strettonstonemasons.co.uk

The Buzzard

Corvedale Community Minibus



A Friendly door to door accessible bus service for people living in the Corvedale

- * affordable
- * accessible
- * friendly, personal service
- * collecting from the Corvedale Villages and going to: Bridgnorth on Mondays
Craven Arms on Thursdays
Ludlow on Fridays
- * Monthly trips to Shrewsbury



**Give us a ring today to find out more:
01584 700 907**

**Email: ludlowtraveller@shrewsburydialaride.org.uk
www.shrewsbury-dialaride.co.uk/corvedale-buzzard**

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CONTACTS FOR LOCAL SERVICES

LOCAL SERVICES & EMERGENCIES

Electricity Problems/Power Cuts
Western Power, 0800 6783 105

Water Supply Problems
Severn Trent Water, 0800 783 4444

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

Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group
Clive Martyn, 01584 841346,
happy4clive@gmail.com

Ludlow Minor Injuries Unit
Community Hospital, 01584 874297

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

Station Drive Doctors' Surgery
01584 872461

Portcullis Doctors' Surgery
01584 872939

Craven Arms Medical Practice
01588 672309

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

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

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

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

Corvedale School, Playgroup and Nursery
Jonathan Brough, 01584 841630,
admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

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

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

PARISH CLERKS & WEBSITES

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

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

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

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

Diddlebury Parish Website
www.diddleburyparish.co.uk

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

VILLAGE HALL/CLUB ROOM BOOKINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

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

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

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

Corvedale Book Group
Cath Burley,
cathburley@hotmail.com

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

Corvedale & District Autumn Show
John Woodhouse, 07980 207253

Corvedale Folk Club
Ian Fotheringham, 01584 841331

Corvedale Garden Group
Cath Burley,
cathburley@hotmail.com

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

Community Environmental Group
Rebecca Bull,
peter17bull@btinternet.com

Diddlebury Dancing Group
Sally Woodhouse,
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sallyewhome@yahoo.co.uk

Westhope Clover Club
Kath Woodhouse, 01584 841254

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



THE CORVEDALE GROUP OF PARISHES

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY 2023

	2ND JULY Trinity 4	9TH JULY Trinity 5	16TH JULY Trinity 6	23RD JULY Trinity 7	30TH JULY Trinity 8
ABDON		9:45 HC		6pm Compline	10am Group Service of Holy Communion at Abdon
BROADSTONE			8:30 HC		
CULMINGTON	11:15 HC		6pm Evensong	8:30 HC (BCP)	
DIDDLEBURY	9:45 HC	6pm EP	11:15 HC	11:15 FS	
HOLDGATE	8:30 HC				
MUNSLOW	6pm EP	11:15 HC		9:45 HC	
TUGFORD			9:45 HC		

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