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

Published by Berrington Parish Council on behalf of the parishes of Atcham & Berrington

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

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**Deadline for the Aug - Sep 2023 issue is
Friday 14th July 2023**



News from your Shropshire

Councillor Claire Wild



CLEANING UP TIME

Berrington Parish Councillor Steph very kindly organised a tidy up of Berrington Church Yard on Saturday 27th May. If you would like to help out in the future please contact Steph via the Facebook community page as looking after the churchyard will become a regular event.

LITTER PICK

On Saturday 10th June Berrington Parish Council are organising a Litter Pick around Cross Houses. We are meeting up at the Chapel Community Centre at 10am. Come along and lend a hand. Equipment, including gloves and pickers will be provided. We have an active group of litter pickers in Berrington but would like to form groups in Cantlop and Betton. Please get in touch if you would be able to donate a few hours of your time.

I have been contacted by a young person who is undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Award and as part of this he wishes to undertake work in the community. It has been suggested that we form a working party to once again tidy up Cantlop Bridge. If you are interested in helping please get in touch.

A YOUTH CLUB THANK YOU

Sadly we have not been able to continue with our Cross Houses Youth Club. Our superstar volunteers have organised a Thank You Party for everyone in the Village. It is on Wednesday 6th September at the Chapel Community Centre, starting at 6.30pm and will feature the Animal Man. It is a free event but donations to the Chapel would be welcome. All Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ATCHAM FETE AND DUCK RACE

Another date for you diary on Sunday 25th June, starting at 2pm is the Atcham Fete and legendary Duck Race. The fete takes place in the grounds of the Church.

THE MYTTON AND MERMAID

The refurbishment of the Mytton & Mermaid is complete and the pub will open on Thursday 1st June at 5pm. I wish the new owners all the very best and look forward to visiting in the future.

As always, if you think I can help, get in touch.

Best wishes,

Claire

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CROSS HOUSES YOUTH CLUB THANK YOU PARTY

Wednesday 6th September, 6.30pm

At the Chapel Community Centre, The Chestnuts, Cross Houses

Featuring

The Animal Man

Everyone from the village is welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

This is a free event, donations to the Chapel Community Centre would be welcomed.



Out and About - Things to Do and See

BELLE VUE ARTS FESTIVAL

Lots of events throughout the month of June, starting on Saturday 3rd June. This year's theme is Heroes.

Open Gardens, Art & Scarecrow Trail, Outdoor Events, Workshops, exhibitions, Open Mic nights and so much more.

Full schedule and further information can be found at <https://www.bellevueartsfestival.co.uk/festival-2023>



ATCHAM VILLAGE FETE AND DUCK RACE

Sunday 25th June, opens at 2pm

Lots of stalls, games, plants, tean and cake and the famous Duck Race



SHREWSBURY FOOD FESTIVAL

Shrewsbury Food Festival brings together over 200+ food, drink, and craft exhibitors to Shrewsbury Quarry this Summer.

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So, grab a drink, take a stroll around the fantastic producers, sample some tasty treats, then take a seat on the hill and enjoy live music from some of our hand-picked local musicians.



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Do you enjoy reading and would like to discuss your ideas and thoughts with like minded people - then please come and join our small, free, friendly and local book club.

2023 Reading List

June

"The Girl Who Wrote in Silk" - Kelli Estes

July

"The Man Who Died Twice" - Richard Osman

August

"The Help and/or 19 Minutes"

- Kathryn Stockett / Jodi Picoult

For more information please call Sue on
01743 761355 or email
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10am - 4pm

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Save the Date

Saturday 23rd September
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CHURCH SERVICES **and NEWS from ST** **EATA'S at ATCHAM**

There will be a Eucharist [BCP] every Sunday at 11 a.m.

Matins [Morning Prayer] on the 1st Sunday of each month.

EASTER SUNDAY was a joyful celebration of the Resurrection with a large congregation.

The **Blessing of the Animals** at Home Farm, Attingham was a great success with bright sunshine and people just visiting the Farm joining in. A very, very big "Thank You" to John Malam for conducting the Service at the last minute when the Rector was called away. Thanks to all the Dixon family for their hospitality.

6th May - the Coronation of King Charles III. A picnic was held at The Malthouse on Monday 8th May arranged by the Village folk. Thanks to Claire Wild for popping in to help us raise a glass to His Majesty.

7th May - open afternoon at Longner Hall. The bright sunny day was enjoyed by lots of people.

Upcoming Events - **25th June - CHURCH FETE & DUCK RACE - 2pm** in the Church grounds. Ducks will be on sale at various events (£1 each) and on the day, lots of stalls, music, plants, tea & cakes.

ADVANCE NOTICE - A "Better clothes sale on 30th September at the Malthouse to raise funds for the Church Fabric Fund.

Mytton & Mermaid Hotel - by the time you read this the Mytton will be open again after renovation. Welcome and Good Luck to the new owners.

Atcham Parish Council

Atcham Parish Council meet bi-monthly (Jan, March, May, July, Sept & Nov) on a Wednesday evening at the Malthouse, Atcham at 7.30pm. The Council consists of seven elected or co-opted Parish Councillors: Colin Wildblood (Chairman), Laura Dixon, Sue Shedden, Simon Adney, Rob Trow, Stephen Cook and Martin Ruston. The locum Clerk is Caroline Higgins email: atchampc@gmail.com



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Those who can offer a Shropshire child a loving and safe home in the county are being asked to come forward and join the foster care community.

Fostering, for many children, can be their first positive experience of family life, and our carers do an incredible job of providing them with the stability and confidence they need. By committing their time and their love, carers give children – and often whole families – the time and the space to rebuild their lives.

Currently there are 188 members of Shropshire's fostering community, comprising of both foster carers and connected carers.



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What is a fostering?

Fostering is often used to provide temporary care for children and young people, while parents get help sorting out problems or to help children or young people through a difficult period in their lives. Often children will return home once the problems that caused them to come into foster care have been resolved and it is clear that their parents are able to look after them safely.

Others may stay in long-term foster care, some may be adopted, and others will move on to live independently.

There are many types of fostering, ranging from short to long term as well as short breaks or respite.

What is a foster carer, and can I foster?

The role of the foster carer is to provide a safe and secure home to a child or young person.

Potentially, anyone over the age of 21 can foster, providing they are able to give a child a secure and caring home. You don't need to be rich. You don't need to be working. You don't need to have children of your own. You can be married, single or in a same sex relationship.

There are, obviously, certain criteria – for example, you will need to have a spare room, and be able to offer consistent care for children under five, but all of this will be discussed with you during your initial questionnaire.

Shropshire Fostering is asking Shropshire people to help make a positive difference to the life of a Shropshire child.

“Foster carers can literally change the future for the children they care for, by giving them a chance to rebuild their lives from what can be very difficult circumstances.

Every year, as the number of children needing a home rises, some carers drop out of the system: so we constantly need to grow the pool so that children and young people coming into care are able to live with a carer whose skills and experience meet their individual needs. Nationally, there is a particular need for carers to come forward to foster teenagers, sibling groups and children with complex needs – and Shropshire is no different.

Our priority is to recruit enough local carers to avoid Shropshire children having to go out of the county to be looked after. So please, if you feel you could foster a Shropshire child, do get in touch and become one of the 188 fantastic members of our fostering community.”

What we can offer?

As a foster carer with Shropshire Fostering, you will become a valued member of our team, working with and caring for local children to offer them the best support and care to make a difference to their life. We can offer:

- Full training and ongoing support from an experienced team of qualified social workers, family support workers and therapists, all of whom are committed to supporting our carers to care.
- Peer support from other foster carers.
- Extremely competitive allowance with plenty of added benefits. How much you receive depends on the type of care you provide and the age of the child in your care. Our foster carers receive between **£15,368** and **£44,026** allowance per year for one child. You would get more for fostering older children and children with complex needs or disabilities. Suitable carers can also foster more than one child.

If fostering sounds like something you could do, then why not get in touch on **0800 783 8798** or visit [shropshire.gov.uk/fostering](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/fostering) and ask for a fostering information pack.

You can also register on our Virtual Fostering Information Event on Wednesday 17 May at 6pm. To find out more visit <https://www.shropshirefostering.co.uk/info-events/>.



HEALTHIER TOGETHER – A NEW WEBSITE

Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care System has launched a new website that provides consistent, accurate and trustworthy healthcare advice to parents, carers of children, young people and professionals.

Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Healthier Together is a free website developed by healthcare professionals to help parents and carers keep their children safe and healthy. The website provides clear advice and information for anyone in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin who wants a reliable source of local information and is available by visiting www.stw-healthiertogether.nhs.uk.

The Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Healthier Together website will be a boost for children and their families, and will also support health services by ensuring the right people are being directed to the right services. The easy-to-use self-triage tool gives health advice via a system of red, amber, and green signs which directs the user to the right place for the care of the child. If the website suggests the child does not need professional medical care, it may still suggest self-care for minor ailments (green), that can be provided at home or via their local pharmacy with over-the-counter treatments. For children rated as amber, parents will be directed to primary care services, or NHS111 if outside normal GP practice opening hours. In cases where urgent or emergency treatment could be required (red), the website will signpost the parent or carer to a nearby Accident and Emergency Department.

With typical waiting times for health services at a record high, the hope is that this new website will provide parents with an alternative way of helping to identify the support they need in a quick and easy way.

Carer Connect Group

April saw the successful launch of 'Carer Connect' - a community initiative to support the carers of Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice. Community & Care Co-ordinator Jo Weaver-Jackson identified the need for the group as so many volunteers and other local initiatives were lost through covid, leaving carers feeling isolated within their own community.

'Face to face contact is fast becoming a thing of the past and that can alienate many patients who are needing reassurance and support in their role as carer. This group aims to restore that, a safe space to share information and try something new'.

Support for the first meeting came from a variety of service providers, including Shropshire Carers, Age UK, the Alzheimers Society, dementia respite professional Karen Cromwell and our newly appointed Admiral Nurse. Special thanks also to the High Sheriff of Shropshire who supported our launch with such enthusiasm. All were available to chat informally over refreshments before Sally Tonge and her magical guitar quite literally lifted the spirits of everyone in the room - a great introduction to the joy of music and what better way to signpost people to local singing groups in the area?

'Carer Connect' will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month, thanks to the support of the Much Wenlock Forester Charitable Trust.

HRT PRESCRIPTION PREPAYMENT CERTIFICATE (PPC)

Women experiencing symptoms of the menopause can now access cheaper HRT - the main treatment for menopause symptoms - helping to save hundreds of pounds in prescription charges.

The new HRT PPC being rolled out today (1 April 2023) will reduce prescription costs to just £19.30 per year and can be used against a list of eligible HRT items that includes patches, tablets and topical preparations. Patients can use the HRT PPC as many times as they need across the year.

There are a few different ways to get the HRT PPC:

- online on the NHSBSA website: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/hrt-ppc
- in person at some pharmacies
- if you're deaf or hard of hearing, you can use the textphone (or minicom) to contact the NHSBSA using the text relay service. Dial 18001 then the relevant phone number. This will be available from 25 May 2023
- the NHSBSA also offers a telephone translation service and can provide documents in large print or Braille on request

Patients can call 0300 330 2089 for help and support.

To use your HRT PPC, ask your prescriber for your HRT items on a separate prescription to any other medicines you are prescribed (one prescription per item). This is to ensure the prescription can be processed correctly at the pharmacy.

Take your prescriptions and HRT PPC to a pharmacy and use it as many times as you need over 12 months.

Before getting the HRT PPC:

- check that you're not already eligible for [free NHS prescriptions](#) using the eligibility checker on the NHSBSA website
- check that your medicine is covered by the HRT PPC - see the [list of eligible HRT medication](#)
- check whether a [3 or 12-month general PPC](#) is more suitable for you - it covers all NHS prescriptions, not just HRT items, and may be more cost-effective if you are prescribed other medicines as well as HRT

The HRT PPC will be valid for 12 months and there is no limit on the number of times the certificate is used before it expires. You do not need to get it on 1 April 2023 - get it just before your next prescription to maximise your use of it over the year.



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We are also in the final stages of organising our annual plant sale on Saturday 20th May which will be held, as last year, in the lovely gardens of The Lodge in Station Road. We are extremely lucky, and grateful, that Jon and Mike have invited us back again this year. As I said a very busy but enjoyable month!

Looking forward to next month, on June 15th, Gardening Club members will be visiting the lovely gardens at Windy Ridge in Little Wenlock. Although this garden is open for the NGS scheme we are lucky enough to have a private visit arranged followed by refreshments. Tea and cake are an essential component of any garden visit providing the opportunity for a rest and a chat!

Our membership numbers are increasing rapidly at the moment but if you would like any further information about The Gardening Club please contact Sally Lucas-Garner on 07506 351032 or 01694 771271

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13th June

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"The Calming Power of Floral Art – A Talk with
Flowers"

11th July 2023

Demonstration by Andrea and Suzanne
"Walking the Coastal Path"

August Summer Break - No Meeting

12th September

Club resumes for the Autumn Term

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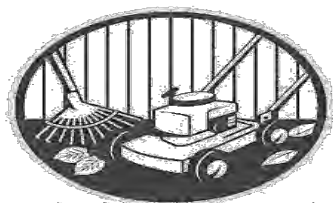
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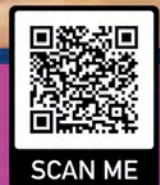
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- that your containers were out on the right day.
- that your containers were out by **7am**
- that your containers were out in the correct place
- that your lid was closed and no extra waste was next to your bin
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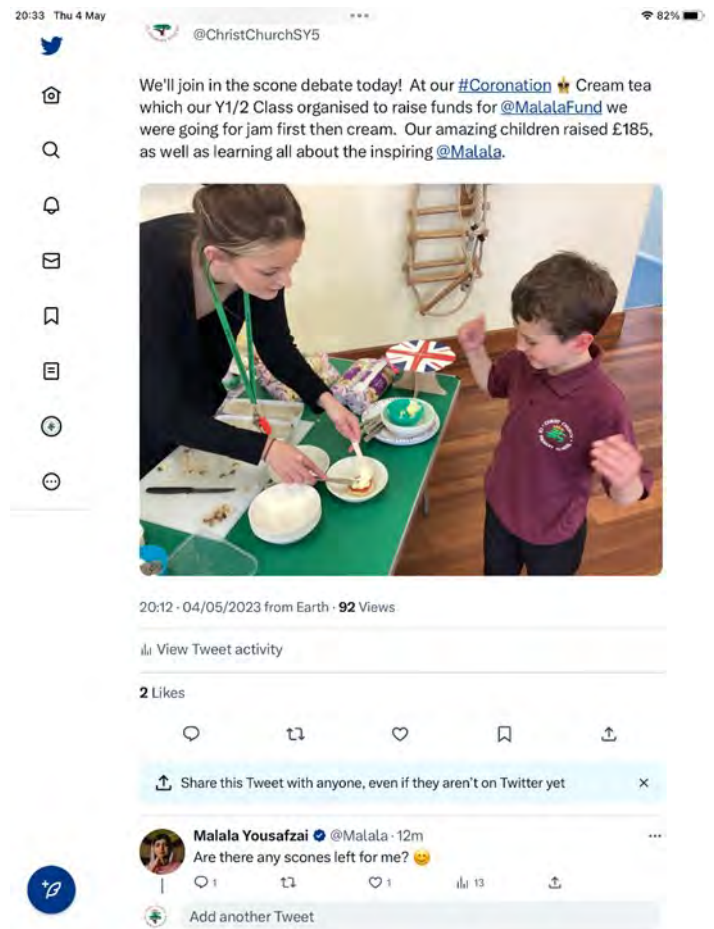


News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School

Preparing, Sowing, Growing

Cream teas and Concerts....

We hope you enjoyed the Coronation events. We had a lovely time celebrating in school. Maple Class (our 6- and 7-year-olds) led the way by hosting a Cream Tea for their families. They did this as part of their Archbishops' Young Leaders Award which we run for 7-year-olds and 11-year-olds, and which teaches leadership skills through Christian values, volunteering and community engagement. They were also raising money for the Malala Fund which supports global projects to encourage girls into education. Our children have been really inspired by Malala Yousafzai (youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner) and her story of courage and determination. After being shot by the Taliban in Pakistan, she escaped to Birmingham with her family and has continued to raise awareness about education access for girls. Still sadly, such an issue in many areas of the world today. Big issues indeed but our children have seen that Malala as a young girl made a difference and it inspires them that they can too! During our Coronation Cream tea, they raised £185 for Malala Fund and were delighted when Malala contacted them via Twitter and had seen their fundraising.



The Cream tea was a lovely way of helping our children to grow in confidence – serving scones and cakes and talking to adults politely. Performing in a concert is another way and we are delighted that we are going to be taking part in 'Celebration of Life' through Arts, Crafts, Flowers and Performance that is happening in Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock Tuesday 27th June – Sunday 2nd July 2023. Our three youngest classes will be performing on the afternoon of Friday 30th June – look out for timings in the publicity. All will be most welcome. Meanwhile Willow Class will be performing their very own 'Uke fest' for parents in school – showcasing how much their instrumental skills on ukulele have grown this year and Oak Class will be practising for a Leavers' Event in July. The Arts are so important for growing confidence.

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.

Tracey Cansdale, Headteacher

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