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**A newsletter
for Atcham, Berrington, Betton,
Brompton, Cantlop, Cross Houses and
Eaton Mascott**

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Berrington Parish Council

Berrington Parish Council usually meets at 7pm on the 1st Thursday of every month (except August and sometimes December) at the Chapel Community Centre.

Berrington Parish Council consists of nine elected or co-opted Parish Councillors:

Claire Wild (Chair); Richard Purslow (Vice-Chair); Nick Biggs; Claire Bonsey; Henry Carpenter; Stephy Durkan; Geoff Jones; Sue Mason; and Sue Shedden. More detailed information can be found on our website www.berringtonpc.org.uk Why not come along to one of our meetings. Guests are always welcome. If there is a local issue that concerns you then feel free to ask one of the Councillors for help in representing you in this matter.

Berrington Parish Council Website www.berringtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Berrington Parish Clerk

Interim Clerk: Ian Cruise-Taylor

Tel: 07379 213308 mail: berringtonpc@gmail.com

Atcham Parish Council

Atcham Parish Council usually meet bi-monthly (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep & Nov) on a Wednesday evening at the Malthouse, Atcham at 7.30pm.

Atcham Parish Council consists of seven elected or co-opted Parish Councillors: Colin Wildblood (Chairman), Simon Adney, Stephen Cook, Laura Dixon, Sue Shedden Rob Trow and Martin Rushton.

Atcham Parish Council Website www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk

Atcham Parish Clerk

Interim Clerk: Caroline Higgins

Email: atchampc@gmail.com

IMPORTANT

**Deadline for the Feb - Mar 2023
issue is Friday 20th January 2022**



News from your Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild



PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Boundary Commission of England (BC) published their final draft of the Parliamentary Review on 8th November. The changes put forward for the Severn Valley Division, moving from the Shrewsbury Constituency (formerly Shrewsbury & Atcham) to the newly named South Shropshire Constituency have not changed. You can find more information at <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/west-midlands/> These plans will be laid before Parliament in 2023 in preparation for the next planned General Election in 2024.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DIVISIONAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Boundary Commission (BC) are also undertaking a Divisional Boundary Review for the Shropshire Council area. The consultation will close on 30 January 2023.

After the BC have considered all representations made during this consultation, they intend to publish draft recommendations in July 2023. They will then hold a further period of consultation on the draft recommendations. The final recommendations are expected to be published in September 2023. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in May 2025.

The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Shropshire Council. They will propose - The total number of councillors elected to the council in the future; the number of divisions; the number of councillors representing each division; the division boundaries; and the names of divisions.

This is a public consultation and the BC will welcome views from individuals and organisations across Shropshire on where you think new division boundaries should be drawn.

There is more advice on <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/> about how you can get involved in the consultation. They have also set up a webpage dedicated to the review of Shropshire, where you can find all the relevant information. You can also access interactive maps of the current ward boundaries across Shropshire at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/>

Finally, as we approach Christmas and the New Year it is appropriate to mention all the people in our community who do so much to help our community. Whether it's those who run village halls and community centres, clean churches, delivering the Village Pump, run our youth club, parish councillors, Community Speedwatch, litter pickers, everyone makes a huge contribution. So, on behalf of the parishes of Atcham and Berrington, thank you.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all good wishes for a peaceful New Year.

Best wishes,

Claire

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POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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14th December
Our
Christmas
Party



Club dates
4th & 18th
January

There's lots going on and lots of fun being had. We are very grateful to all those who help out. However, we still need more volunteers to help us keep the Youth Club running. Please get in touch if you think you can help.

We also need to remind parents that children do need collecting from Youth Club. It's not ideal for young people to walk home alone, especially with the dark nights.

Our youth club caters for young people aged 8 - 15. Every other Wednesday evening, 6.30pm - 8.00pm at the Chapel Community Centre, The Chestnuts, Cross Houses SY5 6JH. The Youth Club is open to young people from all the surrounding parishes and is run by a fully trained Youth Worker from Shropshire Youth Association along with (fully checked and trained) volunteers. The cost per child, per week is £1. This money will go towards paying for the cost of trips that will be run throughout the year. **Please note parent/guardian permission will be required.**

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CRESSAGE Gardening Club

As I write this on a cold, windy day in November Gardening Club members, and visitors, are looking forward to the long awaited return of our annual Christmas Flower Arranging demonstration. Kate Doody from 'Colours' florist in Much Wenlock will be giving us some ideas for flower arrangements to decorate our homes at Christmas.

In December members, and their guests, will be enjoying an evening at The Huntsman in Little Wenlock when we meet for our Christmas meal.

We are busy planning our programme of speakers and visits for 2023 and welcome new members, or occasional visitors, to join us. We meet on the third Thursday of the month, currently in Cross Houses Community Centre but, hopefully, returning to our home base of Cressage Village Hall at some time in the new year.

If you would like more information regarding meeting dates, speakers or visits please contact Sally Lucas-Garner on 01694 771271.

Happy Christmas to you all.

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13th December 2022

Christmas Social evening with Club Competition titled "Green Christmas" (Bring your competition entry ready done), Quiz, Raffle & Festive Nibbles.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL AT COLUMN FLOWER CLUB*

10th January 2023

Demonstration by Trish: "Floral Elegance"
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14th February 2023

Practical Evening: "Table for Two".
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Saturday 24th December FIRST EUCHARIST of CHRISTMAS at 6 p.m.

Christmas Day 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST at 11 a.m.

New year's Day Sunday 1st January 2023 MATINS at 11 a.m.

A Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday 13th November with a full Church for the laying of wreaths on behalf of the Parish and RAF Shawbury and the 2 minutes silence. Poppy crosses were laid on the War Graves in the Churchyard. LEST WE FORGET.

Rev. Zoe Braven-Giles has recently joined the Ministry Team. We hope Zoe and her family will be very happy here.

FOOD BANK - it is hoped to start collecting items for this early in December in time for distribution to The Food Bank and The Ark. A Notice will be displayed soon with suggestions for donations which can be left at the back of Church.

THE MYTTON & MERMAID HOTEL - work has started on the renovation which will, hopefully be finished by May 2023. To view the proposed plan go to the Shropshire Council website, tap in Planning portal and view applications where you should be able to view the plans.

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Wednesday	4	January	2023
Thursday	5	January	2023
Friday	6	January	2023

Revised collection

Saturday	24	December	2022
Wednesday	28	December	2022
Thursday	29	December	2022
Friday	30	December	2022
Saturday	31	December	2022

Tuesday	3	January	2023
Wednesday	4	January	2023
Thursday	5	January	2023
Friday	6	January	2023
Saturday	7	January	2023

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- 1 What is the name of the snowman in the Disney movie Frozen?
- 2 True or false: There are three towns/cities in the United States named Santa Claus?
- 3 The lyrics, 'Holidays are coming, Holidays are coming' feature in Christmas adverts for which famous drinks company?
- 4 In which country is Father Christmas known as Weihnachtsmann?
- 5 What four letter word is an abbreviation of the word 'Christmas'?
- 6 Where does Santa live?
- 7 True or false: In Japan, millions of people eat KFC for their main Christmas meal?
- 8 Santa Claus is also known as Saint who?
- 9 True or false: As a family tradition in Sweden, millions of people settle down on Christmas Eve to watch Donald Duck?
- 10 Tradition has it that in order to bring good luck, people should do what on each of the twelve days of Christmas - A) Eat a mince pie B) Open a present C) Pull a cracker
- 11 What is the name of the lead character in the movie Elf: A) Ronald the Reindeer B) Alfie the Elf C) Buddy the Elf
- 12 How many points does a snowflake have?
- 13 In The Simpsons, who or what is called Santa's Little Helper?
- 14 What is the name of the evergreen plant that it's traditional to kiss under?
- 15 What might a naughty child find in their stocking on Christmas morning?
- 16 What is the name of the 25 days leading up to Christmas?
- 17 What is lucky to find in your Christmas Pudding?
- 18 Who were the first people to visit the baby Jesus? A) Shepherds B) Three Kings C) Three Queens
- 19 Which reindeer is said to be the most famous reindeer of all?
- 20 Which popular Christmas movie is about a young boy who takes a train ride to the North Pole?

Answers on Page 19



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and prosperous New Year

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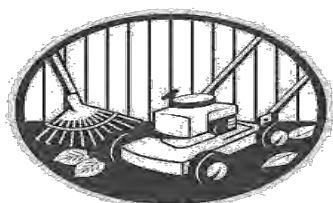
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A: "Wrap" music.

Q: What do you call a snowman with a six pack?

A: An abdominal snowman.

Q: How much did Santa's sleigh cost?

A: It was on the house.

Q: Which of Santa's reindeer are dinosaurs afraid of?

A: Comet.

Q: How you can tell that Santa is real?

A: You can always sense his presents.

Q: Why is Santa so good at karate?

A: He has a black belt.

Q: Why does Santa go through the chimney?

A: Because it soots him.



Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Olaf. 2. True. In Georgia, Indiana & Arizona. 3. Coco-Cola. 4. Germany. 5. Xmas. 6. The North Pole. 7. True. 8. Nicholas. 9. True. 10. A - Eat a Mince Pie. 11. C - Buddy the Elf. 12. Six. 13. The Dog. 14. Misteltoe. 15. A Lump of Coal. 16. Advent. 17. Sixpence. 18. A - Shepherds. 19. Rudolph. 20. The Polar Express

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CROSS HOUSES



We are a small group of very friendly ladies who meet on the third Monday of the month, 10am - 12 noon at the Community Room, Noel Hill Road for a chat and to make items for charity events which we run twice a year for local causes - everyone is welcome and you don't have to worry about ability - we are all different and learn from each other whilst having a laugh.

We welcome new members, please come along and join us.

For more information please contact Sue on 01743 761355 / 07773 161635 or email sueshedden52@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Ladies from Cross Houses Knit and Natter held their Christmas Fayre on 19th November. A big thank you to all who supported us - we had a fabulous day and will be sending a cheque for £1,000 to the Severn Hospice.



A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the people who deliver our Village Pump throughout the year, without them you wouldn't get your bi-monthly news letter delivered to your door.

If you feel you could help your community by delivering the Pump in your area please contact the Editor on 01743 761619. The more volunteer deliverers we have the smaller the area to deliver. We look



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Evening	£35	£45
Friday to Sunday		
Morning	£35	£45
Afternoon	£35	£45
Evening	£50	£75

ROOM HIRE RATES 2023

A refundable deposit equal to the rate of hire or £50 whichever is lower, is to be paid at the time of booking.

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Please do not park in the six parking spaces on the right side as you enter the car park as these belong to residents and visitors of the apartments opposite.

Music must cease at 12:00 midnight. The evening session must finish by 12:30am.

Please read the terms and conditions for the end of session.

Enquire online through <https://hallbookingonline.com/chapel>

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Facebook messenger @Chapel Community Centre Cross Houses Shrewsbury

Carols in The Square Wednesday 14th December, 5.30pm



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ROCK CHOIR - LIVE BY CANDLELIGHT

Rock Choir Shrewsbury, Telford and Bridgnorth are delighted to be hosting a live Concert by Candlelight this December raising funds for the work of Severn Hospice.

Rock Choir will be joined by some talented guest vocalists and groups including the wonderful Sadie Beth Holder. It promises to be a festive and magical musical evening!

Saturday 10th December, 6.30pm

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Complete the grid so that every row, column, diagonal and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 - 9 inclusive.



News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School

Preparing, Sowing, Growing



Special Memories...

Our U11 Boys team had the chance to create some very special memories when they played at St George's Park (home of the England teams) in a special football tournament to mark 10 years of the England training ground being at Burton. The event was visited by HRH Prince William and Ben, our captain had the opportunity of a handshake and chat. Prince William was extremely welcoming to all the children there and talked to Ben about how brave goalkeepers had to be and about playing football with his children and Prince George being in goal. Our team played extremely well – coming top of their table and progressing through to the knockout stages before being beaten in the semi-finals. It was an amazing day and we were so proud of their wonderful behaviour.

We have had lots of other opportunities to make memories this term. Maple Class (Y1/2) visited Blists Hill in October to help them with their Homes and Toys history learning – although they also enjoyed candle making and tasting old fashioned chips! Oak Class (Y5/6) and Willow Class (Y4/5) went to a Hindu Temple in Oldbury in October which really helped them embed their Religious Education learning about how Hindus worship – we were given a lovely warm welcome at Balaji Temple. Holly Class (Y2/3) are looking forward to visiting Blists Hill in November for a Shrewsbury Town Design Technology and History workshop. They will be looking at how the design and fabric used in football shirts has changed over the years. a nearer the time

Is your child due to start school in September 2023?

We are always happy to show prospective parents around school, you do not need to wait for an 'open day' – just contact us and we can arrange a mutually convenient time. Please contact the School Office tel: 01952 510383 or email admin@christchurch.shropshire.sch.uk for more details.

World Cup Preparations...



Did you see Holly Class on BBC Midlands Today or in the Shropshire Star a few weeks ago? They had an amazing time visiting Blists Hill and finding out about football shirts from Victorian times as part of a History and Design Technology project. Blists Hill have created replica Shrewsbury Town and Wolves kits from the past as a way of celebrating the World Cup this December. They are on display now for all visitors and our children were filmed and interviewed enjoying this new exhibit. For Holly Class it was a chance to be school children of the past and find out that PE was not quite so much fun in the old days!

As well as trips out, we love welcoming visitors into school. We have also had a recent visit from the Animal Man. Four classes enjoyed learning some amazing facts and meeting a variety of animals including one that was evolved from an elephant which the children found fascinating. Willow Class enjoyed working with Shropshire Wildlife Trust and learning about hedgerows and how important they are in Shropshire for conservation. We are also looking forward to some Bikeability sessions – by the time this article comes out you may have met us cycling around our local area.

Of course, in December we are also busy practising for Nativities and Christmas plays – you will be pleased to hear that the old traditions are alive and well in your local primary school. A very Merry Christmas from us all.

Events in December

We try to let you know about events which may cause traffic/parking in the village and always remind parents to park considerately.

Tuesday 6th December – 6pm – Christmas Performance

Thursday 15th December – 6-7.30pm – Christmas Disco

We will invite parents to park on the playground to minimise disruption at both these events.

Tracey Cansdale, Headteacher

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Our website is also full of updates and information: christchurchcressage.co.uk



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Homes Plus	0800 048 8955
Councillor Claire Wild	01743 255 884 / 07582 002 100
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