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

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Berrington Parish Council

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

Claire Wild (Chair); Richard Purslow (Vice-Chair); Richard Ward; Sue Mason; Lezley Picton; Claire Bonsey; Mark Howarth, Steve Hawksworth and Kate Fulton. Notice of Berrington Parish Council Meetings are posted on the notice boards in Cross Houses and Berrington. The Parish Council is keen to make the improvements you want, let us know what you think. 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 Clerk

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Atcham Parish Council

Atcham Parish Council consists of seven elected or co-opted Parish Councillors:

Colin Morris, Jayne Caswell, Helen Trow, Colin Wildblood,
Alastair Home-Roberts, Tamara Hayman-Bant, Sue Shedden

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Attention All Dog Owners

Please clean up after your dog, particularly on the playing field where children may pick up harmful bacteria! Place the dog dirt in the bin provided.

Thank you.



News from your Shropshire Councillor - Councillor Claire Wild

PLANNING MATTERS

Salop Leisure

The Salop Leisure Development is still awaiting a decision.

Land Opposite the Post Office and adjacent to Holcroft Way

The Parish Council have asked that the construction access to the site is operational before any development takes place and that all construction workers vehicles and construction traffic are parked within the site and not on Holcroft Way. Helen Howie from Berry's will be attending the next Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 11th February, 7.30pm at the Chapel Community Centre. At this meeting the submitted detailed plans for phases 1 and 2 of the development will be available to view and the Parish Council will be considering its response to the application and inviting residents to submit comments before it is decided.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Community Speed watch is up and running in Cross Houses and making a difference to the speed of traffic. The coordinators would like volunteers from the Atcham area so the scheme can be extended to include Atcham. Sue Shedden, new Parish Councillor for Atcham, is one of the coordinators and I am sure she would be delighted to talk to you and give you further information. Cross Houses area would also welcome new volunteers . If you would like to join this team please contact david.fairclough@shropshire.gov.uk or tel: 01743 252 483 and we will arrange a meeting with the other volunteers.

THE BIG CONVERSATION

The Big Conversation is up and running and will continue throughout the year. Shropshire Council have some very difficult decisions to make and needs your help in making those decisions. Those of you who completed the Big Conversation Survey may well be invited to join a focus group where there will be detailed discussions. I urge to take part, the results of these discussions will impact on all of us. I will keep you informed through this column.

Best wishes

Claire

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS, CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

If you are considering starting any clubs or associations in the area or have an idea for a project that would benefit our community please get in touch with the Community Action Officer team who would very much like to hear from you. Our Community Action Officer is David Fairclough. David can be contacted on 07582 004015 or 01743 252483.

Email: david.fairclough@shropshire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

Tel: 01743 253077 Email: communityaction@shropshire.gov.uk

POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Our Local Police Team is PC Dave Harte and CSO Jacqui Baldwin Tel: 0300 333 3000 ext 69008. There is also a team e-mail address: shrewsburyrsw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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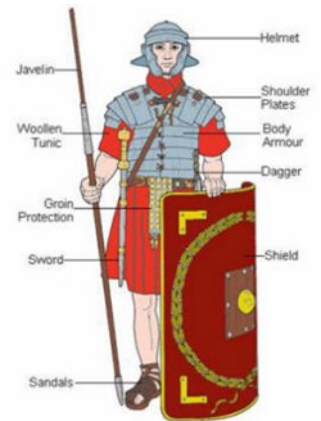
News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School
Learning, Listening, Living

Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor to join our friendly staff team to start as soon as possible. Application closing date: Monday 8th February; interviews: Wednesday 10th February. Please contact the school for more information on 01952 510 383 or visit our website at <http://www.christchurch.shropshire.sch.uk/>

Spring Term Learning

This term's topic themes are **Romans** and **Transport**. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the spring term. Our youngest class, Red Class will be making a trip to Cosford Aerospace museum to learn more about transport on Wednesday 24th February. Our two older classes - Yellow and Green- will be having a special time-travelling visitor – a Roman soldier.



In **English** the children will be preparing some poems for the Wenlock Poetry Festival. The actual festival isn't until the 23rd & 24th April but we are going to do some work in the first half of the Spring term in preparation for the event. As a partner school we are going to be creating poetry bunting which will be on display in the Children's Marquee which will be part of the festival. Every child in our school will have a poem displayed.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary:

Half Term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Monday 22nd February- **Safer Schools Meeting** at 13.10, everyone is welcome to attend.

Rach Braybrooke & Kim Stokes

THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT SHROPSHIRE



Tallest column

Lord Hill's column, outside Shropshire Council's headquarters at Shirehall, Shrewsbury, is the tallest of its kind in the world. It stands at 133ft 6ins tall and is in the Doric style, as used by the ancient Greeks.

Geologists' paradise

Shropshire, particularly the south of the county, is something of a magnet for geologists. There are more rocks of different ages here than any area of similar size in the world (dating from 700 to 200 million years ago), and places like Ludlow and Wenlock Edge have even given their names to geological periods. The world's oldest known complete fossil was also discovered in Shropshire at Caradoc.

Home to the Brown Bomber

Boxer Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber, was stationed in north Shropshire while serving as a US Army PT instructor during World War Two. Apparently people in the local pubs used to pay money to punch him in the stomach, but he was such a hardnut that the punches had no effect. He wasn't the only famous face to visit, either. General de Gaulle and his family stayed at Gadlas Hall, a few miles away from Ellesmere, in 1940-41 and there were plans to evacuate the Royal Family to Pitchford Hall, near Shrewsbury.

Kindness to hedgehogs

If you're fond of small spiky mammals, then Shropshire is the place for you. It's the home of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, which was started in 1982 by Major Adrian Coles. The society is responsible for humane innovations such as hedgehog ramps in cattle grids, which stop the poor animals from getting trapped, and improving general awareness of the welfare of wildlife.

First skyscraper

Shropshire is also home to the world's first skyscraper. While it may not look much, Ditherington flax mill, on the outskirts of Shrewsbury, was the first multi-storey iron-framed building in the world - and therefore the forerunner of every skyscraper and tower block in the world. Built in 1797, it's currently under redevelopment and is one of 660 listed buildings in the town.

Home of the sweet pea

Besides having one of the shortest names in Britain, the Shropshire town of Wem is also responsible for giving the world the sweet pea. It was developed by one Henry Eckford, who crossbred the plants until he came up with the highly scented blooms common today. Every July the town still holds an annual sweet pea festival.

First Welsh Team

The first Welsh international football team was picked at a meeting at the Queen's Hotel in Oswestry (in England!) in the 1870s. Oswestry Town Football Club (now The New Saints) was a founder member of the Welsh Football League and is still the only English club to play in the League of Wales.

Bah humbug!

In the graveyard of St Chad's Church in Shrewsbury lies the grave of one Ebenezer Scrooge - and it's something of a tourist attraction. Unfortunately it's fake. The 1984 film 'A Christmas Carol', starring George C. Scott, used Shrewsbury as a location and after the film crew left, the grave remained.

Tuesday 16th February 2016, 7.15pm

Graham J. Bradbury

**“That Bloody Ole
be the Daeth of Yu”**

**Shropshire’s
Geological Wealth
at What Cost?**



Tuesday 18th March 2016, 7.15pm

There will be Family History
help available and a talk given by

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Valhalla – Life and Death in Viking Britain – 8 February to 4 June Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery

The exploits on the Viking invaders from Scandinavia are part of British folklore but how much do we really know about them? The Valhalla exhibition from the Jorvik Centre in York goes on show for the first time outside the city at Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery from 8 February until 4 June.

Be prepared for some surprises in the most important Viking exhibition to visit the region for many a year.



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Penny Walker on 01743 761522



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BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 10th December 2015

MINUTES

1) Welcome by Chairman: The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2) Present : Councillor C Wild-Chairman ; Councillor R Purslow-Vice chairman ; Councillor L Picton ; Councillor K Fulton ; Councillor S Hawksworth ; Councillor R Ward ; Councillor C Bonsey; Also present L Pardoe clerk to the council; Helen Howie from Berry's, Clive Benfield & Jonathan Westwood from Fletcher Homes; Members of the public (please see attached sheet) Apologies were received from Councillor S Mason who was on holiday

3) Declaration of Interest: None at this point

Standing Orders were lifted to allow members of the public to speak.

4) Helen Howie from Berry's to speak on Planning Application for Fletcher Homes in Crosshouses at Holcroft Way: Helen spoke to all those in attendance on the proposed application for the reserved matters for the application for Holcroft Way Phases 1 & 2.

The Construction traffic would be through the field. The Belisha beacons at the road crossing would be upgraded and Vehicle Activated signs installed at either end of the village.

The end of Phase 1 would have the new roundabout and an adopted road installed and Holcroft Way closed off.

Councillor C Wild requested that deliveries to site were to be kept between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm for

the safety of the children living on the estate on their way to and from school. She also requested that the VAS and the Beacons on the crossing be done as a priority as the turning into Holcroft Way is very dangerous.

The members of the public asked many questions which Helen, Clive & Jonathan answered fully. They were extremely concerned at the disruption and mess that would be caused by the site traffic through Holcroft Way until the alternative site entrance was formed. They were also concerned at the potential congestion that would be caused by site workers vehicles if there was no separate parking for them as a priority.

How much the houses would be marketed at was asked and the reply was that the houses they are constructing and selling at Gobowen are fetching around £135,000 for two bed roomed house and 4beds are fetching around £250,000.

The Chairman thanked Helen, Jonathan and Clive for attending and they left the meeting at 8.30pm.

5) Public Session: See above.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

6) The Big Conversation; this was noted.

7) Community Defibrillators: Clerk updated the members on the funding and application by Berrington parish Council. The application has been made we are just waiting to hear if we have been successful.

8) Place Plans: The clerk had attended an initial meeting between clerks and officers from Shropshire Council with the aim of looking at how best to make the Place Plans a more manageable document and easier to find the relevant information in it.

9) LJC: Councillor C Wild to report

10) Confirmation and acceptance of minutes from 12th November 2015: It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; proposed by Councillor L Picton; seconded by councillor R Ward and agreed by all members present.

11) Matters arising: Clerk reported that the Banking mandate had finally been actioned in full by the Bank. She had also applied for funding for compliance with the Transparency Act.

12) Highways: There were no matters to report.

13) Financial Matters:

i) Bank Reconciliation for Month End November; It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor S Hawksworth; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

ii) Accounts for payment: list to be circulated before the meeting. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor S Hawksworth; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

cheque number	Payee	Details	Amount
1004	L Pardoe	Expenses	156.83
1005	Shropshire Council	Energy Costs	158.38
1006	The Printing Shed	Printing costs	390.00
		Supply and install lights for Community Cen-	
1007	At Hand Fire Protection	tre	960.00
		total	1665.21

iii) Council to receive financial papers in preparation for the precept setting in January. These were circulated to members by the clerk.

iv) It was agreed to use an alternative printer for the next edition of the Newsletter as it was a considerable amount less.

14) Planning Matters:-

i) Clerk to report on earlier applications:

Reference: 15/03149/FUL: Barns 3&4 Berrington manor, Shrewsbury: **Permission Granted**

Reference: 15/03535/FUL: The Wain House, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury. SY5 6HZ: **Permission Granted**

Reference: 15/03636/LBC: The Wain House, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury, SY5 6HZ **Permission Granted**

Reference: 15/04193/FUL : Grove Barn, Pitchford Road, Condover, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7DF:

Pending consideration

ii) **Council to consider new applications:** There are none at this time.

iii) **Consider any new applications received after 1st December 2015;** There were none.

iv) **Council to consider response to the Planning Appeal against the refusal of the Erection of 6 dwellings at The Bell.** It was agreed that the council would respond as they had to the Planning Application. It was also agreed to write to the MP D Kawcynski to get him involved in the appeal.

v) **Councils response to the presentation of the proposed Reserved matters for the Holcroft Way applications Phases 1 & 2.**

The council are insisting that all traffic goes through the field and only access to the Show homes to be off Holcroft Way. There was to be NO construction traffic on Holcroft Way. The construction workers cars to be parked in the field and not on Holcroft Way. The road to the site through the field to be a priority.

15) **Correspondence Received:** This was noted

16) **Parish Matters:** There were none

17) **Date and Time of next Meeting**—It was agreed that this would be on Thursday 14th January 2016. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

DID YOU KNOW???

Shrewsbury's McHeritage Burger

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Shrewsbury Spires

Shrewsbury's St Mary's Church has the third tallest spire in England. In 1739 the church was at the centre of a not so tall tale - local steeplejack flier Robert Cadman was well known for his daredevil feats, but came to an unfortunate end attempting to cross the River Severn from a rope suspended from the spire of St Mary's Church.





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CQC Inspection Report



OVERALL RATING FOR THIS PRACTICE...

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ARE SERVICES CARING?.... GOOD

ARE SERVICES RESPONSIVE TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS?.... GOOD

ARE SERVICES WELL-LED?.... GOOD

A comprehensive inspection was carried out at Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Centre on 16 November 2015. Overall the Practice is rated as good.

The key findings across all the areas inspected are as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff understood and fulfilled their responsibilities to raise concerns and report incidents and near misses.• All opportunities for learning from internal and external incidents were maximised.• Risks to patients were assessed and well managed.• Staff assessed patients' needs and delivered care in line with current evidence based guidance. Staff had the skills, knowledge and experience to deliver effective care and treatment.• There was a strong focus on continuous learning and improvement at all levels.• The practice worked closely with other organisations and with the local community in planning how services were provided to ensure that they met patients' needs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patients said they were treated with compassion, dignity and respect and they were involved in their care and decisions about their treatment.• Information about services and how to complain was available and easy to understand.• Patients said they found it easy to make an appointment with a named GP and that there was continuity of care, with urgent appointments available the same day.• The practice had good facilities and was well equipped to treat patients and meet their needs.• There was a clear leadership structure and staff felt supported by management. The practice proactively sought feedback from staff and patients, which it acted on.• The provider was aware of and complied with the requirements of the Duty of Candour. |
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The Practice is pleased that the CQC Inspection Team have recognised the efforts of the whole team in providing a safe, effective and caring service to our patients.

Other Practice News



Trip to Nepal with PHASE Worldwide

I recently spent 2 weeks visiting a small hill village in rural Nepal in the region of Sindhupalchok.

The purpose of my visit was to volunteer as a GP mentor to community health workers at their Health Posts. I had previously visited the same area in 2011 but since then the area has been badly affected by the earthquakes in 2015 with destruction of virtually all of the buildings including the main health post. Clinics are now held in a tent shown in the picture. I spent my time with 3 health workers – Deepika, Janak and Newton, who do an excellent job of treating and providing health education to the local community with minimal resources. My role was to teach consultation, examination and diagnostic skills.

Part of one of the health post was still standing but was further damaged by another earthquake during my stay. Most people are living in temporary buildings made from corrugated iron, reclaimed wood from their houses and tarpaulins. Phase Nepal also give agricultural advice and support and health and educational support and training in schools. More information can be found on www.phaseworldwide.org.

Dr Jennie Bailey December 2015

New Medical Student

Joshua Kearsley will be joining the Practice on placement from Keele University where he is studying medicine as a 5th year student. Joshua will be sitting in with the doctors and nurses over the coming weeks and will also be seeing patients under the supervision of one of our doctors.

We would like to thank you for your help with Joshua's training by allowing him to be present during your appointment, if however you would rather not have the student in the room please let Reception know as you book in.

Baby News

Dr Heyes will be temporarily leaving the practice in January for maternity leave. We are pleased to confirm that we have secured Dr Steven Lonsdale as a locum for the term of Dr Heyes leave.

Dr Lonsdale is an experienced GP and is already covering appointment sessions for Dr Livesey.

ACCESS TO ON-LINE SERVICES

To register for On-line Services please see our website or ask at reception.

Please allow one working week for your online account to be activated.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital – Out Patient Appointments

How the appointment system works

When you are referred to the Hospital an appointment will be arranged for you by the Out Patients Department. If you are unable to make the appointment you have been allocated please make contact with the Out Patient appointment department as soon as possible and they will arrange an alternative date. You are able to cancel and rearrange your appointment twice – however, if you cannot make the third appointment offered you will be discharged back to your GP and will require a new referral.

If for any reason you are unable to attend an appointment and fail to inform Out Patients, you will be automatically discharged back to your GP and you will need to be re-referred.

If you feel your condition has worsened since you were referred by your GP then please contact your GP who will inform the hospital of the need for a sooner appointment.

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FEBRUARY

Sunday 7th February, 9.45am (New time)
Sunday before Lent
Betton Strange

Sunday 14th February, 11am
1st Sunday of Lent
Berrington

Sunday 28th February, 10am
3rd Sunday of Lent
Family Service at Cross Houses

MARCH

Mothering Sunday
Sunday 6th March, 9.45am Eucharist at Betton
Strange
Sunday 13th March, 11am
5th Sunday of Lent
Berrington

Sunday 20th March, 10am
Palm Sunday
Family Service at Cross Houses
Sunday 27th March, 11am
Easter Day
Berrington

Berrington Church

ALTAR FLOWERS

FEBRUARY

Wk 1 & 2

Barbara Maund

Wk 3 & 4

No flowers (Lent)

MARCH

No flowers (Lent)

CHURCH CLEANING

February

Volunteers Required

March

Amy Holcroft

Berrington Church Lottery Winners

1st £15, 2nd Prize £10, 3rd Prize £5

December

1st H Ward, 2nd C Jones, 3rd J Law

January

1st P Whittle, 2nd L Jackson, 3rd L Rowlands

CELEBRATORY AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday 24th April, 3pm

at the Chapel Community Centre, Cross Houses

Afternoon Tea Tickets £5 (Adults) £3 (under 5s), to include a Traditional Afternoon Tea, to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday more details to follow but please book tickets with a member of the PCC as soon as possible for catering purposes.

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CRESSAGE Gardening Club



A welcome return visitor to the annual Christmas Flower Demonstration Evening in late November was Jane Pugh from Bishops' Castle known as 'Shropshire's Singing Florist'. This is one of the most popular dates in CGC's calendar and the village hall was packed with members, friends and visitors. Jane created wonderful Christmas floral arrangements whilst entertaining everyone with her amusing repartee and singing of popular carols.

In early December thirty members met at The Riverside Inn Cound in very pleasant surroundings to chat and enjoy each other's company over a wonderful Christmas meal.

January 21st sees the beginning of CGC's year with the AGM followed by a photographic review of 2015. February 18th sees the return visit of the popular Mark Hall who this time will speak on 'Planning your Vegetable Garden for the Year Ahead'.

On March 17 CGC is pleased to welcome Jack Willgoss, a local Chelsea Gold Medal winner in 2015, speaking on his specialised prize winning subject of 'Violas' – everything you ever wanted or needed to know about growing this little gem of a flower.

New members welcome. All meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm in Cressage Village Hall unless otherwise notified. Membership is just £5 a year.

Jan Halmshaw, Secretary (01952 510594) for further information



Cross Houses Knit and Natter Nutters

Would like to thank everyone who supported our first Christmas Fayre in aid of charity on 21st October 2015. We made a grand total of £320 which was divided between the Lingen Davies Unit at the RSH and the Oncology Ward at the PRH.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT CROSS HOUSES
COMMUNITY HALL ON SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2016.**

For more information call Sue on 01743 761355

ATCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – JANUARY 2016

WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome Sue Shedden as a councillor. Sue lives in Cross Houses and is an active member of the Community Speedwatch group.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – UPDATE

Speedwatch volunteers have been active in Cross Houses. We are very keen to find volunteers for Atcham. If you would like to volunteer, please contact David Fairclough, LJC Officer on 01743 252483, david.fairclough@shropshire.gov.uk

REPORTS

Cllr. Wild was in attendance. She reported that The Big Conservation is ongoing and workshops are being held with a range of people in Shropshire. She also said that Shropshire Council will continue to liaise with Highways England regarding the signage at Emstrey Roundabout. The parish council will also pursue this matter with the MP.

The police reported the following crimes during November 2015 (Dec report not received yet)

Assault: 1	Theft: 0	Burglary Other: 0
Vehicle Crime: 0	Criminal Damage: 0	Burglary Dwelling: 0
Other: 0	Road Traffic Incident: 1	Road Collision: 2
ASB Personal: 0	ASB Environmental: 0	ASB Nuisance: 0

NHS FUTURE FIT

The NHS Future Fit programme (review of hospital services in the county) is ongoing. You can look on their website for more information and details of how to give your views. <http://nhsfuturefit.org/>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/03741/LBC - Longner Hall, Preston, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 4TG - Alterations and Minor Change affecting a Grade II* Listed Building – **Grant Permission**

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HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The parish council remains concerned about the safety of the Five Ways junction and will submit this as a site of community concern to Shropshire Council

PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Council is applying for funding to set-up a website for the parish. We hope to have this live by late Spring... more details to follow.

FINANCIAL

The Qtr. 3 bank reconciliation, showed a reconciled balance of £2684.98, with payments to date totalling £3265.99 and receipts of £5048.01

The Parish Council also considered its precept for 2016-17 and a precept of £5090 (£40.87 per Band D household) was set.

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 9th March 2016 at The Malthouse, Atcham at 7.30pm

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Palm Sunday March 20th - Eucharist 11 a.m. with the distribution of Palm Crosses

Details of all other Holy Week and Easter Services will be on the printed cards available in Church and on the Notice Boards.

Saturday 26th Easter Saturday - The church will be decorated for Easter and any help would be welcome from around 9.30 a.m.

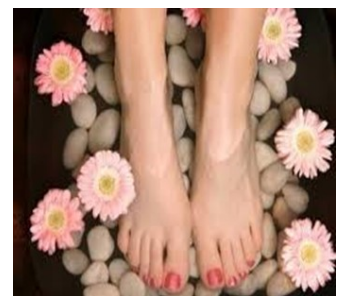
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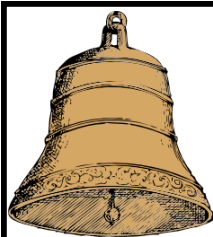
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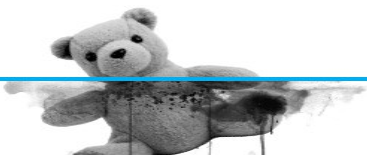
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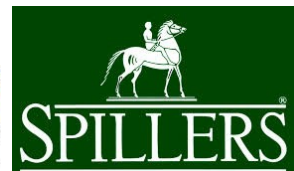
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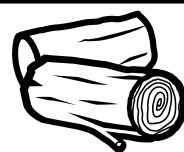
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Complete the grid so that every row, column, diagonal and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 - 9 inclusive.



GARDENING MATTERS

Top Tips courtesy of Tim Robinson, Manager of Love Plants



With the mild wet weather we have had so far this winter the ground is very heavy underfoot but there are plenty of jobs to be done in preparation for spring. Bulbs are breaking through the soil and some are in flower. At Love Plants we have even had Agapanthus in flower this January!

It is time to prune summer flowering shrubs such as Caryopteris, Perovskia and hardy Fuchsia. Spirea japonica varieties such as 'Anthony Waterer' and 'Gold flame' can be cut back almost to ground level. For most others cut back the previous years flowering stems to within 2 buds of the old wood. Shrubs such as Buddleja davidii and Cornus sanguinea cultivars can be cut hard back to just above the ground. This will help manage the size and also improve the colour of new stems on Cornus for the following winter. As soon as winter flowering jasmine has finished flowering, prune by cutting back all lateral shoots to about two inches. If you have late summer or autumn flowering Clematis cut them down to twelve inches. Cut lateral shoots on Wisteria back to two buds to encourage flower buds.

Plant pot grown spring bulbs such as Fritillaria and winter aconites now. They are most effective planted in drifts under deciduous shrubs and trees. Pot grown snowdrops can be planted now also, again plant in drifts and allow to naturalise. Potted bulbs are a quick way of filling gaps in beds and containers and providing instant colour.

There are many varieties of Hellebore to give weeks of flower during the winter and add some real interest to your garden. One of my favourites is Helleborous HGC Camelot with pink buds opening to large pinkish cream flowers. Hellebores can develop leaf spot in winter, especially during wet weather, so cut back old leaves to control this problem.

In the veg plot force rhubarb by removing dead leaves and covering with a forcer or use a large pot if you don't have one. Every three years or so split old clumps of rhubarb to keep it productive. I find it easier to lift the whole clump before splitting. Make sure each piece has a bud and a decent root. Re-plant each piece with the bud at soil level. Sow early salad crops and vegetables in seed trays using seed and cutting compost. Keep them in a greenhouse if you have one or inside on a well-lit windowsill with good air circulation. Chit your potatoes if you haven't already. Place them in an egg box with the end showing the most buds uppermost and keep in a light cool place. When the sprouts are over an inch long they will be ready to plant out in March.

So look for the gaps between the rain showers, wrap up and get out in the garden and start laying the groundwork for spring, it's just around the corner!

Tim Robinson, Manager – Love Plants

If you have any top-tips be it gardening, cleaning etc. or have an article that you think the residents of Atcham and Berrington Parishes would find interesting please get in touch with the Village Pump Editor as we are keen to ensure that The Pump is an interesting read and not just information and adverts. We look forward to hearing from you.

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