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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 and Rob Trow.

Atcham Parish Council Website www.atchamparishcouncil.org.uk

Atcham Parish Clerk

Interim Clerk: Caroline Higgins

Email: atchampc@gmail.com

IMPORTANT

Deadline for the Oct - Nov 2022

issue is Friday 16th September 2022



News from your Shropshire

Councillor Claire Wild



River Safety

Concerns have been raised about the large number of young people swimming in the River Severn at Atcham. Please don't swim in the rivers or reservoirs, especially in the hot weather. I know it is very tempting but at Atcham there are dangerous currents even when the water levels are low and jumping into the cool waters when it is very hot can put your body into shock.

Public Consultation - Speed Reduction Measures

Over the summer there will be a public consultation on the first stage of the speed reduction measures in Cross Houses. The first stage is to move the 30mph limit to the last house on the A458 heading out of the village towards Cressage and to extend the 40mph limit towards Church Lane. Everyone will be able to have their say during the consultation.

Hot Weather and our Countryside

In the summer, dry vegetation creates an added risk of a fire starting in the countryside. Every year fire destroys thousands of acres of countryside and wildlife habitats. Some fires are started deliberately, but most are due to carelessness.

Please stick to the the rules of the Countryside Code to make sure you stay safe and our countryside is protected.

You are being urged to follow these tips to reduce the chance of a wildfire:-

- Extinguish cigarettes properly and don't throw cigarette ends on the ground, never throw cigarette ends out of car windows
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodland – sunlight shining through glass can start fires (take them home and recycle them)
- Take your litter home
- Only use barbecues in a suitable and safe area and never leave them unattended
- Avoid using open fires in the countryside. Always have them in safe designated areas
- If you see a fire in the countryside, ring 999 and report it to the Fire and Rescue Service immediately. Don't attempt to tackle fires that can't be put out with a bucket of water – leave the area as quickly as possible.

Please contact me if you need any help or advice.

Have a good summer albeit at the moment it's just a little too hot.

Best wishes,

Claire

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m: 07582 002 100

E-mail: claire.wild@shropshire.gov.uk

POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Our Local Police Team: Tel: 0300 333 3000 ext. 69008. There is also a team e-mail address: shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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7th & 21st September and 5th & 19th October

We were sorry to have to finish this term one meeting early but the dreaded covid got us and we ran out of volunteers and could not risk finding ourselves with no one to help on the night.

We start back on the 7th September and will be planning the autumn term hopefully starting with our trip to the Love to Stay Adventure park. We will also be planning a trip to Shrewsbury Town Football Club to watch a game, planting our oak tree with Mr Bob Thurston from NT and learning to communicate with our hard of hearing friends and, of course, our Halloween and Christmas parties.

Please if anyone is willing to give us a hand we would appreciate your time, lots of people show interest but don't turn up to help.

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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Caretaker - 15 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 3pm - 6pm

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Cleaner - 10 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 4pm - 6pm

Working to make sure the school environment is safe and clean for children and staff, you will work with an experienced cleaner and the caretaker as a vital part of our premises team. Termtime with some additional hours in the summer holidays when we do our 'Big Clean'. **£9.50ph** starting salary and LA pension scheme. Starting 1st September.



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CRESSAGE Gardening Club

Hello everyone.

Hope your gardens are surviving in this drought and heat.... and having to be economical with our water. Topping the soil in the beds with mulch, compost, bark clippings even cardboard I have heard works well to keep moisture in.

Well our club visit to Ashwood Nurseries at Kinver was a massive success with acres full of beautiful planting to admire and buy. A large tea shop and market selling a vast range of accessories.

I do believe that the large landscape areas alongside the canal named John's garden was the main attraction for many of us. Fully planted areas of mature trees and shrubs in a great variety with beautiful grasses giving a lovely setting to the playful statues of animals popping up amongst large crags of stone.

Next visit July 21 to Moat Hall, Annscroft.

So, August at home or on holiday, and continuing in September.

Watch this space. Call Sally our lady chair for further info.

Best wishes Liz.



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9th August - SUMMER BREAK - No meeting

13th September - We return for the start of our Autumn Term with a demonstration by Club Member Jan Roberts titled "Down to Earth"

11th October - Practical Evening

Halloween - Dark & Daring.

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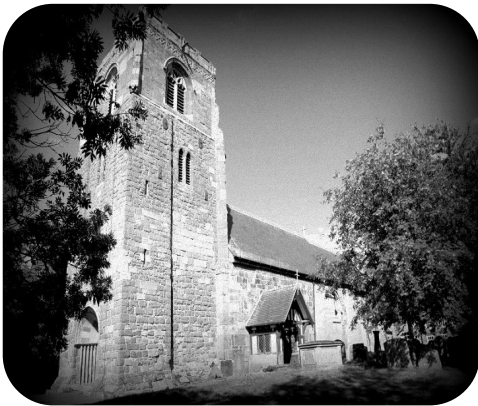


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The Platinum Jubilee Party was held in The Malthouse on Sunday 5th June. Everything was prepared for the celebration on The Green by the Church but rain fell for most of the day. Thanks to all the ladies who planned and organised it - a social occasion for Church and Villagers.

Church Fete - Sunday 3rd July - again a rainy morning but the sun shone all afternoon, attended by a large crowd who gave generously to all the stalls and bought ducks for the Duck Race. In excess of £4,000 was raised for the upkeep of this historic building. Thanks go to all the team who erected and dismantled the tents, everyone who manned the stalls and the tea marquee, sold ducks and to the Church Stretton Accordion Band who entertained all afternoon.

The Church Clock - The Tower was pronounced safe for someone to climb up and replace the battery. The Clock is now striking again, a comforting sound, after many months of silence.

Advance notice - Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 25th September at 11 a.m.

Our Diocesan Director of Communications, Pete Bate, has written an article on how church attendance has held up since lockdowns. Communities still crave physical worship gatherings and a report showed that on-site churchgoing recovered to three-quarters of pre-pandemic levels by Easter 2022 and when you add on-line worship the overall attendance figure was roughly the same as the on-site figure in 2019. Interestingly Lichfield Cathedral still has an online attendance of 80+ in daily morning prayer compared to a regular 4 to 6 pre-pandemic in person in the Cathedral.

Shalom!

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There are free places available on the programme for children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and for those who have been referred onto HAF by a professional. Places are also available for Ukrainian families, currently staying in Shropshire with host families.



During Monday 25 July to Friday 2 September 2022, children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun activities, happening at over 58 venues from across the county.

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The Summer What's On Guide and details of how to book are available online [Holiday activities and food programme \(HAF\) | Shropshire Council](#)

Some of the holiday programmes also include spaces for children and young people who are not in receipt of free school meals.

For more information on HAF in Shropshire, for a copy of the What's On Guide and to sign up to the HAF enews, click [Activities and events | Shropshire Council](#)

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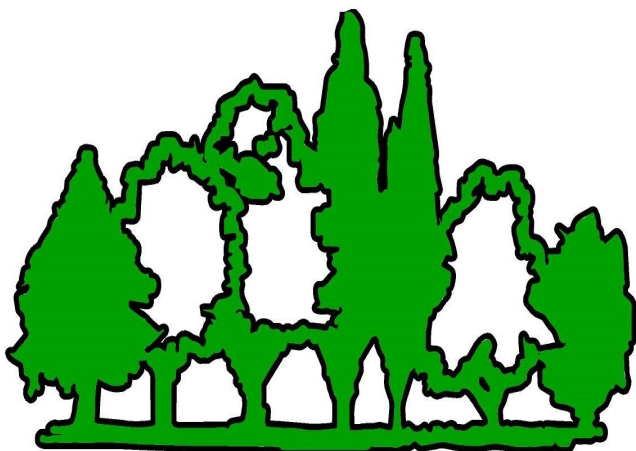
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"A Tale of Two Cities" - Charles Dickens and/or

"Becoming" - Michelle Obama

September - *"Seriously Mum - What's an Alpaca?"*

- Alan Parks

October - *"Hamnet"* - Maggie O'Farrell

CROSS HOUSES



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Commonwealth Opportunities

We have enjoyed some super opportunities that the Commonwealth Games have brought to school life. Our Y3s and Y6s both went to separate Commonwealth Sporting Festivals – they enjoyed trying sports that we can't usually offer in school like squash and boxing! Oak Class took part in some amazing 'Zoom' conversations with writers from around Commonwealth countries, thanks to the Much Wenlock festival, culminating in our amazing local author, Kate Innes, supporting the children with writing their own story or reflection based on what they heard. We were very proud to publish the finished work at the festival and the photo shows some of our young writers with their work.



Willow and Oak Class also visited the National Memorial Arboretum over in Staffordshire. If you haven't been before, it is certainly worth a visit. It has a real sense of 'place' and 'presence' and the children were taken aback by the beauty and symbolism of some of the monuments and the number of lives they commemorate. They attended a day organised by the Royal British Legion which was led by forces from a range of Commonwealth countries who helped the children understand what 'service' means and the many ways in which the Armed Forces and others, serve across the Commonwealth. The children also enjoyed a military band, cannons shooting out confetti and an Invictus Games style obstacle course! The photo shows the memorial to fallen police officers – each officer commemorated by a leaf shape which glows in the sun on the reverse of the monument.

By the time you read this, we will be on our summer break and hopefully enjoying watching the Commonwealth Games for real! We will also be looking forward to welcoming our new children in Acorns (25 families, our biggest ever intake) and wishing our great Y6s a wonderful start to their William Brookes careers.

Would you like to find out more about our school...?

We are always happy to show prospective parents around school. Please contact the School Office on 01952 510383 or email admin@christchurch.shropshire.sch.uk for more details

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